

HUMANITARIAN UPDATE #57



Loading supplies at the Juba Logistics Base to send across the country. IOM/Bannon 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

Global handwashing day celebrated in Bentiu and Malakal PoC

Siteworks begin again to expand the Bentiu PoC and assist over 120,000 people seeking shelter and services

World Mental Health Day awareness day celebrated in Bor with performances and support

IOM provides multi-sector humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations across South Sudan as conflict, access constraints and food insecurity continue to drive increased needs and displacement.

Since December 2013, the crisis has displaced more than 2.27 million people, including 632,000 who have fled to neighbouring countries and approximately 1.64 million others who remain internally displaced. More than 199,000 people are sheltering at UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) protection of civilian (PoC) sites across the country.

IOM continues to respond to the influx of civilians at the UN PoC site in Malakal, Upper Nile State. This includes through developing new Sectors of the PoC and establishing service provision there, such as latrines and bathing facilities, along with Camp Management Agency Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and UNMISS. Approximately 10,407 new arrivals have relocated to this new area. IOM supplies safe drinking water to all IDPs across the old and new areas of the PoC site.

The IDP population at the UN PoC site in Bentiu, Unity State, continues to increase, mainly due to insecurity and access to services. The second week of this fortnight saw a threefold increase in new arrival, and more than 120,000 IDPs are now seeking shelter at the site.

Malaria remains the top cause of morbidity at IDP sites across the country, according to the UN World Health Organization (WHO) and the Government of South Sudan Ministry of Health. IOM clinics in Bentiu and Malakal PoC treated approximately 4,976 IDPs for malaria in the past two weeks, as well as 861 patients at clinics in Renk, Upper Nile State. IOM Rapid Response Teams continue to supplement capacity at the clinics.

A beneficiary from IOM South Sudan was profiled for the *i am a migrant* campaign, organised by IOM and the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants. Nyambuoy talks about her passion for education and dream to become a surgeon. Read [her story](#) on the campaign site.

UNMISS PoC Biometric/Temporary Registration Data as of 7 October	IDPs
UN House Juba PoCs 1 & 3	27,974
Bor PoC	2,893
Malakal PoC	47,791*
Bentiu PoC	120,004*
Melut PoC	928
Wau PoC	202
Total	199,792

*Sum of biometric and temporary registration figures.

BENTIU POC SITE

IOM provides multi-sector humanitarian assistance to the more than 120,000 IDPs sheltering at the Bentiu PoC site, where the IDP population has increased by more than 40 per cent since early July.

Displacement, Tracking and Monitoring (DTM)

From 12-18 October 1,226 individuals arrived at the Bentiu PoC, which was a threefold increase from the week before. The increase is likely due to sporadic clashes in parts of the southern counties. 494 individuals exited the PoC, mainly to Rubkona, Guit, Koch, Leer and Mayendit, including to look after cattle, manage farmland and bring food to remaining families.

For further information on displacement data and trends in South Sudan, please refer to the DTM website at <http://www.iomsouthsudan.org/tracking/index.php>.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

IOM and Contractor Ammars have restarted siteworks expanding the Bentiu PoC site to improve living conditions and increase IDP access to humanitarian services, although work is progressing slowly due to the intermittent rain. Backfilling and drainage construction restarted in two new Sectors (1 and 2), as well as the Contingency Area 2. Relocation of IDPs to new areas remains on hold until there has been sufficient progress.

Health

Malaria remains the top cause of morbidity in the Bentiu PoC, although cases declined slightly in the last week. Health care staff conducted nearly 6,811 consultations, as well as provided routine vaccinations to 446 children. There were 104 babies born at the IOM clinics. The health promotion team reached 8,508 individuals with messages on malaria and diarrhea. 1,764 people also attended awareness raising sessions at the IOM clinic and in Sectors 1 and 3.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

IOM is providing safe, treated drinking water to more than 50,000 IDPs at the Bentiu PoC. IOM conduct regular maintenance and repair of WASH infrastructure—including water tanks, pipelines and taps—to ensure access to clean water and mitigate extra stress on water systems. Liquid waste management and garbage collection activities were ongoing.

