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HIGHLIGHTS

IOM conducts WASH assessment in Melut

IOM continues to support relocation to improved areas of Bentiu PoC site

Cholera outbreak declared by Government of South Sudan



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IOM and partners provide shelter support to IDPs as they relocate to improved areas of the Bentiu PoC site and rebuild shelters

Since December 2013, conflict and food insecurity in South Sudan have displaced more than 2.1 million people, including nearly 584,900 people who have fled to neighboring countries. Approximately 1.54 million people remain internally displaced, including many seeking shelter in remote rural areas and approximately 138,600 people sheltering in Protection of Civilian sites (PoCs) in UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) bases across the country.* Humanitarian needs remain immense. 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.

The Government of South Sudan Ministry of Health declared a cholera outbreak on Tuesday 23 June, where at least 171 cases were confirmed. The Government state they have been setting up a treatment ward, increasing surveillance and case management and trying to verify confirmed cases.

IOM is providing lifesaving assistance to displaced and vulnerable populations. As part of expansion and improvement projects at the PoC sites in Bentiu, Unity State, and Malakal, Upper Nile State IDPs are relocated with support from Camp Management Danish Refugee Council (DRC) with IOM. In Bentiu, as of 26 June 4,306 households of 27,398 individuals have relocated to new Sector 1 and Sectors 3 and 4 in the new

expansion area. The IOM commissioned water network is now fully functional.

Unpredictable security conditions continue to increase displacement and severely hamper humanitarian assistance activities, particularly in parts of Greater Upper Nile. Access to Melut County, Upper Nile, remains constrained since fighting in mid-May. A core technical WASH team returned to Melut on 18 June to assess the conditions of the IDPs, the WASH infrastructure and conduct repairs and provisions for the reestablishment of priority services. IOM provisionally suspended any operation outside the UNMISS base after shelling was heard. The team will be returning next week if security permits. 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. IOM and Camp Management partners continue to receive new arrivals at the Bentiu PoC site, temporarily registering nearly 3,932 new arrivals between 13-20 June alone. For in-depth analysis on site figures, visit <http://www.iomsouthsudan.org/tracking/index.php>

IOM continues to support the multiagency, multi-sector effort to airlift lifesaving relief supplies to IDPs 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

