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HIGHLIGHTS

IOM supports survival kit distribution in southern Unity

IOM's displacement, tracking and monitoring website launched: <http://www.iomsouthsudan.org/tracking/index.php>

The Health Rapid Response Team completes first round of OCV in Bentiu PoC



IOM supports emergency airlift operation in Unity State

Since December 2013, conflict and food insecurity in South Sudan have displaced more than 2.1 million people, including nearly 564,900 people who have fled to neighboring countries. Nearly 1.54 million people remain internally displaced, including many seeking shelter in remote rural areas and approximately 138,800 people sheltering in protection of civilian sites (PoCs) in UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) bases across the country.* An increasing number of South Sudanese have crossed into neighbouring countries in recent months, according to the UN.

Humanitarian needs remain immense in much of the country. An estimated 4.6 million people will face severe food insecurity—Crisis and Emergency levels—during the May-to-July lean season, according to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) May 2015 Food Security and Nutrition Analysis.

IOM continues efforts to provide lifesaving assistance to displaced and vulnerable populations across the country. As part of the expansion and improvement projects at the UNMISS PoC sites in Bentiu, Unity State, and Malakal, Upper Nile State. Camp management partner the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), with IOM support, has begun the process of relocating IDPs to improved areas and extension sites. As of 10 June, DRC had allocated new plots to more than 8,700 IDPs in the Bentiu PoC. Households have begun preparing shelters in their new

plots and gradually moving their belongings to improved areas of PoC 1 and the PoC extension site.

Unpredictable security conditions continue to lead to increased displacement and severely hamper humanitarian assistance activities, particularly in parts of Greater Upper Nile. Access to Melut County, Upper Nile, remains severely constrained since fighting in mid-May. Armed activity in the vicinity of the Malakal PoC continues to present a threat to IDPs and humanitarian workers in the PoC, which is sheltering nearly 30,400 IDPs.

As insecurity in Unity persists, IOM and camp management partners continue to receive new arrivals at the Bentiu PoC site, temporarily registering nearly 16,100 new arrivals between 29 April and 22 May. Nearly 71 per cent of new arrivals came from Rubkona County, while 15 per cent fled Guit County and 10 per cent are from Koch County. For in-depth analysis on site figures, please visit <http://www.iomsouthsudan.org/tracking/index.php>.

IOM is supporting a multiagency, multi-sector effort to airlift lifesaving relief supplies to IDPs seeking shelter in remote areas of southern Unity, where households have been completely cut-off from humanitarian assistance since fleeing fighting in May. IDPs are receiving portable survival kits containing shelter, food and WASH supplies.

**This figure represents the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) biometrically registered by IOM. Renewed violence in Greater Upper Nile—Jonglei, Unity and Upper Nile states—continues to prompt day-to-day changes in displacement figures.*



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

The CCCM Cluster facilitates the delivery of life-saving services to IDPs in displacement sites throughout South Sudan to ensure that basic humanitarian needs are met and build the foundations for voluntary return and recovery interventions, where it is possible and safe to do so. IOM and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees co-lead the CCCM Cluster, in coordination with the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED). IOM continues to serve as the CCCM State Focal Point in Jonglei, Upper Nile, Warrap and Western Bahr el Ghazal states.

HUMANITARIAN HUBS

The CCCM Cluster has established humanitarian hubs at key displacement locations throughout the country to provide safe and secure accommodation and office space for humanitarian agencies. IOM, in collaboration with UNMISS, manages the hubs within the UNMISS compounds in Bentiu; Malakal; and Bor, Jonglei.

