



Supporting displaced communities

South Sudan

Monthly Situation Report May 2024



Key Figures



CCCM National Cluster Update

The Government of Uganda's release of water from Lake Victoria, elevating water levels in the Nile and its tributaries, compounded with the expected above-average rainfall, is expected to trigger massive flooding across South Sudan.

The initial flood models project the worst floods since records started, with two-third of South Sudan at risk and 2.8M forced to displace. Starting in June and peaking in September, it is expected that the floods will impact first the southern states, mainly Central Equatoria and the capital, Juba, initially, and progressively move towards Jonglei, Lakes, Warrap, Unity, and Upper Nile States. The counties that are projected to be most affected include Rubkona, Twic East, Yirol East, Bor South, Duk, Nasir and Pigi.

All areas that are projected to be affected have already been hit by previous flooding, and some locations (Rubkona in particular) have not yet recovered from the 2019-2022 floods. Alongside life-saving activities, the response will therefore have to be geared towards sustainable programming for longer term solutions, with full engagement of the government. Communication with communities and peaceful coexistence activities implemented in coordination with national authorities will be key to ensuring the risk of conflict between communities, that may erupt over land and resources in highland areas, is mitigated.

Update from States

Central Equatoria

- Economic Situation and Security:** In May, the security situation in Central Equatoria remained stable, with no significant incidents disrupting humanitarian operations. However, the entire country faced severe economic constraints, with commodity prices skyrocketing.
- Humanitarian Response in Rokon:** On May 9th-10th, twelve humanitarian partners responded to the needs of 1,141 households (approximately 6,800 individuals) in Rokon. These IDPs were provided with food and shelter/non-food items (S/NFI) and were integrated into the existing community of Rokon, located three kilometers from the main market. The IDPs have expressed a need for agricultural tools and seeds to support their livelihoods.
- Juba Camps Update:** The contingency plan for Juba Camps 1&3 was finalized, and the elections for Camp Management Committee (CMC) and other committees have been finalized for Camp 1.

Western Equatoria

- Conflict and Humanitarian Response in Tambura:** The conflict in Tambura began on April 24, 2024, when unidentified armed men attacked civilians, resulting in deaths, the burning of houses and farm vandalism, causing 26,000 people to be displaced and 23 killed. In May, an Initial Rapid Needs Assessment (IRNA) mission found the displaced population scattered across six sites in Tambura County, two in Source-Yubu Payam, two in Ezo County, and two in Nagero County, with most being women and children in urgent need of food, shelter, and healthcare. To address these needs, an Inter-Agency response mission from Yambio arrived on May 16, 2024, providing essential items such as sleeping mats, blankets, buckets, plastic sheets, and washing soaps to the most vulnerable individuals.

Upper Nile

- Returnee Situation in Fangak:** Since the conflict in April 2023, Fangak has recorded 3,900 returnee households comprising 23,400 individuals. Flow monitoring by CCCM partners tracked 7,100 individuals entering South Sudan and 2,700 exiting to Ethiopia through Nasir County's key entry points, with unrestricted border movement.

- **Protection Workshop in Nasir:** From May 28-29, 2024, UNHCR, UNMISS-PRT, UNMAS, and ADRA held a workshop in Nasir to address protection concerns, resulting in the formation of a 13-member Protection of Civilian Oversight Committee. The workshop aimed to build the capacities of county authorities to manage the influx of returnees.
- **Community Initiatives in Ulang:** On May 9, 2024, Ulang authorities met with humanitarian organizations and local traders to address rising commodity prices, recommending a reduction in the USD exchange rate and shutting down certain money transfer agents to lower goods prices. Additionally, the Youth Football Association organized a peace tournament to foster community cohesion, bringing together different community groups and promoting unity amidst the challenges.
- **Enhanced Community Engagement and Awareness at Bulukat Transit Center:** IOM and DRC collaborated to assist 5,153 individuals with service information and facilitated family communication at Bulukat TC. Site maintenance included drainage rehabilitation, road grading and shelter preparations for the rainy season. Additionally, DRC conducted awareness sessions on use of services, garbage disposal and fire prevention, reaching 3,855 individuals, and held joint PSEA sessions reaching 21 individuals.
- **Needs Assessment and Coordination in Malakal:** DRC, in coordination with IOM, conducted a needs assessment for site maintenance at Malakal PoC, focusing on shelter assistance, flood mitigation (drainage maintenance) and community engagement.
- **Flood Preparedness in Nasir:** UNHCR held a session with the dyke committee in Nasir to strengthen flood preparedness, involving 30 participants from diverse community groups.

