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### I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- Humanitarian partners are working to distribute essential supplies before the rainy season starts cutting off overland access to displacement affected areas.
- Provision of emergency shelter to the displaced is a major priority, with the non-food item and emergency shelter cluster deploying additional staff members in Warrap State.
- Over 50,600 people have been registered as displaced since the start of the Abyei crisis. The total estimated number of displaced stands at 84,300.

### II. Situation Overview

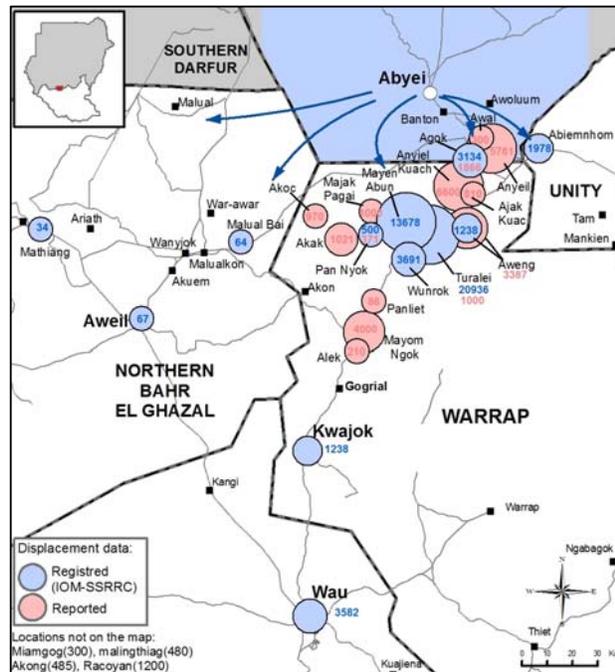
Conditions in Abyei remain tense, with gunfire reported late on 2 June. On 3 June, the UN facilitated the safe passage of 26 civilians, the first group of civilians handed over by the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF), out of Abyei to Agok and Wau. Two civilians remained in Abyei, under the care of the UN and negotiations with SAF for the handover of the remaining 13 civilians are ongoing.

In the Agok area, relief agencies report that more people who had been displaced to the surrounding villages, have returned to Agok town. However, the situation remains tense in the Agok area with a noticeable presence of armed civilians and military in the town.

The number of people, confirmed through registration, to have been displaced following the eruption of fighting Abyei stands at 50,600. Agencies estimate that the total number of people displaced is higher, at over 84,000 people.

The humanitarian response operation is well established on the ground, with clusters meeting on a regular basis in affected areas in Twic County to coordinate the response. Humanitarian partners are distributing and replenishing pre-positioned supplies to areas of high displacement, before rainfall renders roads impassable to parts of Warrap. With emergency shelter a major priority, the non-food items and emergency shelter cluster coordinator traveled to Turalei on 3 June to support and expand ongoing distributions. Efforts are also focusing on supporting food security and livelihoods, to boost stocks and support medium term needs.

Humanitarian access has remained highly constrained, due to the combined impact of the rains and the persistence of widespread fuel shortages. Rehabilitation of landing strips is a priority for logistics cluster partners as the humanitarian operation could become increasingly reliant on air deliveries. Humanitarian agencies in the south are assuming that the humanitarian operation will need to continue until November, throughout the rainy season. The continuation of the rains is likely to mean that requirements for robust emergency shelter, water and sanitation assistance and health care particularly for vulnerable groups remain high. Vulnerability is further exacerbated because of the lean season that stretches between March and August.



### III. Humanitarian Needs and Response



#### FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

As of 2 June, WFP had assisted 68,929 displaced from Abyei with 936 metric tons of food. Distributions will continue as more displaced people are identified and registered. Although the situation in the distribution sites for displaced in Turalei, Wunrok and Mayen Abun has improved, with no major security incidents, concerns remain about the presence of armed elements in the vicinity of the food distribution sites for the displaced. NRC, ADRA and Samaritan Purse staff are currently on loan to WFP to enable faster distributions.

