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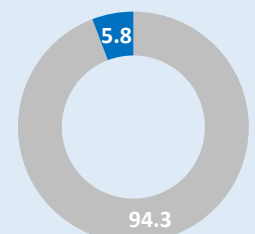
Overview

International Women’s Day was celebrated on March 8th across the country with the GBV Sub-Cluster at the fore-front of varied activities and events organized, including ensuring strong advocacy messaging on the empowerment of women and their inclusion in innovation. The Protection Cluster presented a session on protection advocacy and key messages at the Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) Retreat held this month in Juba. Amongst the key advocacy messages are the need for continued protection and assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) and adopting a paced and phased approach towards solutions. The Protection Cluster and its members also undertook key capacity building and quality improvement initiatives throughout the month of March, including workshops, trainings, and capacity building sessions on psychosocial support, assessments, referrals, reporting mechanisms, information management, and housing, land, and property (HLP). The HLP Technical Working Group convened its third meeting in March, focusing on the need to include women and ensure their full participation in upcoming the development of South Sudan’s Land Policy. Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) will be held with women groups throughout the country beginning in April 2019.

Key Figures

5.7 M people in need
3.3 M people targeted
\$99.M funding requirement

■ Gap (US\$m) ■ Funded (US\$m)



ICWG Retreat and Protection Advocacy

The Protection Cluster and Sub-Clusters participated in **the ICWG retreat held on March 8th**. The Protection Cluster led a session on *Collective and Complementary Advocacy for Protection*, in which key protection advocacy messages were discussed for the ICWG to raise to the HCT. DRC on behalf of the Protection Cluster presented the advocacy points developed in collaboration between the Protection Cluster, Sub-Clusters, and the Protection Cluster Strategic Advisory Group (SAG). Feedback from retreat was gathered and incorporated into the final advocacy document to be presented by the Protection Cluster and ICWG to the HCT in April 2019.

Protection Cluster Strategic Advisory Group

The Protection Cluster is pleased to announce the results of the election for Protection Cluster **Strategic Advisory Group members** for the next year. The cluster received 22 expressions of interest from UN, INGO, and NNGO partners to become members. A total of eighteen eligible votes for SAG members were received and counted towards the election of members. Tallying of the results was based on a single transferable voting system. There was no election process for UN agencies as the number of candidates did not exceed the number of seats. The election results are as follows:

NNGO SAG Members	INGO SAG Members	UN Agency SAG Members
Community in Need Aid (CINA)	Danish Refugee Council (DRC)	UNHCR
Hope Restoration South Sudan (HRSS)	Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	UNICEF
South Sudan Law Society (SSLS)	Oxfam	-
Alternate: Mobile Humanitarian Agency (MHA)	Alternate: World Vision International	-

Mine Action Sub-Cluster

During March 2019, one accident was reported in South Sudan, in Mundu, Central Equatoria. Three children returning from school found a cluster munition that exploded when one of them picked it up. Two male children were killed and a third was injured.

ICRC referral documents and information on services available for mine action accident victims were shared with Mine Action Sub-Cluster partners.

On April 4th, mine action implementing partners, in conjunction with the National Mine Action Authority, will commemorate International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action across South Sudan. The theme is **“Safe Ground, Safe Home for All,”** and the main event in Juba will consist of football matches (boys and girls teams) as well as songs and dramas with mine risk education messaging. It will be held in Mangateen area in Juba.

Child Protection Sub-Cluster

Child Protection actors carried out **rapid needs assessments** in multiple locations, including Gogrial West and East, Gbudue State, Yambio, Rubokon. Findings indicated an **increased separation of children from their families, child recruitment, highly stressed children, sexual violence against children, and child labor in urban locations**. To reinforce Child Protection actor’s capacity in reporting on child protection needs and response, the Child Protection Sub-Cluster conducted capacity building sessions. On March 13th, the Child Protection Sub-Cluster conducted a half-day orientation session for partners in Juba on how to improve reporting of child protection activities throughout the country. The primary objective of the training was to streamline child protection partners’ reporting system with the main focus being to familiarize partners on

the new 5W reporting matrix and general activity reporting on child protection in emergencies. A total of 22 participants (9 women, 13 men), representing 10 NNGOs and 7 INGOs, participated in the half-day training.

The Child Protection Sub-Cluster continues to provide technical support to its sub-working groups on Psychosocial Support (PSS) and Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC), as well as the Case Management Taskforce (CMTF). During the month of February, all the working groups and taskforces conducted their monthly meetings reflecting on critical issues affecting children in South Sudan. Below are key updates of the working groups and taskforces:

Psychosocial Support Working Group

Through the PSS Working Group, War Child Holland, in collaboration with UNICEF, are rolling out **Training of Trainers (TOTs)** and direct trainings based on the new **Psychosocial Support (PSS) Manual** rolled-out by the PSS Working Group in the Child Protection Sub-Cluster. These trainings support the capacity development of national and international partners involved in child protection, education, GBV, PSS and other child-focused service provision. So far the training team has completed two TOTs on child protection and PSS in schools and communities in Juba—one for education partners and one for child protection partners. Four field-based trainings for child protection and education partners were held in Bor, Yambio and Bentiu, on using the new South Sudan context-based PSS Manual. To date the training has reached more than 169 participants (126 men, 43 women) from 68 organizations (34 INGO, 34 NNGOs). These trainings will help to shape PSS interventions throughout the country in both school and community settings. Ongoing roll-out of trainings are being planned through November 2019.