Unity

- **Flooding in Southern Unity State:** Reports indicate that Southern Unity State is already experiencing flooding with broken dykes and displaced people. Due to limited preparedness and funding, CCCM partners have requested early preparedness support from the national ICCG to mitigate the impact. Budget has been allocated for Rubkona County in the joint GOSS-UN/HCT Flood Preparedness and Response Plan.
- **Flood preparedness and Infrastructure Rehabilitation:** In preparation for the upcoming floods, partners are identifying and repairing weak sections of dykes. IOM is actively rehabilitating dykes and water channels in the IDP camp, Rubkona, and Bentiu towns. Although dykes are generally stable, some sections require immediate action to prevent further erosion and damage. Additionally, IOM CCCM has rehabilitated over 3,000 meters of road in Bentiu IDP camp and continues to monitor and repair dykes, install culverts, and carry out drainage works in both the camp and Bentiu/Rubkona towns.
- **Infrastructural Maintenance and Assessments:** DRC conducted infrastructural assessments across five sites with community leaders, to identify areas needing improvement before the rainy season. Additionally, DRC distributed 23 wheelbarrows to site maintenance committees in sites D1, E, and Rotriak. These wheelbarrows will enhance community flood response capacity and will be used for drainage clearance and general site maintenance.
- **Youth Engagement Activities:** A total of 1,215 youth aged 15-30 engaged in indoor games at the youth center in Bentiu IDP camp. These activities help prevent youth redundancy and potential involvement in criminal activities.
- **Conflict Management and Reconciliation Workshops:** DRC CCCM conducted four conflict management and reconciliation workshops in sites C, D, E, Bentiu Town, and Rubkona. The workshops aimed to empower community leaders to address conflict-related issues, with 140 community members participating.
- **Women Participation Project:** IOM CCCM continued the Women Participation Project, including floating gardens and literacy and numeracy classes for 42 women in Bentiu IDP site.
- **WASH Transition Meeting:** On May 30, IOM CCCM facilitated a meeting between IOM WASH and CHC/sector and block leaders to discuss the transition of some WASH components. The community agreed to take over garbage collection responsibilities immediately, while IOM WASH will continue paying latrine cleaners for the next two months.

Western Bahr el Gazal, Northern Bahr el Gazal and Warrap States

- **Community Engagement and Durable Solutions Survey:** The launching of the TRU & Protection Listeners survey on Durable Solution activities in Naivasha and Hai Masna IDP sites took place on May 22-23, 2024. Sixty community representatives participated, raising concerns about delays in the DS process and urging partners to expedite before the rainy season. The community expressed gratitude for the Adult Education Classes initiative and showed readiness to participate.
- **Flash Flood Response in Wau Municipality:** An ad hoc ICCG meeting on May 28, 2024, addressed the dire situation caused by flash floods affecting 53 households in Bazia Jedid and damaging 10 houses in Nazareth. Action points included conducting protection monitoring and consulting shelter/NFI partners for a response.