During the last fortnight, hygiene promotion activities were conducted in 1390 house to house visits and with 36 group sessions, in all IOM operational blocks. Emphasis was on open defecation and latrines maintenance, environmental, personal, water and food hygiene. Overall, 15,052 individuals were reached. IOM hygiene promoters also worked in Bentiu town reaching 1,838 persons in three villages and Kalebalek market - 401 men, 552 women, 501 boys and 384 girls.

This week, IOM hosted Global Hand Washing Day celebration at Liberty primary school in Bentiu POC, reaching 6,500 people. The day emphasises how this simple action is effective and affordable in counteracting diseases. UN Radio Miraya News profiled the event, with WASH Officer Sherman Mutengu quoted: “ The special message that I want to share with the people is also based on the theme of the year. Even in South Sudan today the theme of the country they are saying “Raise our hands to chase cholera away from South Sudan.” Cholera is one of the major of epidemics causing people to die because of improper hygiene practices within their homes. We are saying if we practice hand washing today, even tomorrow and at any time, we can do away with such diseases such as cholera, Hepatitis E, any diarrhea diseases and hygiene related diseases.”



Enjoying celebrations at the Global Handwashing Day. IOM 2015

MALAKAL POC SITE

At the Malakal PoC site, the UN is providing protection to 47,791 IDPs. As the CCCM and WASH focal point for Upper Nile State, IOM provides multi-sector assistance to IDPs across the site.

DTM

Malakal recorded 854 new arrivals during 5 - 11 October and 715 the next week, bringing the cumulative number of new arrivals to over 2,310 in September/October. In October an average of 100 people have arrived each day, compared to an average of four people per day during the same period in September. Lack of food in these areas continues to be the major cause of IDP movement to the Malakal PoC. Agencies are looking how to increase humanitarian support for other vulnerable populations in Upper Nile State, and discussing transportation of IDPs across the White Nile river.

CCCM

IOM in coordination with UNMISS and Camp Management DRC have been developing new areas to provide IDPs with dry ground and access to humanitarian services, and assisting people to relocate. There were 775 individuals relocated during this period, making 10,407 individuals relocated since 18 August 2015. All IDPs in the old PoCs 1 and 2 have now relocated to the new Sector 2. Relocations of IDPs from PoCs 3 and 4 to Sector 4 will commence as soon as the site and shelters are ready (see attachment *Malakal PoC Site Expansion and Relocation Map*). The RRF-funded DRC project has pitched 325 tents, allocated to 764 households.

Two further multi-agency missions took place to assess Wau Shilluk. Over several weeks a number of IDPs, particularly women, have expressed the desire to return to Wau Shilluk to take food to family who stayed behind. Advocacy for free movement of IDPs at various levels has been authorised and UNMISS and humanitarians are working to help facilitate returns.

Health

From 5 - 21 October, staff at IOM health clinics performed 3,949 consultations, including treating 1,819 malaria cases and 1,483 people for upper respiratory infections. IOM vaccinated 296 children under five against common diseases, with 81 births assisted by the team. The Rapid Response Team for Health also provided surge capacity at IOM clinics in the PoC.



Hygiene Promoters teach children good handwashing techniques. IOM 2015

WASH

IOM provides safe drinking water to the entire Malakal PoC site. Although the increase in the IDP population has reduced the quantity of water supply, WASH teams are working to increase production and capacity of the system, which pumps water from the River for treatment and distribution. This week, IOM hosted Global Handwashing Day, under the Global theme 'Raise our hands for hygiene'. Around 2,450 people participated in demonstrations, drama skits and a radio talk-show.