Photo: Participants in the Child Protection & Psychosocial Support Training of Trainers (TOT)



Unaccompanied and Separated Children Working Group

The UASC Working Group, in collaboration with the Case Management Taskforce (CMTF) and Child Protection Sub-Cluster, with funding from UNICEF, conducted a revision workshop on March 19th and a follow-up workshop to consolidate the revisions on March 27th attended by 20 participants (14 men, 6 women). This is part of new developments and major

efforts made in South Sudan around **strengthening the case management system**. The South Sudan **information sharing protocol (ISP)** was developed in March 2014 and updated in March 2017 with significant focus on UASC services. Following the introduction and launch of the **Comprehensive Case Management SOPs** in September 2018, all child protection programs are now shifting towards delivery of comprehensive case management for all vulnerable and at risk children. South Sudan is also participating in **Child Protection Information Management Systems Plus (CPIMS+)** piloting phase for eventual migration in later 2019, with the aim to improve and enhance the quality and timely provision of Case Management services for vulnerable children. The information sharing and data protection protocol revision was used to ensure it reflects the recent changes and developments to safeguard beneficiary's data and information. Participants reviewed the ISP to expand the scope from UASC to include other vulnerable and at risk children supported through comprehensive case management services. Participants also reviewed and agreed on the new ISP structure to include new components, such as data security, systems administrator and authorized users, and proposed evacuation plans in case of emergencies.

UASC working group continued to provide ongoing technical support to family tracing and reunification (FTR) partners to improve quality and timely support provided to UASC. As a result of this support, 119 new UASC identified and that were placed in temporary care arrangements received at least one temporary care monitoring, bringing the total active caseload to 8,308 (3,817 girls, 4,491 boys) during the reporting month. Tracing activities are ongoing. **Forty UASCs were reunified in March**, bringing the cumulative total to 5,988 children (2,709 girls, 3,279 boys) reunified and reintegrated into families and communities.

Case Management Taskforce

As part of the strengthening of the quality of case management, the CMTF initiated a **review of the child protection referral system** in the country. A brief survey was launched with the regional child protection focal points in order to establish the current referral mechanism system and its functionality. A detailed analysis of the survey results will be undertaken to help the Child Protection Sub-Cluster to initiate reformative action to strengthen the referral pathways and service mapping, as a priority task for 2019. Training plans for frontline child protection in emergencies staff continued in March 2019.

Gender Based Violence Sub Cluster

The GBV Sub-Cluster **updated its standard operating procedures (SOPs) and referral pathways in Malakal**, in collaboration with GBV Sub-Cluster partners. A **GBV information management system (GBV IMS) training** was also conducted for partners **in Wau** targeting 20 participants from nine organizations.

Members of the GBV Sub-Cluster coordination team participated in the **63rd session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, in New York** from the 11th to the 22nd March. States, donor agencies, the private sector, and UN agencies made statements on achievements, challenges, and strategies towards social protection, public services, and infrastructural improvement for women and girls in development and humanitarian contexts.

International Women's Day was celebrated March 8th across the country. The GBV Sub-Cluster field coordination sites in Bor, Rumbek, Jubek, Kapoeta, Yei, Mundri, Yambio, Torit, Aweil, Wau, Kuajok, Bentiu, Malakal, and Pibor paired with the Ministry of Gender on activities under the national theme of **Think Equal, Make 35%+ Women's Participation Count**. Information, education and communication (IEC) materials, including 1,660 t-shirts and 16 banners were created to reflect the theme. Two billboards on ending violence against women and girls were also erected in Juba.



Photo 1: Women in Torit voiced their concerns during 2019 IWD

Photo 2: IWD 2019 Celebrations in progress in Bor

Housing, Land, and Property

In the HLP Technical Working Group (HLP TWG), the Chair of the TNLA Land Committee provided an **update on the Land Policy**: two land consultants have been identified, through the support of IOM, who will assist the **Parliamentary Land Committee to prepare for a workshop** in early June. Consultation reports showed that women’s attendance was low in state-level consultation workshops on the draft Land Policy. To ensure that challenges women face to access, own, and inherit land and practical recommendation are identified to inform the Land Policy Workshop, the HLP TWG will hold a **women’s land rights workshop** in the first half of May. **Consultations with the Women Land Forum** will be done in April. Furthermore, the Women Land Forum will support the initiative to ensure that women’s views are also gathered at the state level to be incorporated into the Land Policy document.

An HLP TWG member, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) hosted a **training and workshop on HLP issues** on the 5th and 6th of March, which was facilitated by their **Regional Information, Counselling, and Legal Assistance (ICLA) Advisor**. The aim of the workshop was to engage key humanitarian agencies, relevant clusters, and researchers on HLP topics pertinent to the humanitarian response and recovery context in South Sudan. Thirty-one representatives from 12 organizations with HLP programming (4 INGOs, 6 NNGOs, 2 UN agencies) along with UNMISS, and Cluster and Sub-Cluster focal points for Protection, GBV Sub Cluster, Shelter /NFI attended the two-day event.

