

**Shelter and Non-Food Items Cluster Meeting
 Republic of South Sudan**

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1. Welcome brief and review of previous minutes

The previous minutes were endorsed.

2. Upgrade of Emergency- Level 3 (L3) Humanitarian System-Wide Emergency Response

- The UN has activated a Level 3 Humanitarian System last week effective for 3 months until actors on the ground have adjusted to the emergency
 - o This means we will need and hopefully receive Increased capacity
- There will be shorter timeframes expected for response and there exists an urgency to respond ahead of the rainy season; prepositioning will also be key
- South Sudan will receive increased levels of attention so we need to be particularly prudent:
 - Focus will be on immediate response
 - Agencies currently reviewing their capacity in order to fill gaps
 - Humanitarian structure will remain the same in terms of clusters and bodies, but surge capacity will beef up UN agencies in particular to support implementing partners
 - NFI Cluster will receive more media attention, more funding, more capacity, more reporting requirements, and more engagement with stakeholders outside of South Sudan

2. Emergency Preparedness and Response

General discussions

- Joint strategy for transport and movement of stock- UNMISS being sought for securing key routes and providing convoy support, working with OCHA for negotiating access.

UNHouse (emergency shelter)

- All HH have received 1 plastic sheet already, but an issue with household size reported as 1.2 has delayed



further response

- Focus is now on vulnerables by protection partners and new arrivals on a case by case basis
- Cluster partners here need to consider how to deal with vulnerable cases if a blanket distribution occurs and should capitalize on expertise of Protection Partners further
 - o One option is referral mechanisms so cases are urgently dealt with

Tongping (NFIs)

- Distribution in Tong Ping that began on 6 February to 8551 HH completed on 12 February – package distributed was 1 plastic sheet, 1 mosquito net, 2 buckets, 1 blanket, and 2 bars of soap
- There was an issue with multiple lines/queues, including 1 separate for most vulnerable
 - o Due to recommendation by the Distribution committee, women beneficiaries were prioritized for pick-up of package first, then men second which helped avoid a lot of disruptions

UNMISS Compounds in the states

- Still no resolution the humanitarian ceiling at UNMISS- there is a maximum as to how many actors can be present working in the sites due to capacity and security limitations;

Katigiri

- ZOA assessment on needs verification and registration of IDPs there; mission will finish by 14.2.2014 in katigiri
- Previous IRNA est. 1642 HHs are there
- ES response team from Intersos will likely conduct a distribution for most of these identified people

Terekeka

- NPA is very active in CE, especially Terekeka
- They distributed their own stock of NFI to 1200 HHs in Terekeka and Tombe locations- one is on the island, one inland- included mosquito nets, blankets and plastic sheets (caseload are those IDPs that left Mangala)
 - o Will revert with more concrete figures

Eastern Equatoria

- Caritas together with German Agro Action (GAA) hopes to respond to approx.. 1200 HHs of IDPs in Kapoeta, Imarok and Pagari;
- Logs Cluster to support movement from Juba to Torit, then on to those locations with GAA NFIs
- NCA to confirm a distribution of NFI in Lafon to 351 HHs
- Some NFI may be already available with NCA in Kapoeta, Cartias and GAA to coordinate with Gasim from NA

Nimule

- UNHCR and MSF France completed distribution of NFI to 8500 HHs

Warrap

- **Twic:** IDPs living in the schools and Awel, government officials assessed the location and recommended that they be given land within the Payam;
- IDPs in Kogiak 1 and 2 [*location name possibly misspelt*]- government also asking authorities there to provide these people with land in Mankan [*location name possibly misspelt*] area within Twic county but need to discuss with local community
- **Northern Warrap:** cattle raids in Northern areas of state occurred recently but no displacement reported
- **Tonj South:** World Vision office experienced an attempted theft in one of their stores, RRC is verifying incident

Awerial:

- Ongoing response for Shelter NFI in Mingkaman
- CRS and NRC are working in the surrounding area, 4000 and 5000 HHs (targets for each, 9000 total) will receive acute shelter response and select NFI to commence soon pending stock and capacity;

Yirol East and West, and Rumbek center

- Ongoing response to over 900HHs delayed pending transport to distribution point; to resume shortly
- NPA also providing NFI in Yirol East, to 15,000 IDPs; also looking to provide NFI to people in Awerial

Jonglei

Bor UNMISS:

- Small NFI distribution in Bor PoC UNMISS of blankets alongside WFP food distribution as well as soap provided by PAH to commence on 18 February
- Situation is calm and SPLA is in full control of the town
- No way for NGOs to return there at the moment