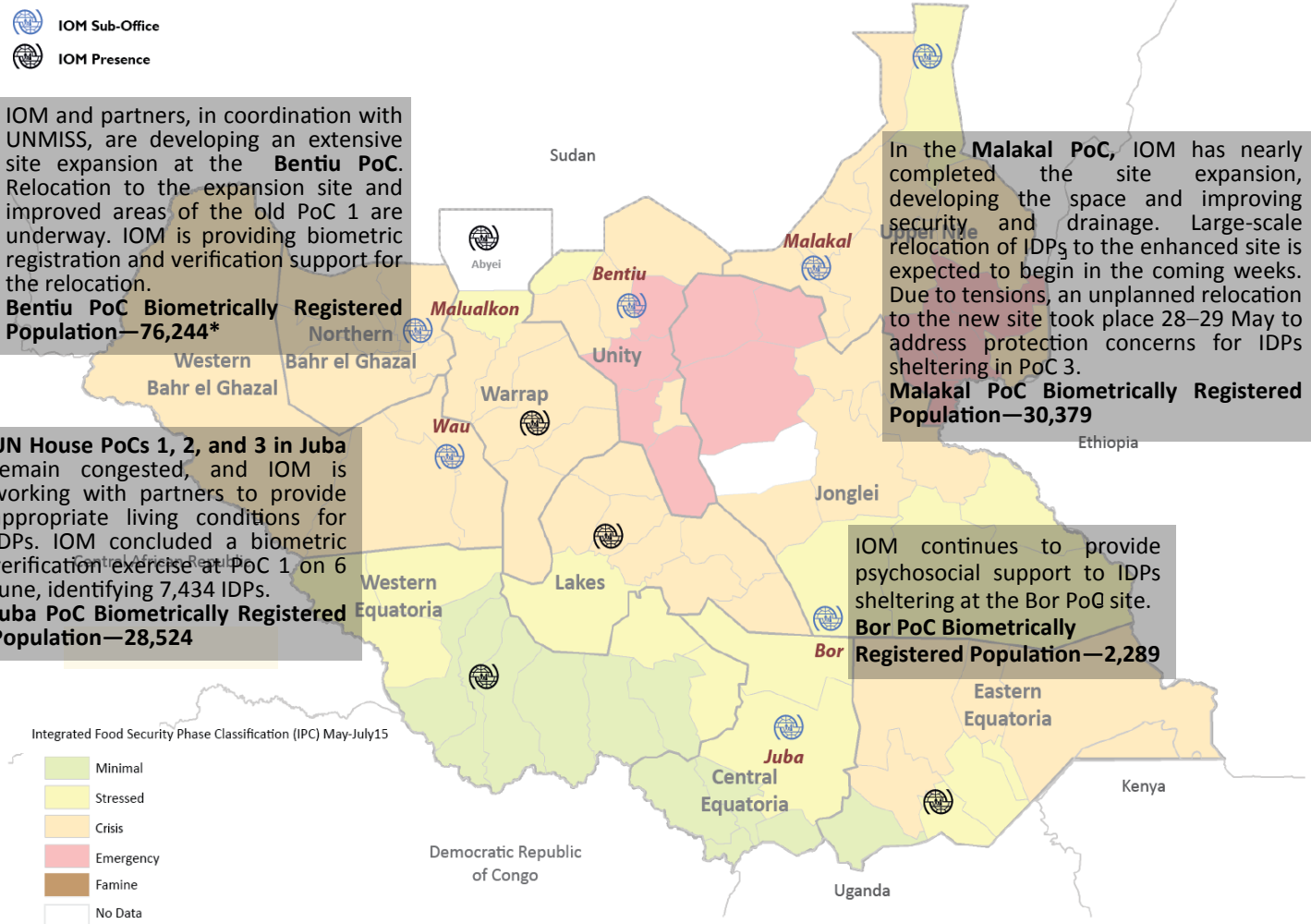
The CCCM Cluster has established humanitarian hubs at key displacement locations throughout the country to provide safe and secure accommodation and office space for humanitarian agencies. IOM, in collaboration with UNMISS, manages the hubs within the UNMISS compounds in Bentiu; Malakal; and Bor, Jonglei. As insecurity increases and Agencies experience considerable, additional constraints in implementing projects due to external factors, IOM on behalf of the humanitarian community is investigating establishing five new Humanitarian Hubs in Wau, Rumbek, Torit, Aweil and Juba.

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. A total of 13 trucks are dedicated for this service, deployed at strategic locations to provide transport assistance to humanitarian partners. This week the CTS transported 41,226kgs of items for 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.



*Per 23 June IOM biometric registration data. IOM in coordination with Camp Management DRC will verify population figures after relocation 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.

This week the CCCM Cluster conducted DTM training for the Cluster's county focal point program. County focal points received a refresher course on data collection and entry techniques, reviewed lesson learned and good practices. The training also introduced CCCM's Movement Trend Tracking program.

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.

Since the crisis began, **6,783 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**.

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 supported over 70,719 households with NFI, and 4,542 households with shelter materials, in 50 distributions. The team has participated in 32 assessments/rapid monitoring exercises.

Survival Kit Operation - Nyal Islands

IOM is working with partners to implement an emergency airlift operation to provide lifesaving assistance to IDPs in hard-to-reach areas of Unity State, 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.



Between 6-16 June, humanitarian partners delivered and distributed 4,427 survival kits to IDPs across 10 swamp locations in Nyal. Kits were loaded and airlifted by the MI-8 asset to each destination. Due to the volume of the kits, only 210 kits were able to be loaded on to the MI-8 per rotation. The average time to each destination was 40-50 minutes and the helicopter averaged 3 rotations per day. Delivery to five central islands took 10 days. Each rotation to a new destination required the field partner to communicate clearance on security, weather and landing conditions.

