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## Overview

- The Protection Cluster conducted its Annual Retreat on 28-29 October in a mixed format, with participants attending in person and online. Participants included State and deep field level PC coordinators from all the states. The Retreat covered the overall work of the Cluster, the work of each Sub-Cluster and also the engagement on the key supporting modalities such as Protection Monitoring, Mobile Response and Information Management. Sessions included discussions on priorities, development of skills, challenges, and areas identified for strengthened support. The Retreat has strongly contributed to increase the linkages between the National and State/deep field level Protection Clusters.
- By the end of October, 2020 the transitioning process from POC sites to IDP camps took place in three out of five sites. The Protection Cluster is involved in the process, representing protection issues in several forums, contributing to the drafting of the documents for the new phase. Specialized HCT Taskforce produced a communication with communities strategy and the ToR setting up the roles for government and humanitarian actors involved in transitioning. The Protection Risk Assessment (PRA), led by the PC, has been conducted in 5 POCs, where the transitioning is happening. Over 40 FGDs with around 200 participants have been conducted and the analysis is currently ongoing.
- The Advisory Group on Solutions (AGS), chaired by the Protection Cluster, is supporting the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) to plan the implementation of the South Sudan Action Plan of Return, Reintegration and Recovery 2020-2022. The PC is supporting the possible avenues for return of IDPs. Both areas of return and areas of displacement may not present conducive conditions, therefore a balance has to be considered on the best solution for those displaced.

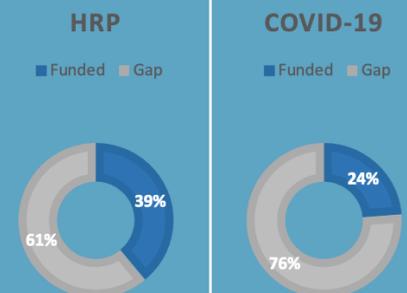
## KEY FIGURES

4.5 M people in need

3.2 M people targeted

\$84.3 M HRP requirement

\$12.2 M COVID-19 requirement



## Child Protection Sub-Cluster

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**Child Protection services** - partners are continuously identifying and providing children with protection concerns or at risk of the protection violations direct case management services. Family separation and psychological distress are the two most common child protection concerns reported.

**90,000 people reached**  
with child protection services in October  
including 24,940 boys and 26,014 girls



Child protection resumed family tracing and reunification of UASC cases and reunified 7 children during the month of October. The Sub-Cluster is working closely with the case management task-force and UASC WG on monitoring and support to all identified child protection cases. PSS WG is also providing technical PSS support to all CP partners providing PSS services.

**Referral pathways** - the CP AOR has continued to harmonize mechanisms for identification and referral of vulnerable children to ensure a more effective support to children and their families. The CP AOR has updated 11 state level referral pathways for Jonglei, Panyijar, Koch, lakes, Malakal, Juba, Nasir, NBeG, WBeG, Yambio and Yei to support timely and safe access to child protection services. The same process will be replicated in locations that are yet to develop their referral systems. The Sub-cluster is working with the state level CPWG to continue updating the pathways. Plans are underway to conduct an orientation session on referrals in child protection aimed at enhancing the knowledge and skills of child protection actors.

**Flood update** - the CP AOR continued to respond to the needs of the flood-affected children with the aim of mitigating the impact of the floods on vulnerable children and their families. Through the reserved SSHF funding for flood affected areas, four sub cluster partners including Save the Children, CINA , CIDO and INTERSOS (Ayod) will provide a minimum package of critical Child Protection services including MHPSS , FTR, Case Management and lifesaving messaging to 38, 000 children from most affected locations of Bor South , Duk , Twic East , Pibor and Ayod.

**Capacity building** - under the Child Survivor and Adolescent Initiative, the CP Sub-Cluster is working with the global CP Area of Responsibility (CP AoR) to support the process of systemising and standardising child protection case management SOP and procedures to include care for child survivors in close coordination with GBV Sub-Cluster. In addition, CPAOR in collaboration with the Case Management Taskforce is currently assessing the capacity of partners to provide adequate services in order to develop the capacity enhancement plan for members.

