

**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. Overview

- IOM plane crash in Bentiu and recent increase of violence in Malakal is significantly impacting our operations in terms of moving stock, working safely and coordinating from these locations
- Congestion in the UNMISS sites is increasingly a priority issue- the square footage per person is well below humanitarian standards
 - UN House extension is still pending the signing of the lease of the land
 - We will message UNMISS about the required space in this new site since we can plan for it
 - We will compromise on the humanitarian standard of 45 meters per person to a reduced 30 square meters per person which is the UNHCR minimum standard for transit sites

- A new assessment tool has been created by the Cluster to assess levels of NFI possession at the household level so that more targeted distributions can be possible
 - This should be conducted every 2 weeks in each site
 - It will tell us about the conditions people are living in and what they currently have; results will be inputted in Excel- if 75% or more of the population do not have an item, blanket distribution is justified; if less than 25% of people do not have the item, there will be no distribution unless on a case by case basis; between 25-75%, targeted distribution can be discussed
- New locations may open up for operations, including Akobo, Lankien, Nassir and possibly Renk; WFP is setting up hubs in some of these areas and NFI-S will coordinate with them
- Renk may become a key location as people may move North with armed activity pushing up from the South
- MSF is visiting Melut to see what is happening on the ground

3. Coordination

- State level coordination is difficult in areas with both armed government forces and non-government armed actors, so coordination meetings for partners working in those areas will take place weekly at Juba level (Jonglei, Unity); these states have devolved focal points for key areas
- Agreement that 100% S-NFI dedicated state focal point who is experienced is needed; increased capacity or surge for those positions may be needed
- Specific sites also have dedicated focal points, such as Interesos in Tong Ping, Concern at UN House, NRC Mingkaman, etc.
- SFP has been a gap in Lakes but Plan International will be the new SFP based in Rumbek
- Discussion of having Juba based mobile teams with the ability to deploy around the country for quick assessment/distribution is ongoing with some Partners, particularly those with Focal Point responsibility in the key states (Unity, Jonglei, Upper Nile and Central Equatoria)

4. REACH Assessments

- REACH has been working on shelter assessments using remote sensing analysis with satellite imagery, paired with ground assessments in damaged areas, within the PoCs as well as areas of displacement;
- Juba sites are complete, Bor is ongoing, and the assessment was completed in Bentiu but due to the IOM plane crash, data was lost;
- Methods of data collection proved difficult: ground analysis teams encountered secondary occupation of IDP shelters so was a security concern to move through these houses to perform assessments of damage; satellite imagery shows burning that is not necessarily due to violence since people burn rubbish, as well as grass and fields for agricultural purposes; additionally, houses that were damaged but not entirely burnt down do not appear as clearly on satellite;
- Brief summary of Tong Ping findings: majority of those present are South Sudanese origin, most had been residing in Juba, 75% reported fleeing because they were directly targeted, only half feel safe within the PoC site, most want to relocate outside of Juba and outside South Sudan, most reported their houses were at least partially damaged in the conflict, many have done checks at their houses and found them unsuitable for living;
- Findings from UN House have been circulated last week by the Cluster, Tong Ping findings will be sent shortly.

5. Emergency Preparedness and Response

CENTRAL EQUATORIA

UN House

- targeted case by case distributions of S/NFI to new arrivals from Bentiu PoC in extension site ongoing.

Tong Ping

- planning for more robust shelter distribution if necessary is underway;
- informal headcount planned alongside WFP food distribution, figures of population inside PoC forthcoming.

Katigiri

- Follow up verification exercise in Dolo and Wundoluba resulted in registration of 3,415 HHs;
- Tearfund, Zoa and Interesos- Zoa will plan for food distribution late February and NFI distribution wants to be aligned with this;



- Central Equatoria Partners should help if they can due to limited Intersos capacity;
- Zoa will communicate the final number verified and targets will follow

Mahad School

- 300 HHs will receive shelter assistance this Friday.

LAKES

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- NFI distributions still planned but must work with RRC to further verify lists;
- Some top ups to people who already received will also take place;
- NRC proceeding with ES distribution in Mingkaman;
- Need is for a site planner to get there and see what the best rainy season solution for that area is;
- Comparability of kits being distributed has been raised as an issue- different packages being distributed so must align as much as possible to avoid conflict.