Protection Mobile Coordination Forum

The Protection Mobile Coordination Forum had a general meeting on March 29th. The Protection Cluster also hosted a **Mobile Protection Assessment and Reporting Review Workshop** on March 14th, with 12 participants representing six organizations with mobile protection teams. The objectives of the workshop were to review and strengthen guidance documents, assessment tools, and reporting mechanisms, as well as to share best practices between organizations, identify areas for quality improvement, and identify areas where requiring further support. The outcome of the was an action plan for the second quarter of 2019, which included developing a series of capacity building sessions on guidance documents and tools.

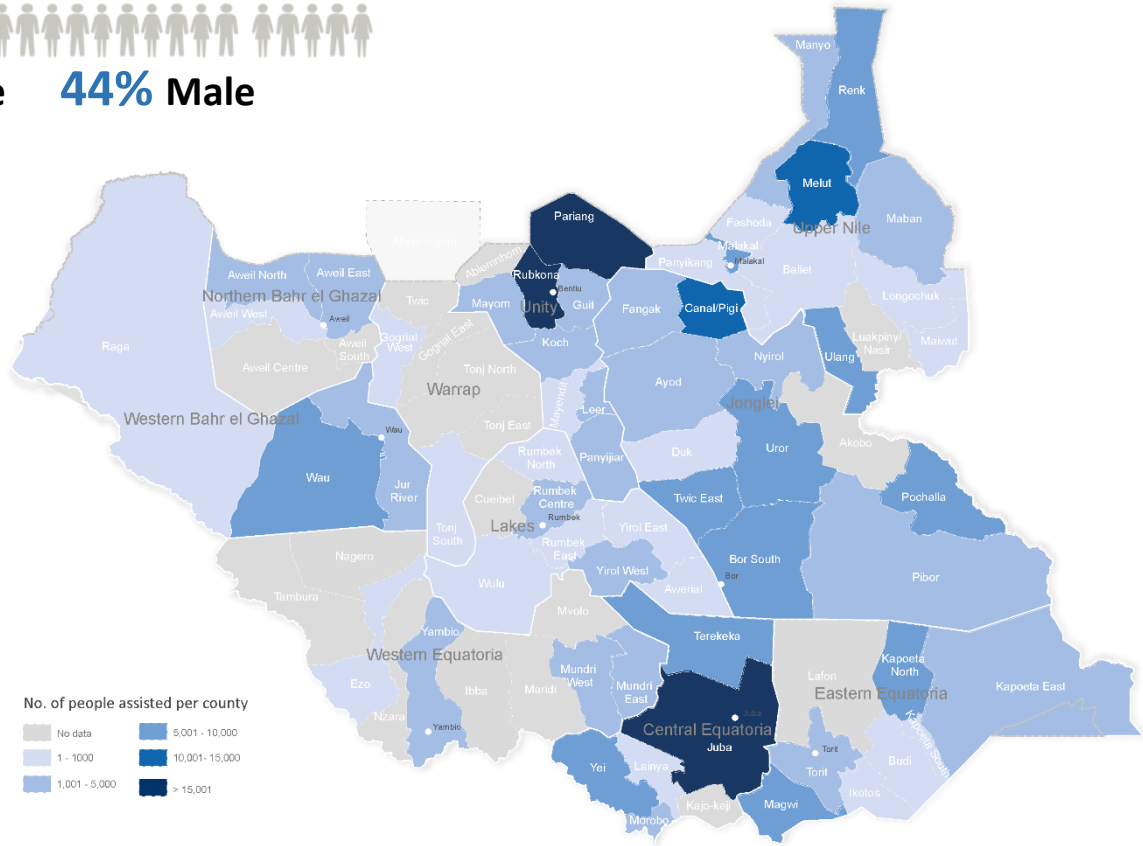
In March, Integrated Protection Mobile Teams (IPMT) completed **assessment and response missions** in Pibor, Gogrial East, and Lobonok. IPMT are funded by SSHF under the Protection Cluster to do protection, child protection, and GBV. Mobile protection missions by IMPT and EP&R (ECHO-funded) teams are ongoing in Magwi, Mundri East, Yeri, Yei Central, Yirol West, Koch, and Pochalla.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ASSISTED BY CLUSTER PARTNERS

271K



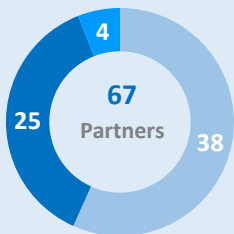
56% Female 44% Male



AT A GLANCE

CLUSTER HRP PARTNERS

■ NGOs ■ INGOs ■ UN



CLUSTER OBJECTIVES

1. Provide lifesaving assistance to address priority protection needs for the most vulnerable women, men, girls and boys in hard-to-reach and priority areas.
2. Prevent, mitigate and respond to protection risks through enhanced preparedness and resilience.
3. Enable durable solutions for IDPs and other affected populations.