- Almost no people are present in town
- People are returning only temporarily to see the situation, then return to displacement areas immediately
- 5765 individuals estimated to be in the camp and 1613 individuals outside, and 80 international people from the region (Uganda, Somalia, etc) are housed separately in the PoC
- Some tensions between S.Sudanese and Ugandans in the camp
- IOM is prepositioning NFI in UNMISS in the new rubhall for 2000 HHs
- Rainy season is a concern and a shelter solution needs to be found ahead of this
- Most IDPs would like to move outside of the camp but not to town
 - o Options are land allocation in a safe area, transportation or movement of these people out of that camp ahead of season? But the policy of Cluster is not to move people across the country
- Second option to move IDPs from PoC to the new site, not clear if local authorities will agree to a new site
- Bottom line solution needed

Lankien

- SCI and IOM doing re-assessment/verification this week, numbers identified previously should come down
- State Cluster meeting will be held 20.2.2014

Fangak

- NPA will have a meeting with IOM to provide NFI to IDPs in Fangak
- NPA teams working to verify numbers of IDPs in Fangak- numbers are coming

Uror

- Assessment happening this weekend by IOM in Matot to confirm figures of need there

Upper Nile:

- Malakal town distribution of NFI went well; completed on 12.2.14 by IOM and WVI who served a total of 2363 HH since 4.02.14- more distributions outside of the town are planned for this week
- Security- tensions remain high
- 27000 estimated IDPs have reduced to 21000 IDPs: a new site should be established soon, NFI/S response will follow- Medair and WVI will follow this closely;
- Melut , WauShilluk- many IDPs reported, more verification needed and will be forthcoming;
- Shelter needs have not been identified so far in urban areas
- Malakal partners are looking to restore old bases to respond to populations outside of the PoC
- Discussion ongoing about warehouses and stocks being kept outside of bases and in the field- prepositioning is an issue here.

Unity:

- IRNA led by MC with SCI, SP and GOAL in Abiemnom and Mayom in Unity
 - o Mayom town- ppl were displaced from here, very few returned back; it is very militarized and mostly destroyed; there is presence of UXOs; 60% of tukuls are burnt (4,481 tukuls); small new market present but staple foods lack and existing goods are significantly higher in price than previously;
 - o Reports of 220 IDP HH in 22 payams south of Mayom town- security prevented assessments there in past weeks
 - o Abiemnom - not much fighting but fled due to fear of attacks (350IDP HHs are there occupying other peoples tukuls who fled)
- Mayendit- unconfirmed 60,000 IDPs coming from Leer;
- Bentiu is the area Partners are most able to operate at the moment; prepositioning of NFI for 2000 HHs is ongoing this weekend

3. TWIG

1. Transitional shelter solutions and what they would look like is still under discussion- the experts are in the field doing a response and will meet in the coming few days;
2. If we are unable to preposition and supply shelter materials in hubs, we will look at tents as a solution ahead of the rainy season if all other local and normal ES options fail;
3. TWIG will meet sometime next week to discuss options and will bring in CCCM to the meeting.

3. Revised Operational Approach



- Accessible areas- CE, EE, Warrap, Pibor, Upper Nile
- Accessible with Constraints- Lakes: Awerial/Yirol
 - o Unity: Bentiu/Rubkona, Pariang, Mayom/Abiemnom,
 - o Jonglei: Akobo, Ayod, Bor town, Duk, Fangak, Nyirol (Lankien), Twic East, Uror
 - o Upper Nile: Balliet, Malakal town, Maiwut, Nasir, Ulang
- Not accessible- Unity: Guit, Koch, Leer, Paniyajar

Jonglei: Bor South

- We need to ask what makes sense in terms of our humanitarian response in this context
 - o Assessment and registration together? Combining some stages of the process could make the process faster
 - How to assure accountability if this approach is taken?
 - o Speeding up the registration process
 - Quick and dirty really works even if too many people receive the primary concern is that vulnerable people receive when they need it
 - o Visual verification is not always possible
- Inter-cluster strategies are under discussion at ICWG- maps of gap areas will be forthcoming

5. AOB

Link to FSL Cluster

- Discussions on the inclusion of lifesaving livelihood tools in the NFI package are being had- specifically, seeds and fishing hooks
- Cash transfers is another option that could be discussed in partnership with the FSL cluster.

Staff ceiling in UNMISS bases in the states: still under review pending space and security in the sites.

Pipeline and Distribution Reporting

- There is a gap in information flow due in part to the presence of many new Partners and individuals; reminder that monthly stock and distribution reports on S-NFI activities should be sent to state focal points for broader circulation and sharing with national cluster

CHF Funding

- CHF allocation has already happened for the first round of 2014; a second round will be announced mid year but the Cluster can assist partners to look at other funding options if need is there.