SURVIVAL KIT OPERATION

Program Support Unit team members attended UN Day events and presented the survival kit operation. The team explained how IOM works with partners on the emergency airlift operation to provide lifesaving assistance to civilians cut-off from relief aid due to insecurity and flooding in Greater Upper Nile.

The team presented the contents of the lightweight, portable kits to VIPs including OCHA Head of Office Heli Uusikyla and the County Commissioner, H.E. Stephen Wani Michael. Thus far in 2015, 19,052 survival kits have been delivered to 11 locations serving 95,260 individuals (Nyal, Kurior, Rupchai, Dindin, Dablual, Boaw, Koch, Mayandiet in Unity State) and (Wau shilluk, abrouk, Nyilwak in Upper Nile).



Chief of Mission Derthick at UN Day. IOM 2015

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (PSS)

IOM is addressing psychosocial needs of IDPs, with a focus on youth and adults, at the UN PoC site in Bor, Jonglei State, through a community-driven approach. A psychosocial support program will soon begin at the Bentiu PoC site.

The psychosocial support mobile team organised a World Mental Health Day awareness event on 10 October, attended by over 1,890 people. The event was a combination of awareness speeches by PSS team members and other actors (Camp Management Agency ACTED; an UNMISS representative, the community leadership and WHO representatives). During speeches, two beneficiaries shared their personal growth and experience as members of the PSS activities.

Led by the Cultural groups performance, PSS teams and other community members performed drama and dances. The women's group also presented their embroidery, hair salon and widows support group activities. During the event the lay counsellors provided support to those overwhelmed by emotions.

Assistance to help women participate in the Sports Group was also discussed this week. When childcare was pointed out as a challenge, it was decided that one of the facilitators would look after the children at the PSS space while mothers attended volleyball activities.



Bor PoC members perform dances during the World Mental Health day event. IOM 2015

RAPID RESPONSE FUND (RRF)

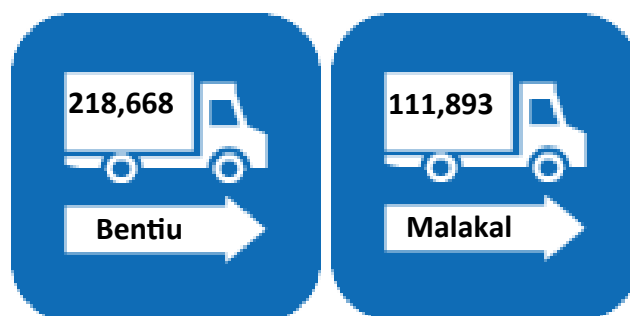
With funding from the USAID Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, IOM manages the RRF to support relief agencies across the country to swiftly implement specific emergency interventions. The RRF covers four states in South Sudan with the support of seven partner organizations and IOM direct-implementation projects.

Highlights from the last fortnight include the support provided to Women's Peacekeeping Teams in Ulang, Upper Nile State and Nyirol County, Jonglei State by the Non-Violent Peaceforce (NP). NP has been assisting in local conflict resolution as well as working with Child Friendly Spaces. NP conducted an awareness raising campaign on early and forced marriages for 30 members of the Women Peaceforce Teams in Waat and trained twelve staff from local NGOs in Child Protection in Ulang.

COMMON-TRANSPORT SERVICE (CTS)

The IOM-operated CTS is a free-for-user service for transporting humanitarian supplies in South Sudan to help partners deliver assistance to vulnerable populations.

During the last fortnight, 13 CTS trucks delivered more than 520,038 metric tons (MT) of humanitarian cargo, with Bentiu and Malakal receiving the largest deliveries. The increase in CTS activities in Bentiu over the past three weeks will continue due to food drops organised by WFP.