Lessons learned from the mission will support future missions. In particular, activities sensitising IDPs on each item in the kit, particularly aquatabs, ORS, HEBs, and vegetable seeds, is critical for proper utilization of items.



Shelter materials used in the new expansion area in Bentiu help IDPs stay dry as the rains begin



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 establishing 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.

Following temporary relocation from Melut due to insecurity in late May, an IOM WASH team returned to the Melut PoC site on 18 June for a six-day assessment mission. The team assessed the conditions of WASH infrastructure and conducted repairs to enable the reestablishment of priority services. The assessment indicated that WASH services had continued in the PoC since late May, in part due to the support of IOM-trained IDP WASH attendants.

IOM WASH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS*

Malakal PoC



10.2 liters of safe water available per person per day



65 persons per latrine

1,013 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.

Water infrastructure construction works continues for the extension with water towers installed and water points under construction.

This week, IOM undertook two drainage cleanings to prepare drainage systems for the rainy season.

IOM hygiene promotion activities continued, including house-to-house visits and targeted training for mothers of malnourished children.



IOM constructs a water tower in the Malakal PoC extension site

Bentiu PoC**



13.4 liters of safe water available per person per day



28 persons per latrine

474 people per hygiene promoter



Along with work in Sector 3, IOM is continuing to provide WASH services to the 8,152 remaining IDPs residing in PoC 4 before they move to the new expansion area.

IOM has established a pipeline network to which is now providing safe drinking water to IDPs in Sector 3 from permanent tap stands. IOM has now constructed 992 latrines in the across new Sectors 3 and 4.

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

Hygiene promotion activities in PoC 4 and Sector 3 benefited nearly 3,400 IDPs. The regular cleaning campaigns continue.



IOM work on the retention basin continues despite the rain

**Average for PoC 4 and Sector 3 of new extension area

*Statistics reflect the period of 17–24 June.



HEALTH

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

During the reporting period, malaria, lower and upper respiratory tract infections and acute watery diarrhea 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, IOM’s health Rapid Response Team (RRT) will today complete the second round oral cholera vaccination (OCV) campaign at the Bentiu PoC site.

BENTIU PoC

2,482* health consultations

Top Medical Conditions at IOM Static Clinics:

Malaria

Lower Respiratory Tract Infection

431 children vaccinated

18 babies delivered

Health consultations at the IOM clinic have increased from 2069 consultations last week, partly due to an influx in the IDP population and IOM’s reliable supply of medications and access to services.

In response to an increase in lower respiratory tract infections, IOM has increased health promotion to encourage family members to seek treatment early.

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

1,144* health consultations

Top Medical Conditions at IOM Static Clinics:

Upper Respiratory Tract Infection

Malaria

93 children vaccinated

13 babies delivered

MALAKAL PoC

**Statistics reflect only the period from 15–21 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.

This week an IOM videographer visited the PSS project to film interviews with two beneficiaries for inclusion in an IOM South Sudan video, following on from a more comprehensive interview process last week.



IDP church group convenes in Bor PoC site



RAPID RESPONSE TEAM (RRT)

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 began the second round of a two-dose OCV campaign in the Bentiu PoC on 22 June. IOM and health partners plan to vaccinate 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.



RAPID RESPONSE FUND (RRF)

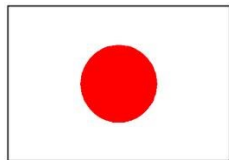
With funding from USAID/OFDA, IOM's RRF supports relief agencies across the country to swiftly implement specific emergency interventions. The RRF currently covers nine counties in South Sudan with the support of eight partner organizations.

Logistics remain a major challenge for project monitoring, as up to 60 per cent of South Sudan is inaccessible by road during the rainy season. In mid-June, the RRF team was unable to travel to deep-field locations in Jonglei due to poor road conditions. RRF partner Care for Children and Old Age South Sudan is providing protection and WASH assistance to vulnerable populations in Poktap, Duk County, Jonglei.



IOM teams face logistic constraints when attempting to monitor or implement projects in deep-field locations, partly due to poor road infrastructure and flooding.

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