

South Sudan Protection Cluster Update

June 2019

Overview

Following the renewal of the UNMISS mandate, the Secretary General is to provide the Security Council within 180 days, a report on the future planning for South Sudan's Protection of Civilians (POC) sites. Focus Group Discussions which were carried out in the 5 POCs across South Sudan, including the Leer TPA, and in some areas of return, was presented to the huminatrian community/HCT. UNMISS is the process of finalising the process to the Security Council. The Protection Cluster and HCT-UNMISS Task Team compiled and analysed the data gathered from the Focus Group Discussions, and presented the findings to the humanitarian community. The findings from the Focus Group Discussions will feed into the wider report on the future planning of the POC sites.

Between the 7 and 28 May 2019, the Upper Nile Solutions Working Group assisted 3,324 IDPs from Melut (Khor-Adar and Dithoma I) to return home to their places of origin, namely Adong, Baliet Town and Riangnom in Baliet County of Upper Nile State. **Post monitoring was conducted in June 2019 with the Upper Nile ICWG**. The inter-

Key Figures 5.7 M people in need 3.3 M people targeted \$100 M funding requirement Funded {US\$M} Gap {US\$m}

cluster mission's objective was to establish the current state of affairs in return locations (Adong, Baliet Town and Riangnon) in Baliet County following reports that some returnees still occupied the transit sites. Findings indicate that the re-integration process is going on very well. People have been absorbed into the host communities. No land issues and no issues between the host communities and the returnees were observed; in contrast, the hosts provide much support to the returnees to re-integrate and to find shelter. Around 50-60 individuals many of whom were persons with specific needs (PSNs) who temporarily stayed in transit sites were helped with construction of accommodations.



Female returnee to Adong: "We used to have a garden, we used to fish and used to have cow when we lived in Adong before the crisis. We missed these things when we were out of Adong displaced. But today we have the same again. This makes me very happy."

Housing, Land, and Property Technical Working Group

The Land Policy Workshop organized by the Government of South Sudan in collaboration with varied humanitarian and development partners was held on the 19th – 21st June 2019. The workshop discussed key issues that will enrich the land policy and ensure protection of all land rights holders are preserved. Members of the HLP-TWG (co-chaired by the TNLA, Land committee, S/NFI and Protection clusters) participated in the Land Policy Workshop organized by the Government of South Sudan. The Land Policy Scrutiny Report is being prepared by the Parliamentary Land Committee for presentation to the Parliament. Once the Policy report has been adopted by the Parliament, it will pave way for review of the existing land related legislation.

Mobile Protection Coordination Forum

Two Integrated Protection Mobile teams conducted protection assessments and response in Twic, Warrap State due to reports of inter-communal conflict in Turalei and Wunrok areas in Twic. The two teams assessed IDP settlements: Majak-Liet (Wunrok Center), Ayen-Amuol Center, Pandit-Amuol, Machar in Mangok, Mading and Rummaging in Machak-Aher, Ajak Kuac and Aweng. The missions identified a number of protection risks and gaps in services and advocated for an increase in the response through the Protection Cluster at the ICWG. The conflict sensitive approaches advised by the Protection cluster ensured that the centrality of protection remains to be underpinned in the overall humanitarian response in South Sudan.

Furthermore, the Integrated Protection Mobile teams conducted protection risk assessments in Boma and Duk in Jonglei County. These assessments were triggered by intercommunal conflicts between the Murle and the Jie in Boma resulting in the displacement of Jie people from Kessingor to Naoyapuru, Murle from Upper Boma to Itti town and Murle from Nyangolor to Nyat Boma of Churi payam of Boma County. The Integrated Protection Mobile teams modality continues to be a key operational function of the Protection Cluster as they have led to emergency deployments and guiding the overall response on a number of conflict sensitive approaches. The Protection Cluster continues to advocate for close monitoring and response scale up in the aforementioned locations moving into July 2019.

Information Management – 5Ws trainings

A training on 5Ws reporting using KOBOTOOLBOX tool was conducted in **Yambio** state on 13 June for the humanitarian protection cluster IM and M&E staff at sub-national level. Total of 12 participants from 4 organizations (Community Empowerment for Progress Organization (CEPO), Catholic Mission Medical Board (CMMB), Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), UNHCR Staff) attended.

On 25 June, a training was conducted in **Bentiu** state at the UNHCR office for a total of 13 participants from 6 organizations (Danish Refugee Council (DRC), UNHCR, Mercy Corps (MC), NP, Care, Nonviolent Peaceforce, Women vision). Challenges noted by partners to use the 5 W reporting system were internet connectivity and lack of knowledge on proper reporting.