WARRAP

- Small distributions ongoing to IDPs in areas around Turalei

JONGLEI

Bor UNMISS:

- Distribution of NFI in PoC began Tuesday, ended Thursday; estimated number is 1320 HHs
- Tuesday offloaded trucks with poles and bamboos (numbers TBC)
- No place available for new site or camp so Plan B will occur, whereby IDPs are moved section by section temporarily to temporary site while their areas in the PoC receive upgrades, then they will return;
- Need to Identify the kit for shelter assistance;
- ACTED is doing inventory of the rubhall in Bor to determine stock levels;
- Brief assessment today in Bor town- 300-400 people reported
- RRC meeting a few days ago indicated they are organizing assessments north and south of Bor, as well as in the areas/islands around the river where they report around 10,000 people may be present
- Are people returning to Bor from areas of displacement? Partners say there is some back and forth movement and visits to check status of houses- there are some handful of people coming back but not in significant numbers despite local authorities saying people are coming back
- DCA planning to send NFI to Bor by road

Lankien

- Mission last week was not an assessment, was to check the warehouse managed by SCI and plan response;
- High level of IDPs in area, almost all integrated into the community there
- Basic temp structures are present and some few people are in schools
- High level of militarization in the area but local governance structure still in place and seems to be respected
- Response will take place following verification together with RRC but led by humanitarians
- WFP is verifying population in Lankien, we await final figures; ICRC also responding in the area so we are coordinating
- ICRC confirms they can distribute in coordination with the Cluster

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- SCI have verified population and are ongoing with a distribution to 960 HHs

Uror - Matot

- Were meant to go to Yuai, but were told everyone fled due to the conflict
- Relatively small numbers of IDPs in Matot; not a high level like in Lankien
- Also seem to be coping well already; majority are living with hosts and sleeping in tukuls;
- Are sharing host NFIs; it is not a desperate situation
- No one is very settled in Matot, the sense is they may move to Lankien or Akobo, somewhere towards the east depending on security; distribution could happen there upon arrival if that movement happens;
- Possibility of setting up small loose items distribution along the transit route to ease the journey if they decide to move has been discussed;



- Decision of team is to focus energies elsewhere based on if they move or not;
- Possible loose item distribution but will wait to monitor the situation;

UPPER NILE

- Most response in Upper Nile was based from Malakal, but people are now not moving due to insecurity;
- Registration in Renk, more information forthcoming;
- Melut- IOM was meant to respond there but are locked in Malakal base; MSF Spain is moving stock there in part with Logs cluster;
- Waushilluk- no way to access here except through Malakal, so operations are on hold at the moment;
- Fangak- no partners have been here yet; urgently need a Partner to go there and see what can be done;
- Poluch- oil company is covering some small few IDPs found.

UNITY

- Intersos is planning to send a staff; some Partners are inside UNMISS;
- UNHCR NFI distribution planned in Pariang - further update is needed;
- Panyijar- IRNA ongoing today; if these counties open up, more operations will require more partner commitment.

6. Strategic Advisory Group

Composition of group has been agreed in the SAG ToR and will include :

- ECHO
- DFID
- USAID
- IOM
- WV
- IFRC
- UNHCR
- LCED (NNGO)
- Concern
- Medair
- NRC

With MSF, ICRC and OCHA as observers.

- Will meet monthly, more often if required
- Part of its function is to agree on the way forward and it can change direction of the Cluster's decisions on strategy if necessary
- Idea of a 2 phase approach to shelter response was discussed at the meeting today and it was decided that there is no time for a phased approach because the rainy season is coming in about 6 weeks
- More detail needed on appropriate response in different areas
- Different constraints across the country require different approaches
- Cluster Coordinator will work with Partners in those areas to develop shelter solutions, especially in relation to the soil found in that area
- Bentiu and Malakal – logistics constraints are primary concern; if this prevents local ES shelter kits to be transported adequately, we will move tents by air
- 6300 tents are currently available in Juba
- PoC areas- additional constraint of site planning and space available for different shelter solutions
- By Tuesday next week, this will have been decided and the strategic framework will have been developed