- **Community Awareness and Maintenance Initiatives:** IOM and camp management conducted comprehensive awareness sessions at Naivasha and Hai Masna IDP sites, focusing on the risks of open defecation, proper garbage collection, and shelter maintenance. The community was educated on using latrines to prevent disease outbreaks, best practices for garbage management to avoid drainage blockages, and maintaining shelters in good condition. These initiatives reached a total of 502 households, emphasizing the importance of health, hygiene, and safety during the rainy season.
- **Complaint and Feedback Mechanism:** A total of 65 new cases related to shelters in bad condition were recorded and referred in Naivasha and Hai Masna IDP sites. Meetings were organized between the CCCM team, S&S team, RRC, and CLC to discuss shelter rehabilitation plans.
- **WBeG State Level Task Force on Solutions Meeting:** The meeting on May 9, 2024, discussed the revalidated data of returnees, resource mobilization, and the situation of unregistered IDPs in Wau. Action points included initiating discussions with UNDP and NRC for resources and planning consultations with community leadership on establishing an inclusive committee for durable solutions.

Jonglei State and Greater Pibor Administrative Area

- **Pibor New Displacements:** On May 24, 2024, the state-level ICCG discussed the fact-finding assessment report on new displacements in Pibor. Displacements were allegedly due to attacks by cattle rustlers in a neighboring community Lou Nuer resulted in significant displacement from nine villages in Likuangle Payam, resulting in 923 households sheltering in Kondako area, Pibor payam. The most affected were children, women, PLWD, and the elderly, facing issues like lack of mosquito nets, clean water, and food.
- **CCCM Mobile Response in Akobo:** ACTED's mobile CCCM team responded to nearly 21,219 individuals displaced by the Sudan crisis and returnees from Ethiopia in Bilkey and Nyandit Payams. They are establishing and strengthening community leadership structures and providing training on CCCM principles. ACTED also initiated a Fuel-Efficient Stoves (FES) project, training 90 beneficiaries in making and using FES.
- **Community Leadership and Capacity Building:** ACTED conducted various community-led initiative activities, including establishing Community based complain mechanisms Community based complain mechanisms Committees and training 60 CMC members. They also organized focus group discussions and key informant interviews for safety audits. ACTED will conduct awareness sessions on GBV and other protection issues.
- **Land Allocation in Bor:** The State Level Task Force on Solutions SLTFS met on May 7, 2024, to discuss land allocation progress for IDPs in Bor. UNMAS is conducting site and mine clearance, but the discovery of cluster munitions has caused delays. The Ministry of Housing awaits updated IDP lists for plot allotments.
- **Intention Surveys in Bor:** IOM-DTM conducted intention surveys in three IDP sites in Bor to understand IDP needs and forecast services required in new relocation sites. The survey covered 1,360 households in Bor IDP camp, 1,115 households in Bor Stadium, and 981 households in Baidit IDPs. The intention survey report will be shared in the coming weeks.

Key Advocacy Points

Flood Preparedness

- Jonglei and GPAA: Accelerate land preparation and relocate IDPs from flooded ex-POC sites in anticipation of heavy rains and Nile flooding.
- Upper Nile: Develop and implement contingency plans and preventive measures for expected floods in Ulang, Nasir, and Fangak from October to December 2024.
- Unity State: Secure resources for flood prediction, dike repair, and community sensitization, using historical data to gauge flood severity and response efforts.

WASH Gaps

- WBeG, NBG, Warrap, and Abyei: Advocate for enhanced WASH services to prevent infectious diseases in IDP sites, especially during the rainy season.
- Equatoria: Advocate for partner support in WASH and shelter services in Central Equatoria IDP sites to prevent communicable diseases during the rainy season. Conduct WASH assessments to identify and address gaps and challenges.

Shelter and Infrastructure

- Upper Nile: Improve shelter and drainage systems, relocate obstructive structures, and strengthen coordination to address illegal encroachments and market activities.
- Support for Refugee Returnees: Enhance shelter and non-food item (NFI) provision, and address food scarcity at transit points for returnees facing cold nights and resource shortages.

Safety and Security

- Nasir: Coordinate with mine action for the deployment of teams to clear unexploded ordnance (UXO) and raise community awareness on safety precautions.