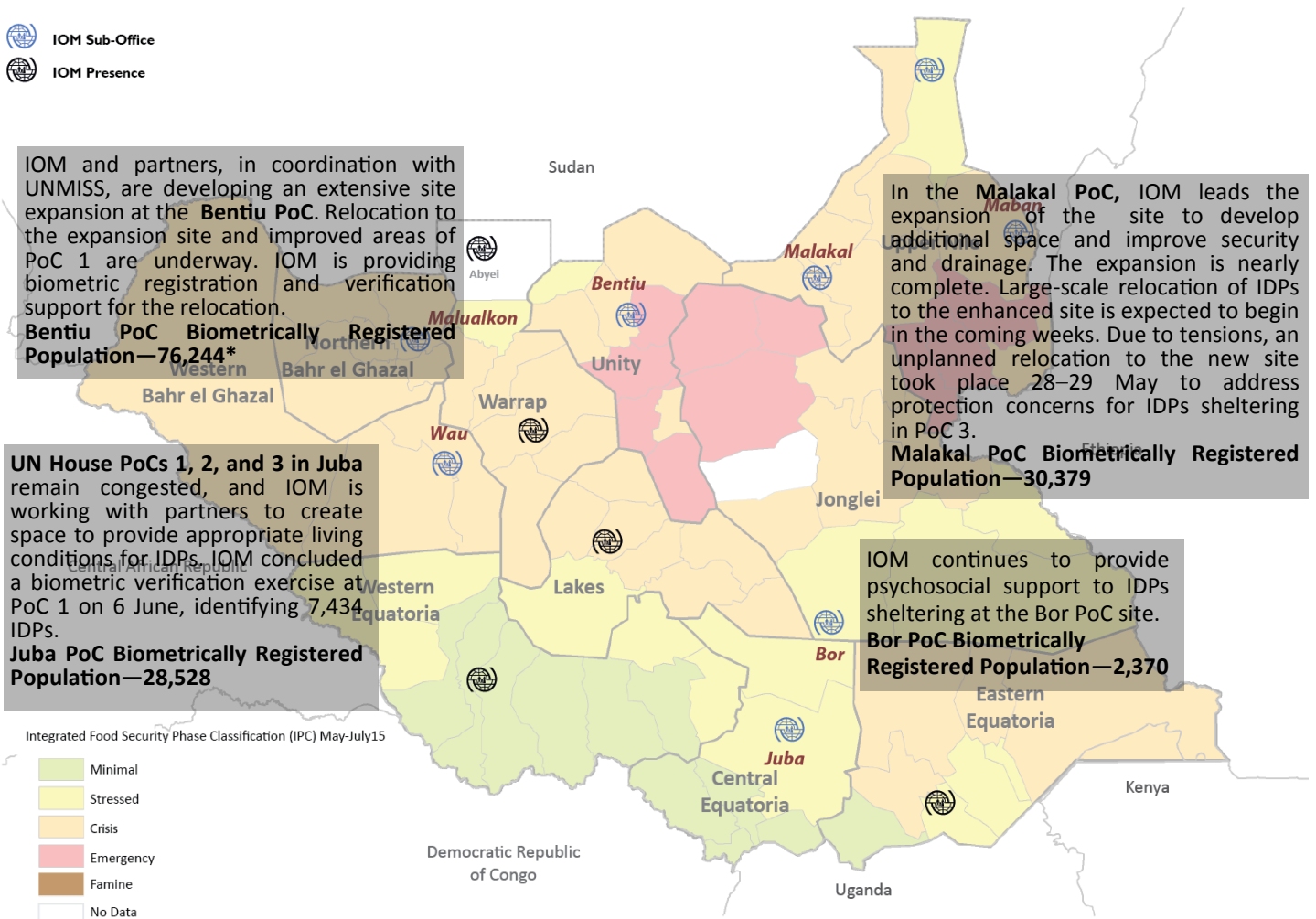
COMMON-TRANSPORT SERVICE (CTS)

The IOM-operated CTS is a free-for-user service for transporting humanitarian supplies in South Sudan that helps partners deliver assistance to vulnerable populations. CTS trucks remain strategically positioned across the country to provide transport assistance to humanitarian partners.

POC DEVELOPMENT, EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT

Efforts to increase capacity and improve living conditions continue at PoC sites in Malakal, Bor, Bentiu and UN House. Please see the map below for additional site specific information.

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*Per 25 April biometric verification data; the CCCM Cluster estimates that the actual Bentiu PoC population is between 68,000 and 76,000 IDPs. IOM, in coordination with camp manager DRC, will verify population figures once the relocation to the expansion site is complete.

