

In October, the Unity State Protection Cluster Coordination team, in collaboration with OCHA, conducted **Protection Training** in Bentiu and Leer. The training sessions focused on protection mainstreaming, protection coordination and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA). The Protection Cluster continues to roll out its training schedule in November and December in additional locations.

The Protection Cluster concluded the **Humanitarian Needs Overview** process. Drawing on the country-wide Inter-Sectorial Needs Assessment (ISNA) and other sources, including expert consultations, the Cluster estimates that in 2023, 6.1 M people will be in need of protection services.

In October 2022:

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| 67,000 general protection services incl. 50,000 awareness raising and outreach services | 38,000 child protection services incl. 1,100 of adolescent girls and boys benefiting from life skills and resilience programming | 59,000 GBV services incl. 4,500 women and girls who accessed services in WGFS | 1,700 HLP services incl. 227 people provide legal support | Training on explosive ordnance risk to 49,000 people |
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Child Protection (CP)

- Two new roving coordinators of the CP AoR have started to support state-level coordination mechanisms and work closely with child protection responders in hard-to-reach areas.
- The CP AoR started to map CP actors to improve information sharing, SW reporting and overall coordination among agencies that implement child protection activities in South Sudan.

Housing, Land and Property (HLP)

- The HLP AoR adopted a tripartite coordination structure: NRC as chair, and a national organization (HDC) and one UN agency (IOM) as co-chairs.
- In Leer, partners, including HRSS, UNHCR and NRC, supported by the HLP AoR, successfully advocated for the extension of stay of the vulnerable population in the Temporary Protection Area (TPA) who were at risk of forced eviction.

On the watch: Twic conflict

At the end of September and early October 2022, the Twic conflict between the Dinka Twic and Dinka Ngok started to surge again specifically in Aneet resulting in displacement and conflict-impact in southern Abyei and in Twic county, Warrap state.

Humanitarian access to the communities remains a challenge and the Protection Cluster team that visited the conflict-affected area in October identified unaddressed humanitarian needs across all sectors and advocated with the ICCG for support. Prevention and conflict resolution, as well as preparedness for an eventual further rise in conflict need to be priorities in the conflict-stricken areas.

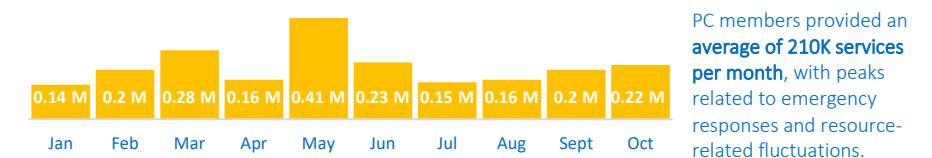
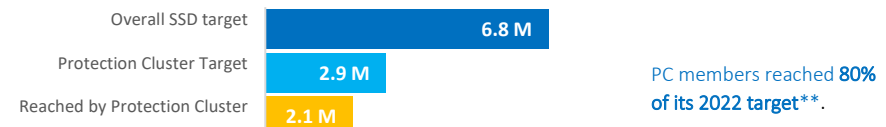
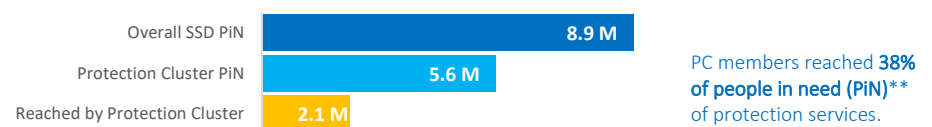
Gender-based Violence (GBV)

- 23 frontline GBV staff in ten states were trained on Engaging Men through Accountable Practice (EMAP). This behavioral change approach will be scaled up to address social norms in the community.
- 6,514 dignity kits were provided to GBV partners to respond to conflict and flood-affected populations in several states to enable a fast response to women and girls in times of crisis.

Mine Action (MA)

- Explosive ordnance risk education was provided in October to 16,108 girls, 17,050 boys, 7,206 adult men, and 8,336 adult women, including returnees from Uganda arriving in Magwi in Eastern Equatoria.
- In coordination with UNHCR, survey and clearance of the identified site at Bilnyang village, Bentiu, Unity, was carried out to accommodate those displaced by flooding. In October, a total of 401,743 m² of land was released to the community for their safe use.

January to October:*



*By the end of October 2022, the PC has received monthly SW data from 97 members. Of those, 45 are NNGOs, 42 are INGOs, six are faith- or church-based organizations, and four are UN agencies.
 ** The high reach is primarily related to awareness raising and information provision activities. Over 50% of activities are "low-cost and high-reach services". Diminishing, irregular and untimely funding for protection reduce the ability of PC members to increase their focus on much needed higher-cost protection services and protection assistance.

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| With 543K general protection services provided so far, the PC has reached 46% of the 2022 target (1.18M) | Child Protection AoR membership has provided 565K services reaching 48% of its 2022 target (1.18 M) | GBV AoR membership has provided 574K prevention and response services, reaching 50% of the 2022 target (1.11 M) | HLP services have supported 78K people in South Sudan reaching 12% of its 2022 target (0.68 M) | Mine Action AoR membership has provided services to 386K people and has reached 177% of its 2022 target (0.22 M) |
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