WFP will support implementation of blanket supplementary feeding programme to displaced children aged 6-23 months old by providing special nutritional products (*Plumpy Doz*), in order to prevent malnutrition. GOAL and ACF are the main partners in this activity. In total, some 2,000 displaced children will be supported in Warrap. The programme is part of nutrition intervention coordinated by the nutrition cluster.



#### NON-FOOD ITEMS AND EMERGENCY SHELTER

Cluster partners have assisted 5,860 displaced households with non-food items (NFI) and emergency shelter in Turalei, Agok, Aweng, and Mayen Abun. This includes distributions of kits to 1,000 households in Turalei and 318 households in Agok on 2 June. The kits include plastic sheeting, mosquito nets, cooking pots, jerry cans, blankets and sleeping mats. Distribution to some 1,200 households is also planned for Mayen Abun starting today. UNICEF, IOM, and Caritas Internationalis have dispatched additional NFIs to the area to be distributed in various locations based on ongoing needs assessments.

The cluster anticipates further needs for shelter kits during the rainy season stretching from now until November, with items such as plastic sheeting, rope, poles and bamboo for roofing support. IOM is seeking additional staff to be sent to Agok to support and expand ongoing distributions.

The NFI convoy that departed Juba earlier in the week has arrived in Wau. Individual convoy vehicles will proceed to final destinations.



#### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

In Mayen Abun, the water and sanitation situation is stable with one borehole repaired; nine boreholes are now functioning. Since 31 May, construction has also begun on two latrine blocks. In Turalei, both water distribution systems are operational and the 10 boreholes are functioning. On 3 June, ACF completed an assessment of the Akoc area and has also distributed 820 collapsible jerry cans, 13,400 chlorine tablets and 425 bars of soap.

In Majak Aher, hygiene promoters have been mobilized in the past week to share hygiene messages during NFI and food distribution, reaching approximately 6,000 households. On 3 June, the ACF team was also doing an assessment in Panyok in addition to the verification and NFI distribution that ICRC is providing. Four water points have been fixed to date with additional repairs to be completed when the assessment is finalized. In Aweng, partners repaired two boreholes on 1 June.

An initial assessment of WASH needs was completed in Agok by ACF and Samaritans Purse on 2 June and a Medair team was due to arrive in Agok the following day to implement WASH interventions based on the assessed needs. As of June 3, an additional 200 hygiene kits including jerry cans, soap and plastic sheeting will arrive in Agok for distribution.



#### HEALTH

The health cluster continues to focus response efforts on follow-up of trauma cases, access to primary health care, immunization activities as well ensuring adequate disease surveillance. At present there are no reports of communicable diseases outbreak and the situation remains stable. The county Health Department as well as by MSF report more people who have returned to Agok are attending their health facilities. As such, WHO and the state Ministry of Health recommend the strengthening of activities in Agok as sizeable numbers of the displaced start heading back.

GOAL has reported vaccination of about 1,500 children under five in the displaced community in their area of operations in Warrap and MSF have commenced a measles vaccination for the displaced children under five

currently at a returnee site in Kwajok town. The state Ministry of Health, UNICEF and WHO will follow-up on vaccine stocks, supplies and cold-chain related issues.

Severe malnutrition has become of increasing concern as continuous nutrition screenings indicate high levels of malnutrition rates in the displaced community. An in-patient therapeutic feeding program has been initiated at the CCM hospital in Turalei.



## NUTRITION

Nutrition partners are continuing to screen affected communities, including host communities and displaced people for malnutrition, and refer cases of severe acute malnutrition to nutrition programmes and those with medical complications to the Wunrok stabilisation centre. Confirmation of updated numbers from partners remains pending.

With the support of the Southern Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission and the state Ministry of Health, nutrition partners including ACF, GOAL, WFP, Medair and UNICEF have finalised plans for a blanket supplementary feeding intervention targeting 7,470 displaced children aged 6-59 months in response to high levels of malnutrition found among displaced children. This activity is scheduled to start tomorrow, 4 June at vaccination sites and general food distribution locations in Akoc, Anyiel Kuac, Majak Pagai, Turalei, Mayen Abun, Aweng, and Wunrok. Children aged 6-24 months will receive a four week ration of plumpy doz and children 25-59 months will receive a two week ration of ready to use therapeutic food (BP5). On 3 June, ACF, Medair, and the state Ministry of Health facilitated training of staff for four teams who will undertake the distributions.