DISPLACEMENT, TRACKING AND MONITORING (DTM)

To gather information on IDPs residing in UNMISS PoC sites, IOM's DTM team has conducted registration since January 2014 and began biometric registration of IDPs in June 2014. Biometric registration reduces duplication errors and provides a baseline to inform humanitarian response planning.

IOM conducted a biometric verification exercise at UN House PoC 1 from 4–6 June. The verification indicated a decrease in the PoC 1 population from approximately 13,300 to 7,430 individuals, representing a 44 per cent reduction in the biometrically registered population since the last registration in October 2014. The decrease in the population in PoC 1 can be attributed to inflated household sizes, exodus of family members and changing ethnic dynamics. The CCCM Cluster advocates for regular verification exercises to update population figures in order to better understand population trends and contribute to efficient humanitarian service delivery.

For more information on IOM DTM, please visit <http://www.iomsouthsudan.org/tracking/index.php>.



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

As co-lead of the Shelter and NFI Cluster in South Sudan, IOM provides emergency shelter materials and essential household items to conflict-affected and displaced populations. IOM also manages the Shelter and NFI Core Pipeline, a mechanism that ensures that key NFIs and emergency shelter materials are pre-positioned in strategic locations across the country for rapid deployment.

Since the crisis began, **6,644 MT of shelter and NFI stock** have been moved through the core pipeline; through the Shelter and NFI Cluster, IOM has transported approximately **94 per cent of these stocks**.

As part of the expansion and improvement efforts at the Bentiu and Malakal PoC sites, IOM, as Shelter and NFI pipeline manager, is supplying shelter materials—including plastic sheeting, bamboo, wooden poles and tents—for IDPs to construct new shelters once they relocate to the new sites.

The Shelter and NFI Cluster continues to work with partners to identify deep field locations for response and coordinate response activities.

IOM FRONTLINE SHELTER/NFI RESPONSE

Since the start of the crisis, IOM's Shelter and NFI frontline response teams have distributed NFI items to more than **67,200 households** and shelter materials to more than **4,200 households**.

IOM is working closely with humanitarian agencies to implement an emergency airlift operation to provide lifesaving assistance to IDPs in hard-to-reach areas of Unity, where renewed violence has affected an estimated 750,000 people in recent months. A majority of this population has fled to remote areas, with no access to humanitarian assistance.

To reach these populations, IOM, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and partners developed portable, lifesaving survival kits, including mosquito nets, short-maturity vegetable seeds, fishing supplies, water carrying containers, water purification tablets, oral rehydration salts, nutritional biscuits for children and kitchen sets with cups, spoons, pots and plates. The current operation is targeting 28,000 IDPs in remote areas. IOM staff are supporting the operation on the ground, where non-governmental organisations are coordinating distribution of the kits.



*IDPs in southern Unity gather to collect survival kits.
Photo: IRC/2015*



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

WASH Cluster State Focal Point

IOM is the WASH Cluster State Focal Point in Upper Nile and coordinates WASH responses for the state. IOM continues to pre-position WASH supplies in advance of the rainy season and prepare contingency plans for the WASH response in Upper Nile.

IOM is working with WASH and CCCM partners to establish WASH services in the extension areas at the Malakal and Bentiu PoCs. In addition, IOM is implementing critical WASH activities—including access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities and hygiene promotion—at the Bentiu, Malakal and Melut PoC sites.

Due to the insecurity in Melut, IOM does not have staff on the ground in Melut; therefore, WASH data is not available for the reporting week. However, IOM remains in contact with IDP water attendants in Melut and partners on the ground to ensure continual provision of safe drinking water at the PoC site. IOM will return as soon as security conditions permit.

IOM WASH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS*

Malakal PoC



9 liters of safe water available per person per day



65 persons

1,048 people per hygiene promoter



Increases in population size due to IDP influx at the site continue to constrain access to safe drinking water and WASH services.

To increase access in the new extension site, IOM constructed several temporary water points.

IOM conducted bacteriological testing to monitor the quality of drinking water.

IOM hygiene promotion messages reached 565 households. This week's topics focused on drainage cleaning and proper use of sanitation facilities.



