

**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. Brief Updates

- A reminder to staff going to field locations to arrange accommodation before (usually personal tents) as this is becoming an issue for some;
- CHF reserve for \$20million will likely open next week; The HC has say over where this goes, inter-cluster conversations are ongoing about where it should be allocated;
 - Not all money in the bank- organisations who get this will have to pre-finance – there is \$3million already in the bank, and \$17million in pledges
 - CHF will likely be channeled to Partners doing work that needs to be completed now, such as shelter upgrades;
- Also possibility of CERF coming online, likely in the next couple weeks; this is for UN agencies only;
- We need to appoint a gender focal point for the Cluster to help us to identify and flag issues related to gender dynamics; person would meet with gender focal points of other clusters to discuss cross-cutting

issues; interested Partners with appropriate person should get in touch with the Cluster Coordinator for nomination.

3. Rainy Season Planning

- Two types of sites need consideration ahead of the rains: remote dispersed sites where ongoing discussions are about inter-sectoral mobile Juba-based teams to fly out to these locations; and, concentrated sites like PoCs, which is the immediate priority.

Kits

- Progress over the last week in approaching consensus on provision of reinforcement kit where there are existing shelters and a full kit where no shelters exist;
- Sandbags will be given to guard against flooding in the shelter, but require different types of filling and in the sites as soils/elevations and plans are different; backfill material will also depend on the location;
 - Emergency shelter kit will include wooden poles, bamboos, rubber ropes, plastic sheets, nylon ropes, 36 sandbags + 4 cubic meters of sand or maram
 - Reinforcement kit will be the same but with a reduction in number of wooden poles;
- Ropes, sandbags are now under procurement; coming from East Africa so time will be cut significantly.

Access and Sites

- We have several sites we can access now: Tong Ping, Bor, Awerial, PoC3, UN House;
 - Malakal is not reachable by road so we will for sure be airlifting tents for shelter response there;
 - CCCM and our Cluster are planning to send a barge with heavy UNMISS machinery up the Nile to Malakal for site elevation;
- Condition of the sites for shelters is complex in terms of elevation and drainage- site planning must be sorted first;
- An agreement in Juba at the UN House on land has finally been signed so preparations are ongoing again; timeline is 40-60 days and completion in Mid April is an optimistic aim;
 - movement of people from Tong Ping to UN House will begin and likely to take about 2 weeks;
 - we will preposition materials in the new site once perimeter is secured
- Everyone in the current Awerial site will shift entirely to a new site;
- Bor and Malakal also include minor movements of IDPs in order to complete ground work upgrades;

Mobile Response Teams

- Mobile response teams development: at least 3 teams with strong members who operate as teams to remote and dispersed areas;
 - Logs Cluster will be of large assistance to these mobile teams

Timing of Response

- The question of where people will go in the rainy season?
- Conflict will die down but likely to be movements of people just ahead and just after the rains;
- We are doing a light provision now so people can carry items if they move- the Acute Shelter kit will be movable and Emergency Shelter kits may be distributed after people settle where they will stay for the rainy season since now movement is fluid;
- Concentrated sites are the priority now;
- Procurement and funding for implementing partners is now outstanding but available incoming funds from CHF and CERF should assist in this;

4. Biometrics in the PoC Sites

- Proposal is being made that this be done for Shelter/NFI and Food starting from April;
- Idea is that a system will be applied in PoC sites only to register individuals that are there;
- Purpose is to ironing out double registrations and providing a realistic figure and targeting vulnerables who exist in sites;
- Does not solve the key problem which is fluidity in and out and how to handle/manage continuous registration of newcomers has not been resolved;
- Privacy and protection issues may exist;



- Registration card could potentially be used as basis for exclusion or inclusion from sites;
- Intended purpose would only be to facilitate access to services that are basis of HHs, would not be for community based services;
- Data could potentially be misused by various parties;
- Resources would still be needed for continuous registrations to deal with movement in and out;
- Are there big concerns in our cluster on this?
 - Is there a point in old sites or do we need to do it in the new sites to control it better;
 - Could be tokens given out from very early in the morning to include only people genuinely staying there.

5. Emergency Preparedness and Response

CENTRAL EQUATORIA

Tong Ping

- Physical counting exercise of the number of shelters is set to occur;
- Planning for Shelter has been priority- comparative to other sites, many shelters in TP are rather acceptable as most shelters have 2 plastic sheets, adequate framing material- sandbags is the key gap to guard against flooding of floors;
- A brief assessment began Wednesday but stopped due to conflict and lock-down around Juba; this exercise to determine levels of HH possession will resume soon to inform our targeting;
- Movement from TP to PoC 3 will hopefully happen soon, are awaiting update from UN House;
- Non-Violent Peace Force is identifying extremely vulnerable cases in TP and 28 families with newborns have received blankets and plastic sheets.

