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## Overview

Following the renewal of the UNMISS mandate, the Secretary General is to provide the Security Council within 180 days, a report on future planning for South Sudan's Protection of Civilians (POC) sites. The Protection Cluster was tasked by the HCT-UNMISS Task Team to conduct Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with varied groups from the POC sites in Wau, Bor, Bentiu, Leer TPA, Juba and Malakal. The FGDs focussed on the protection and security risks faced by residents in the POC and outside the POC. Discussions were held with women, men, girls and boys and persons with specific needs. The Protection Cluster worked jointly with the CCCM Cluster and relevant technical organizations, including international and national NGOs to generate inputs for the report.

The Global Protection Cluster (GPC) and its Areas of Responsibility (AoR), held the annual GPC conference in Bangkok on 23 and 24 May. Several members of the PC, Sub Cluster coordination teams and national NGOs from South Sudan attended. The theme for this year was "Child Rights Convention at 30".

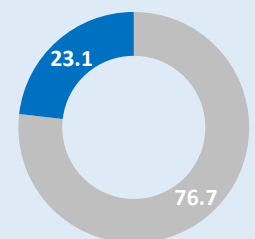
## Key Figures

**5.7 M** people in need

**3.3 M** people targeted

**\$100 M** funding requirement

■ Gap (US\$m) ■ Funded (US\$m)



The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has been elected by the Protection Cluster HRP Partners to serve for a period of 2 years from August 2019 – August 2021. NRC scored the highest vote in the online election where HRP partners submitted their votes.

### Housing, Land, and Property Technical Working Group

The HLP TWG made a presentation at the Global Protection Cluster Conference on the steps that the HLP TWG in South Sudan undertook with regards to women's access to housing, land and property rights. UNMISS Rule of Law provide a background on the recently concluded Women Land Rights Workshop which provided women with a forum to discuss and voice the challenges and discrimination that women in rural and urban areas face to access, own, and inherit land.

The HLP TWG in Wau through the Ministry of Physical Planning completed a HLP Stakeholder Mapping which will inform the referral pathway. HLP Partners in Wau such as NRC, SSLS and UNHCR strengthened the engagement with the local authorities primarily to ensure that land administration issues are dealt with in accordance to statutory and customary law. The move to have the inclusion of the respective line ministries in the HLP TWG will ensure that referrals are done in a timely manner and directed towards the mandated institutions as part of accountability to affected populations.

### Mobile Protection Coordination Forum

During the month of May three assessment missions were conducted in Renk, Duk and Kapoeta and two response missions were conducted in Lobonok and Rokon.

### Menstrual Hygiene Day

DRC and Mercy Corps organised a mini campaign in the women and girls friendly spaces on 28th of May. The activities included awareness raising on menstrual hygiene, how menstruation affects girls in school and how mothers could respond to their daughters. A demonstration on how to use the reusable sanitary pad was also made. Adolescents performed a song on "we should not be affected in the school because of menstruation", adult women performed a dance, and 40 dignity kits were provided to 40 adolescents.

### Gender Based Violence Sub Cluster

An international conference hosted by Norway, UNOCHA, UNFPA, ICRC and partners on ***Ending Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Humanitarian Crises*** was held in Oslo, 23–24 May 2019. This was a high level donor and civil society event. One day was dedicated to civil society. South Sudan was proudly represented by GBV SubCluster national partners *AYA, CIDO, Nile Hope and Hope Restoration*.

### GBV Mainstreaming

As part of the global rollout of the IASC Guidelines for Integrating GBV Interventions in Humanitarian Action, the GBV Sub cluster participated in the Bangkok Risk Mitigation Stock taking workshop from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019. A workshop on review of key achievements, lessons, challenges and good practices of initiatives by WASH Cluster, CCCM cluster and Shelter clusters to ensure that their programming promotes dignity, safety, health and privacy of women. Participants were drawn from Bangladesh, Nigeria, Somalia and South Sudan. Focus was on assessing risk mitigation Frameworks and high level commitments / field level, progress, achievements and lessons; quality programming sharing global and field efforts to promote safety of women; common challenges and what needs to be done. A joint Action plan was developed for each of the countries on concrete actions by WASH, CCCM, Shelter clusters to ensure that their programming does not put women at risk.

### *GBV SOPs*

GBV SubCluster field coordinators supported SOP development training for Family Protection Centres for partners implementing GBV programming with a component of FPC. These Partners present were: IRC, Healthlink, SIHA, ADRA and Ministry of Health, MoGSW and from different states such as Rumbek, Aweil, Bor, Juba and Torit and Kapoeta respectively.

### *Media Training*

A one day session on the ***Ethical Reporting of GBV by the Media*** in collaboration with Journalists for Human Rights, Juba Monitor, UNICEF and UNFPA took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2019. A total of 37 Media staff from SSBC, City FM, Sama FM, TOP FM, Radio Miraya among others were present for this workshop. All received guidance on ethical and safe reporting of GBV, which particularly emphasizes the need for a broader narrative and understanding of GBV, and not just interviewing survivors for sensational stories or one person's experience.



### *GBVIMS Training*

Training on GBVIMS basic tools was conducted from 28-30 May 2019. A total of 14 participants from 9 organizations attended the training. The participating organizations are running one stop centers in various parts of South Sudan.