The KOBOTOOLBOX acts as a reporting tool on 5Ws, used by protection partners to provide up to date information on humanitarian response including who is doing what, when and in which location serving whom. The data reported in the 5Ws reflects the presence of partners, supports monitoring of project implementation, identifies available and gaps within services and is used for advocacy and fund raising purposes.

The information reported in 5Ws also facilitates the situational understanding and decision making processes.

5Ws Who When Where What To Whom Activity Official State Beneficiaries Activity, reported: reached per Name Indicator county output Planned Partner Activities and indicator Payam name Completed indicators Targeted/ Boma/Town/ are defined Ongoing Reached Village by all the Suspended Boy Protection Collective Sub-clusters Girl site for HRP 2019 Dates: start Women annual date and end Men targets date of program PWD

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

The Protection Cluster is providing M&E support to partners on evidencing activities implementation, tracking performance indicators against set targets as well as maintaining an internal help desk on issues related to monitoring and evaluation.

In June, desk monitoring of General Protection (GP), HLP and IPMT was conducted for 4 INGOs and 3 NNGOs with the support of OCHA. Follow up meetings to review means of verification were conducted for 2 NNGOs.

Gender Based Violence Sub Cluster

On 19th June was the **International Day for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.** GBVSC partners conducted a number of advocacy activities including in Juba POCs.

Capacity building for GBV partners in Pibor, Jonglei

The national GBV sub cluster conducted training for GBV partner in Pibor Jonglei. A total of 19 (6F, 10M) staff were trained. Key topics included: (i) Introduction to GBV (key concepts, gender inequality, consequences, guiding principles, and multi-sectoral services for survivors. (ii) Steps in case management (iii) Guidelines for operating WGSS.

GBV IMS training and ISP review

Refresher training was conducted for data gathering organizations by the GBVSC IMO. A total of 27 partners were reached.



Inauguration of three Technical Reference Groups

Three Technical Reference Groups (TRG) out of the five were successfully launched in June. These were: (i) *PSS and Case management* (ii) *GBV Prevention* and (iii) *Caring for Child Survivors*.

The PSS and Case management TRG is led by IRC and Health link South Sudan (HLSS) The GBV Prevention is led by CARE and AYA, and the Caring for Child Survivors TRG is led by World Vision and UNIDO, in conjunction with the CPSC. Focus was on finalization of the Terms of Reference (ToR), election of co-chairs and a short term Action plan.

Child Protection Sub Cluster

Launching of Child Protection Information management systems (CPIMS +), Case Management Handbook and Case Management Information sharing Protocol

The CPSC in close collaborations with UNICEF Launched the CPIMS +, a new version of the CPIMS system which will significantly improve the case management system in the country. On the 7th June 2019, the launching event was held and attended by over 50 Child protection partners and representatives from ministry of gender, social and child welfare (MOGSCW). The first 6 -12 months of the systems will be pilot phase where 6 Case management partners will pilot the new system throughout the country. The CPSC envisages that this new database system will expedite process of cases documentation, processing and inter-agency referrals hence bolstering the case management services.

During the same event; case management handbook which was developed through the case management taskforces was also launched; the handbook is context tailored and user-friendly for frontline case workers who are providing case management services to children with child protection concerns and needs. Printed copies of the case management handbooks were distributed to the over 20 child protection partners who attended the event.

The information sharing protocol (ISP) on case management has been finalized after a lengthy participatory and consultative drafting processes. The case management taskforce of the CPSC led the process; case management partners have committed to adhere and use the ISP document in all aspects related to case management. Case management partners are required to signs the ISP document and many of them have already appended their signature into the document.



Child Protection partners celebrate the launch of the CPIMS + in Juba, South Sudan

Commemoration of the Day of African Child- 16th June 2019

Child Protection partners and ministry of gender, social and child welfare organized multiple events in commemoration of the day of African child (DAC 2019). The 2019 theme for the day of African child in South Sudan was *Children's Rights First* by Ending Child Marriage in South Sudan. A total of the 8 major events was organized in the country where representatives from UN agencies, International NGOs, National NGOs; Government ministries, community leaders and children participated. Children led activities mainly in forms of drama, sports activities, media talk-shows and public talks were performed throughout the events. Selected number of children spoke during these events who unanimously reiterated the needs to protect children from all forms of abuse, violence and exploitation in South Sudan. The Child Protection Sub-cluster co-organized the commemoration with the ministry of gender, social and child welfare both in Juba and in the field locations. A total of 5000 children and 1500 adults participated in the various activities of the events.



DAC 2019 Celebration photo

Mine Action Sub Cluster

Explosive Ordnance-related Incidents

On 11 June, three adult males were injured when two hand grenades accidently exploded in a tukul in village north of Bor, Jonglei. The grenades were brought to the tukul by a visiting adult relative. The accident was investigated by UNMAS and risk education was conducted for the local community.