## PROTECTION

In response to the protection cluster's involvement of community leaders in the relief operation, especially in connection with ensuring identification of displaced persons with special needs, the Paramount Chief has agreed to identify a focal point for Turalei from among the chiefs and UNHCR is providing a field associate to support the focal point.

Intersos has asked agencies to refer people in need of psychosocial counselling in Turalei to them via UNHCR. UNHCR has also made available plastic sheeting for registration/distribution areas and child friendly spaces in Turalei and Mayen Abun. As of 2 June, NRC have deployed a legal counsellor and will deploy two to three protection monitors who will coordinate with the three psycho-social counsellors (Intersos/UNHCR) now on the ground in Turalei/Mayan Abun. NRC has likewise commenced discussions with displaced community leaders in Mayan Abun.

In UNHCR focus group meetings with displaced people in Turalei on 1 and 2 June, it appears that there have been some limited tensions between host and displaced communities in both Turalei and Mayan Abun, primarily associated with access to assistance and also strains on water points. There are at least two reported cases of violence against women, including the alleged beating by SAF troops of elderly women. It should be stressed that these are initial findings based on limited interviews.

Child protection actors have met and agreed a consolidated list/format for tracing, which should improve coordination and dissemination of information. Based on this combined information a total of 46 children identified remain separated, 98 have been identified by relatives as still missing, and none remain unaccompanied, with 24 actively having been reunited. It is important to note that these figures do not constitute a total population but only those identified by or presented to the child protection actors. It has also been noted that spontaneous reunification remains the norm. Save the Children have expanded their child friendly space in Mayan Abun and are constructing another. UNICEF is building a similar space in Turalei/Majak Ager.



## LOGISTICS

The logistics cluster with additional staff now in place in Juba, Wunrok and Turalei to support the management of the common transport service that provides transport free of charge for the humanitarian community and management of common warehouse services. In Turalei, the cluster has worked on additional storage space and an additional rub hall is expected to be put up by 4 June. In Wunrok and Turalei, WFP has also started erecting additional warehousing for food storage.

The first combined NFI and fuel convoy has arrived in Wau with trucks destined for Wunrok anticipated to arrive by the weekend. Arrangements for a second fuel convoy are underway.

The airstrip assessment team including UNOPS, the logistics cluster and UNMIS engineering was delayed due to lack of available aircraft/spaces on flights. The team is scheduled to depart on 6 June to assess airstrips in Mayen Abun, Alek and Turalei.



## EDUCATION

Cluster partners have registered 200 displaced students and two teachers in Mayen Abun with registration continuing. Cluster meetings have taken place with the Twic County Education Director, and the payam education supervisors have been called to Turalei and will be assisting the education cluster in administering a rapid education assessment. The training and the assessment is scheduled to start next week.

The situation with displaced people occupying schools in Mayen Abun and Alec continues. Cluster partners have met with the Boma administrator, the Southern Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission and emergency shelter cluster partners to advocate on this issue. Attempts have been made to clear the schools during the day to allow learning to continue, but this presents practical challenges. Storage for education supplies has been identified in Turalei.

## IV. Coordination

Daily coordination meetings continue to be held in Wunrok. Cluster partners are also meeting on a regular basis. The health cluster met in Juba on 1 June and the protection cluster will establish a regular coordination meeting in Turalei. The non-food item and emergency shelter cluster will meet in Wunrok tomorrow 4 June and the education cluster will meet in Turalei on 6 June.

In Juba, the Humanitarian Country Team Juba satellite met on 3 June to discuss priorities in the response to the Abyei displacement. Partners are alert that the humanitarian situation is unfolding during the hunger period and the rainy season and that access to parts of Warrap will likely be constrained in a few weeks. It was recognized that the humanitarian operation may last for several months until the end of the rainy season around November.

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