### *Global annual meetings of GBV AoR, including GBV Information Management workshop*

GBV SubCluster participated in the annual global meeting of the GBV Area of Responsibility. The GBV AoR also held a workshop on GBV information management 20-24 May 2019, attended by the SS GBV SubCluster IMO. The training focused on IM principles, GBV SC minimum deliverables, primary and secondary data analysis and HNO/HRP processes.

## **Child Protection Sub Cluster**

The CPSC continues to provide robust coordination and technical support to all child protection partners working in South Sudan. During the month of the May 2019, the CPSC actioned numerous engagements and activities. Below are key highlights for the month:

### *Strengthening collaboration and engagement with Ministry of Gender, Social and Child welfare (MoGSCW)*

Cognizant of its mandate as coordinating body of the child protection work implemented by humanitarian partners in South Sudan, the CPSC held a meeting with Acting Director General of the Ministry of Gender, Social and Child Welfare with the primary objective of strengthening collaboration and future engagements. The Acting DG appreciated the work of the Sub-Cluster and called for proactive engagement both in the short and medium terms. The CPSC coordinators updated the Ministry of the on-going child protection initiatives, including the expected launch of the Child Protection Information Management System Plus (CPIMS +), case management handbook and on-going capacity building efforts from working groups.

### *Strengthening and Updating Referral Systems*

The CPSC concluded the analysis of the outcome of the recent referral mapping survey during the month of May. Preliminary discussions and consultations with the Case Management Taskforce team, which has been dedicated for the referral mechanisms, are on-going. A technical guidance document is being produced which will provide technical information and guidance for child protection staff working in case management. The guidance note will address the gaps identified in the survey and provides a roadmap for adapting harmonized and holistic referral systems. The guidance note

will be also go through a round of comments and will be combined with standard tools for services mapping and referral pathways. Once the document is finalized, it will be made public for the adaption and utilization.

### *Comprehensive Case Management Training*

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) in collaboration with Save the Children conducted a four-day Comprehensive Case Management Training for 15 (11 men, 4 women) child protection caseworkers and supervisors drawn from four agencies including the Aweil East State MoGCSW, IRC (Aweil East and Aweil South Field Office), Save the Children International (SCI), and Action for Children Development Foundation (ACDF). The main objective of the training was to equip child protection case workers and their supervisors with the South Sudan Comprehensive Case Management SOPs. The training applied a participatory and experiential adult learning methodology. As a result, the participants benefited from the training and experience sharing during the sessions and increased their knowledge by 36% from the pre-test assessment of 24%. Finally, agencies identified their respective areas of improvement on the step-by-step case management process application and set out action plans to address them.



### *Psychosocial Support Working group updates*

War Child Holland in collaboration with UNICEF conducted a 7-day Training of Trainers (TOT) on Psychosocial Support Training for 66 staff (38 men, 28 women) from the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare (MoGCSW) in the 10 former states of South Sudan. The 7-day ToT was organized in collaboration with the MoGCSW with the aim of improving child protection outcomes through psychosocial support. The closing ceremony was graced by the Minister along with



other dignitaries from the Ministry. It is anticipated that this training will significantly boost the capacity of government social workers in delivering high quality services, as well as increased internal training capacity within the ministry's staff. The trained ministry staff are expected to roll-out further training to their peers.

## Mine Action Sub Cluster

### *Explosive Ordnance-related Incidents*

During May 2019, two accidents were reported in South Sudan in: Wonduruba Payam, Central Equatoria, and in Twic East County, Jonglei.

In Central Equatoria, the newly appointed Commissioner for Wonduruba Payam and his bodyguard were killed and five additional adults (four men and one women) in the vehicle sustained injuries when they drove over an anti-tank (AT) mine along the Lainya- Wonduruba road. UNDSS has stated the road is off-limits for UN and humanitarian until UNMAS completes its assessment and clearance of the road.

In Twic East County, Jonglei, a woman was injured due to a detonation of an unknown explosive ordnance when she was burning rubbish in her garden. The victim was sent to a health center; while the local population received risk education.

### *Support for Humanitarian Actors*

In May, UNMAS supported the safe and voluntary returns of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from IDP sites in Melut to Baliet County, Upper Nile. UN agencies jointly supported over 1,200 families (3,302 individuals) who expressed willingness to voluntarily relocate from Melut IDP sites to their places of origin in Baliet County. Prior to the establishment of transit sites, UNMAS conducted visual assessment and survey of the potential sites and the proximate areas to ensure the safety of the returnees and host community. Upon arrival of the IDP returnees, UNMAS further provided risk education prior to their return to their villages of origin.

### *APMBC Extension Request*

South Sudan is a State Party to the Anti-Personnel (AP) Mine Ban Convention<sup>1</sup> and is obliged to “put an end to the suffering and casualties caused by AP mines” by undertaking to destroy, or ensuring the destruction of, all AP mines in contaminated areas under its jurisdiction or control. While much progress has been made across the country in clearance of the AP minefields, the obligation which ends in two years will not be met. The Government authority, the National Mine Action Authority (NMAA), has initiated the preparation for an extension request of the deadline for completing minefields clearance which will include a clear working plan to be formally submitted by March 2020 to the APMBC Review Committee. UNMAS and the Mine Action sector are providing support to the NMAA in developing this extension request.

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<sup>1</sup> The Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production, and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their destruction, so called “Ottawa Treaty” or “Mine Ban Treaty”. For more details, please visit:

<http://www.apminebanconvention.org/>