



SIERRA LEONE FLOOD RESPONSE

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Highlights

Introductory training on Camp Coordination and Camp Management in Juba Barrack transit site
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■ IOM has finalized the installation of floor pallets in all 50 tents in Juba Barrack transit site. All tents are now occupied by households displaced by the floods and subsequent mudslides.

■ IOM has completed the setup of temporary drainage and a communal kitchen in the Juba Barrack transit site. A extension to the medical clinic and a shaded area are being constructed.

■ 2 half-day introductory trainings on Camp Coordination and Camp management (CCCM) were conducted in the Old Skool and Juba Barrack transit sites by IOM.

Situation Overview

The floods and subsequent mudslides that occurred on 14 August 2017 have resulted in 500 persons losing their lives and affected a total of 5,951 people (1,616 households). Out of the these affected population, 371 households have sought refuge in collective centres such as schools, mosques, churches, community centres and transit sites whereas 905 affected households are being hosted by friends and families. The majority of displaced persons are located in communities of Culvert, Dwazark, Juba, Kamayama, Kaningo and Regent (All data is based on the verification exercise by Registration Pillar on 31 August 2017). The government is conducting a reverification exercise and the number of affected households will likely to increase.

On the 11 September the government announced a reform of the humanitarian coordination structure in-country. The new coordination structure incorporates six pillars, including Psychosocial, Health/case management/burials, Shelter, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Food/Nutrition and Technical. The Communications, Logistics and Security Pillars will continue to exist as cross-cutting Pillars.

The government has announced to start cash transfer programmes in support of the affected population. There will be two kinds of cash transfers: 1) Humanitarian Cash Transfers targeting all households verified as affected by the floods and subsequent mudslides over a period of three months with a total of USD 180; and 2) Early Recovery Cash Transfers targeting those verified households which are living outside of transit sites and not going back to the original affected locations through one-off transfers with USD 300. IOM will continue supporting the Government of Sierra Leone in CCCM and Shelter technical support as well as additional interventions as required based on the assessments in health, infection prevention and control (IPC) and WASH.

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Camp Coordination and Camp Management

At Juba Barrack transit site, 50 tents donated by JICA to the Government of Sierra Leone were installed with floor pallets by IOM. Initiated by the Government of Sierra Leone, affected households has started to move to the site from 6 September onwards. As of 11 September, all 50 tents are occupied. The government is undertaking a verification exercise in the site to capture the issues around overcrowding.



Juba Barrack transit site
IOM 2017 (Photo: Daniel Hilaire)

On 8 and 9 September, in coordination with Shelter Pillar, IOM conducted two half-day introductory trainings on CCCM at Old Skool and Juba Barrack transit sites with participants from the Office of National Security (ONS), the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA), service providing agencies, as well as representatives from the affected households. In total, 52 people participated in the trainings. The trainings covered the camp life cycle, monitoring of standards, coordination with stakeholders, humanitarian principles and Do No Harm, and prevention and mitigation of gender-based violence (GBV) among others. IOM collaborated with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for the GBV session in Juba Barrack transit site during the training.

In the Juba Barrack transit site, IOM is in coordination with the Government of Sierra Leone and partners on the ground ensuring adequate living conditions of affected households through construction of a temporary communal kitchen and a shaded area, maintenance of tents and drainage system.

IOM will continue supporting the Government of Sierra Leone through CCCM and Shelter technical support and capacity building on CCCM including those agencies involved as service providers in the transit sites.



Communal kitchen started to function at Juba transit site
IOM 2017 (Photo: Haruka Ueda)



Displacement Tracking and Monitoring

In coordination with the Registration Pillar, and particularly with the NaCSA, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Concern International, IOM has conducted a multi-sectoral needs assessment in regards to the affected population, including displaced population and host families from 31 August to 5 September. All the data has been collected, and IOM is analyzing the result. Once the analysis is finalized, it will be shared with the Registration Pillar.



Health

In coordination with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation and Health Pillar and based on the health assessment conducted at Juba Barrack transit site, IOM constructed the temporary screening and isolation area at the health facility. This is aimed for supporting the clinic's capacity to meet the increased needs on health in the area, serving both the affected population and the host community.



Temporary additional structure for screening and isolation area
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Surge Deployment

IOM has deployed various experts to reinforce IOM Sierra Leone’s team in order to better support the Government of Sierra Leone and partners in the ongoing response to assist floods and mudslide affected populations. The following experts have been deployed to date:

- ⇒ 1 Data Collection and Analysis Expert (arrived on 20 August, assignment completed)
- ⇒ 1 Emergency Coordination Support (arrived on 23 August, assignment completed)
- ⇒ 1 Site Planning Expert (arrived on 24 August)
- ⇒ 2 Camp Coordination and Camp Management Experts (arrived on 27 and 31 August 1 expert’s assignment completed)
- ⇒ 1 Shelter Expert (arrived on 3 September)



ONS Camp Manager welcoming participants to CCCM training in Juba Barrack transit site IOM 2017 (Photo: Yuki Daizumoto)



A shaded area being constructed at Juba transit site IOM 2017 (Photo: Haruka Ueda)



UNFPA Expert on GBV session at CCCM introductory training on CCCM IOM 2017 (Photo: Haruka Ueda)

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