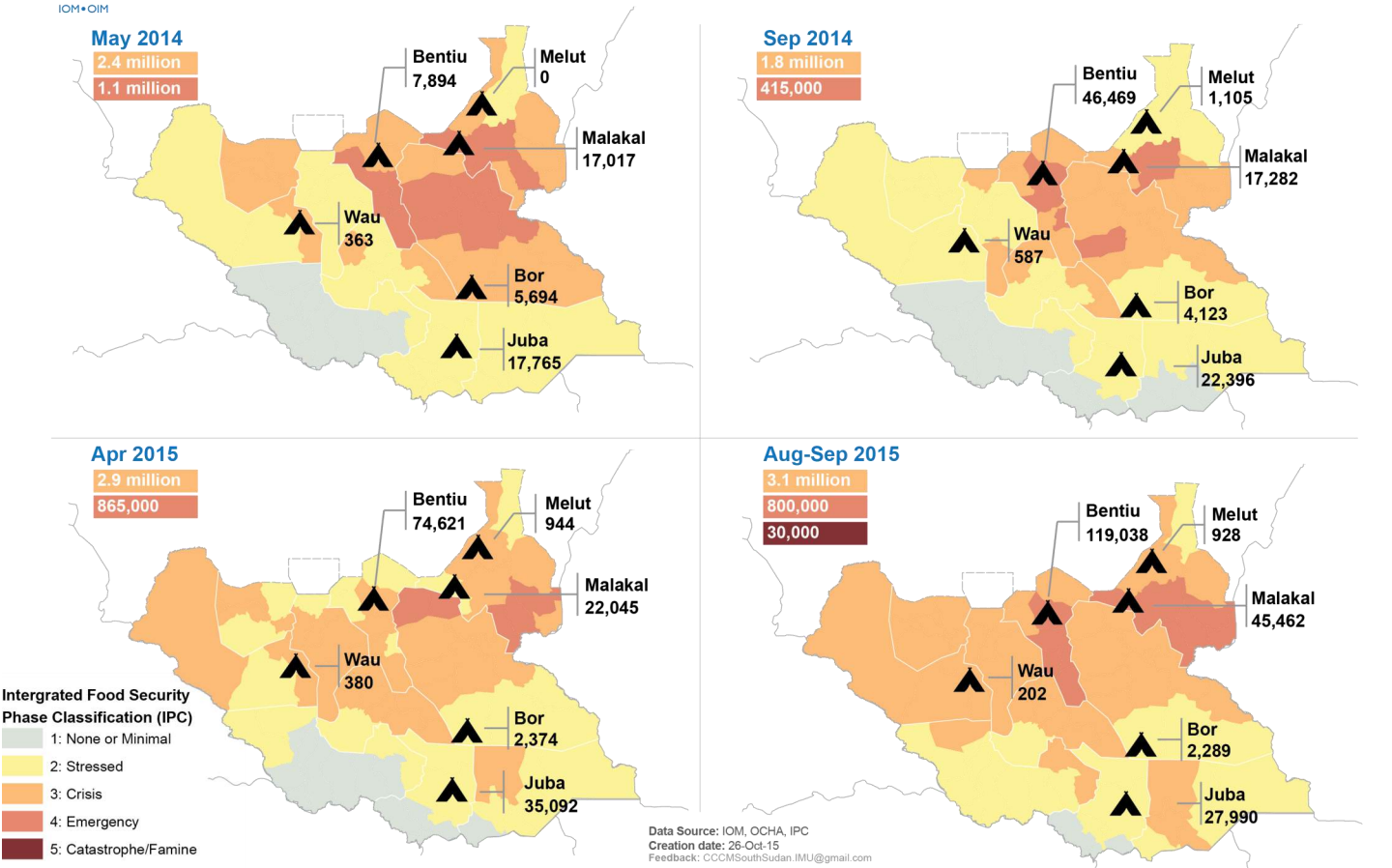


IOM COMPARISON OF POCS AND IPC* DATA FOR 2014 AND 2015

*Integrated Food Security Phase Classification



UNMISS Protection of Civilian (PoC) Sites (comparison over years)



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