IOM conducts cholera awareness training at the Malakal PoC

Bentiu PoC 4



8.2 liters of safe water available per person per day



187 persons per latrine

678 people per hygiene promoter



IOM continues to provide WASH services to IDPs residing in PoC 4.

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IOM continues to decommission and backfill latrines in PoC 4, as well as construct emergency latrines.

Hygiene promotion activities in PoC 4 are benefiting more than 7,300 IDPs, including nearly 600 school children.

IOM also supports regular cleaning campaigns.

The WASH team in Bentiu is actively involved in the PoC site extension, including the installation of the water system in Sector 3.



IOM completed preparation of a T70 water tank in Sector 3 of the extension site.

*Melut statistics are unavailable for the reporting period.



HEALTH

IOM is providing primary health care assistance in the Malakal and Bentiu PoC sites and clinical assistance to IDPs, returnees and host communities across other parts of South Sudan. IOM also operates mobile health services in the South Sudan–Sudan border area of Wonthou (Joda).

IOM clinics provide curative consultations, health education sessions, routine immunization for children under five and maternal health care. During the reporting period, upper respiratory tract infections, malaria, acute watery diarrhea and lower respiratory tract infections were the top medical conditions at IOM static clinics in Malakal, Bentiu and Renk, Upper Nile.

In close coordination with the UN World Health Organization and other health partners on the ground, IOM’s health Rapid Response Team (RRT) is leading an oral cholera vaccination (OCV) campaign at the Bentiu PoC site. For more information on this effort, see page 6.

BENTIU PoC

1,534* health consultations


Top Medical Conditions at IOM Static Clinics:

- Malaria
- Upper Respiratory Tract Infection


379 children vaccinated

21 babies delivered

The IOM Bentiu health team continued with their regular activities, which include vaccinating children against childhood diseases and antenatal care consultations.



IOM goes house to house in Bentiu PoC to ensure complete coverage of OCV campaign round 1.



IOM constructs emergency clinic in Malakal PoC

MALAKAL PoC

1,144* health consultations

Top Medical Conditions at IOM Static Clinics:

- Upper Respiratory Tract Infection
- Malaria

93 children vaccinated

13 babies delivered

The IOM Health team in Malakal continued with their regular activities, including health promotion, reproductive health services, nutrition screening, vaccinations and testing.

**Statistics reflect only the period from 1–7 June.*



PROTECTION

IOM South Sudan’s mobile Psychosocial Support (PSS) team continues to work with IDPs at the Bor PoC site to offer counselling, convene community discussions and engage IDPs in communal activities to address protection concerns.

Thanks to a generous contribution from the Government of Italy of EUR 1 million, IOM is expanding its PSS program. The one-year project, “Enhancing the Psychosocial Well-Being of Internally Displaced Persons and Conflict-Affected Populations,” will deepen programming in Bor and extend PSS support to the Bentiu PoC. As in Bor, IOM’s PSS program in Bentiu will ensure the establishment of community based psychosocial mobile teams and psychosocial resource centres, with an increased focus on IDP youth.



RAPID RESPONSE TEAM (RRT)



More than 68,700 IDPs vaccinated against cholera at the Bentiu PoC

IOM's RRT is part of the humanitarian community's response mechanism aimed at improving the delivery of humanitarian assistance in hard-to-reach areas of South Sudan. The RRT is multi-sectoral, composed of experts in the sectors of Health, Shelter/NFI and WASH. RRTs can be deployed to respond in several locations simultaneously based on the needs identified through assessments and prioritization through the Operations Working Group.

IOM's Health RRT concluded the first round of a two-dose OCV campaign in the Bentiu PoC on 5 June. IOM and health partners vaccinated more than 68,700 people in the PoC site. The USAID Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance-funded, IOM-managed Rapid Response Fund is supporting the OCV campaign. IOM plans to return to Bentiu to commence the second-round OCV campaign on 22 June.

In addition, the Health RRT provided support to IOM health and WASH teams in the Malakal PoC for a week-long cholera awareness training. The training is part of IOM's cholera outbreak preparedness plan.

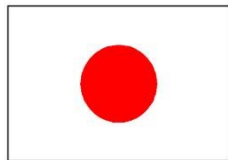
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