UN House

- Dignity kits will be distributed by IRC to 2,000 HHs in next couple weeks;
- PoC 2- mostly consists of Equatorians who will be moving out; Somalis and Eritreans are moving into one section; then those with houses most at risk of flooding will move here from UN House, as will transfers from Tong Ping;
- 1,674 Shelters in UN House were counted to exist; PoC2 will be a number on top of that;
- Staff is preparing to identify those who will be targeted with reinforcement kits (Acute Shelter) and those to be targeted with full kits (Emergency Shelter)
- A testing of sandbags against flood water demonstrated that they work;
- Another prototype with raised floor using bamboo was developed and proved to be a better solution where we can't get gravel or maram;

Katigiri

- Lainya Assessment: SSRC following up in the area on needs; a further verification following assessment will take place after assessment;
- Katigiri- Intersos is ongoing and nearly completed with a distribution of NFI there
- SSRC has 2 teams in Bangi and Rokon – assessments are ongoing here and lists will be available soon with what will be distributed.

Mahad School and Collective Centers

- Mahad school already received 1st round of Shelter assistance but may need 2nd round depending on how the items are being used and if there are still people without shelter but will be a light shelter kit;
- Further top ups will be dependent on peoples intentions of movements- collective centres need lots of work with site leaders like pastors, etc., about the populations intentions and about constructing shelters on their premises.

JONGLEI

- 3 ERT members are under recruitment by Intersos to go into areas controlled by opposition held areas;
- ACROSS has 2,500 NFI Kits, ideally destined for Pibor;
- Area called Poktap has seen people collected there so Partners may have to monitor people there;
- CRS trying to get back in in Jonglei; will be a team going next week to Bor county to assess the general sense there.



Bor UNMISS

- Recently IDPs are making large amounts of requests for charcoal;
- Prepositioning activity – poles and bamboos are on the way; some NFI have arrived as well as family tents.

Bor Town and Area

- LWF distributed NFI to 221 HHs last week in Bor South;
- LWF are now already in Duk; also setting up for a distribution in Panyagor;
- RRC county office in Bor Town today is doing a massive ongoing registration in Bor Town
 - 500 HHs should be being registered
 - Organised by RRC- Intersos and LWF are reps for NFI-S
 - There is a concern about double dipping system in Panyagor then again when they arrive in Awerial or Bor.

Twic East

- Twic East- LWF made it to Panyagor to start registration of IDPs from 2,142 individuals already;
- Distribution will be out of LWF's rubhall containing ACT and IOM stock;
- Update on kit content will be forthcoming;
- These people are on a journey and moving through; they are moving to Bor and possibly Awerial.

Assessments

- Mathiang and Malual- assessment tomorrow;
- SP have gone today to organize distribution on the Islands across from Awerial;
- COSV assessment in Ayod is planned for this weekend;
- Old Fangak- will be assessed next week, not an IRNA but S-NFI specific;

Panga and Charcoal Issues

- HDC has 1,200 NFI kits including pangas; HDC was in Mingkaman and community people said pangas are needed and should not be a concern as weapons;
 - Panga issue will be raised to SAG for advice but lack of conflict analysis could be an issue;
- Cash distribution and the need for charcoal- do we give cash for charcoal to vulnerable or vouchers?
 - Charcoal issue- we can try to set up a TWIG on cash transfers, perhaps drawing on lessons from Oxfam; will suggest this to SAG for advice.

LAKES

- CRS are working in Yalokot- IRNA completed there last week and needs identified across sectors;
- NFI, hygiene and ES kits will be distributed in Yalokot;
- Registration of new arrivals will happen in coming days, those who came after ICRCs registration in January; Will be 500-800
- CRS has been informed it cannot do NFI distributions in Ahou because it is under administration of Mingkaman so will be covered from that side;
- SSRC has asked for NFI kits for new arrivals and CRS may take responsibility for that

UPPER NILE

- Medair redeploying to Malakal; still have national staff in the PoC; some can leave, some cannot;
- Local staff from Urur county may move up to UPN, Nasir, for assessments;
- Nasir is a gap;
- Melut: MSF Spain are there- UNMISS has said they are not able to protect people there, so interventions done there should not be pushing/pulling people there;

UNITY

Bentiu

- Some returns in Bentiu town; staff need to do assessment on that group- around 1000 are coming back to PoC areas; soldiers still stopping them to go inside UNMISS
- Moving at night
- Those in town want to get into the PoC but forces are making them stay in town
- Is anyone able to send more staff here?



Other Unity Locations

- Mercy Corps assessment in Abiemon identified 620 HHs and recommend full kits; RRC list was not verified in Abienmom; MC took a sample of 30 and verified that;
- Mayom visited today for assessment, report there is forthcoming;
- Pariang- UNHCR distribution still ongoing pending security;
- Panyijar- registration by WFP starts tomorrow; IRC and Concern will do NFI distribution after that.

ACTION POINTS

- Partners to suggest and nominate a Gender Focal Point for the Cluster.
- Charcoal, cash transfers and the appropriateness of pangas for distribution will be raised for advice from the SAG.
- A possible TWIG to be held on cash transfers and charcoal issue.