## Gender-Based Violence Sub-Cluster

**Inter-cluster assessments** - the GBV Sub-Cluster participated in several Inter-cluster joint missions. In Wau, a mission was organized by OCHA which included visits to service delivery/ facilities in the former PoC and meeting with IDP community leaders, and visits to Hai Masna and Jebel Kheir IDP sites. Numerous protection concerns have been communicated ranging from child protection, GBV, theft and looting and property issues. In a rapid needs assessment in Labarab, Pibor, the Sub-Cluster was represented by Voice of the Peace. 15 people have been reportedly killed in the area, including 5 women, and incidents of GBV and houses razed down were reported.

**Capacity building for GBV partners** - the Sub-Cluster, in collaboration with several organizations, organized and conducted a three-day training to enhance GBV partner capacity for improved GBV service provision. The training brought together 38 participants from different locations within the Greater Equatoria region. The training included topics as economic empowerment and livelihoods, GBV mainstreaming in cash and voucher assistance, disability and inclusion in GBV programming, mental health and psychosocial support in GBV programming, prevention of sexual abuse, PSEA programming, collection and use of GBV survivors' data and legal justice.



Photo: GBV Sub-Cluster.

**Advocacy on GBV needs** - the Sub-Cluster participated in the Women Peace and Security conference convened by Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) of South Sudan in Juba and presented a paper on women peace and security in the humanitarian setting. The objective of the conference was to enable women develop tangible action points to ensure 35% affirmative action enshrined in the peace agreement is fully implemented.



### International Day of the Girl Child 11 October

The GBV Sub-Cluster joined the rest of the world to virtually commemorate the International Day of the Girl Child, led by UNFPA under the theme “My voice, our equal future”. Let's seize the opportunity to reimagine a better world inspired by adolescent girls – energized and recognized, counted and invested in.

Watch the UNFPA Executive Director, Dr. Natalia Kanem, message [here](#).

## Housing, Land and Property Technical Working Group (HLP TWG)

The HLP TWG has rolled out the eviction data collection tool for analysis and informed advocacy on a moratorium on evictions. Several eviction cases have already been reported by HLP and protection partners. The tool has been shared with all protection partners for further collection of cases. The preliminary analysis of the cases will be conducted during the next TWG meeting. Engagements with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD) continue to ensure support for the Ministry's activities. The MLHUD presented during the last TWG meeting the draft gender assessment report conducted by IGAD. The report had interesting findings on women concerns to land, housing and property. The TWG is committed to support the Ministry with the implementation of the report's recommendations.

## Mine Action Sub-Cluster

**Explosive Remnant of War (ERW)-Related Accidents** - no ERW-related accidents were recorded for the month of October.

**Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)** - although mine action clearance activities have been limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic until recently, mine action partners across the country have still been able to mitigate the risks of accidents through explosive ordnance risk education (EORE), which reached a total of 9,581 beneficiaries (2,551 women, 2,408 men, 2,231 girls, and 2,391 boys) in October 2020.

**EORE in Aweil East** - with support from the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SSHF), the national non-governmental organisation (NNGO), Hold the Child (HCO), began providing lifesaving EORE to community members in Aweil East, Northern Bahr el Ghazal. The area contains known hazardous areas that are littered with land mines and unexploded ordnance (UXO) from Sudan's civil war. In 2019, five children between the ages of 12 -16 years old found a UXO in the area and began playing with it. The UXO caused an uncontrolled explosion, killing one 14 year old child, and injuring the remaining four. As a result, HCO has specifically targeted communities within Aweil East to ensure EORE is regularly implemented in conjunction with COVID-19 preventative messages. In October, HCO delivered EORE to 15 adults (of which all were women), and 13 children (eight boys and five girls). Prior to implementing EORE, the HCO staff received five days of refresher training on EORE that was facilitated by the NNGO, South Sudan Integrated Mine Action Service (SIMAS), and were accredited by the National Mine Action Authority (NMAA) on 27 October. The main objective of the refresher training was to ensure the reduction of risk and injuries from explosive ordnance by raising the awareness of women, girls, boys, and men in accordance to their different vulnerabilities and roles. This team will continue delivering EORE messages across Aweil East to reach high-risk communities and in still safe behaviors.



HCO's EORE team delivering awareness messaging to a household in Aweil East. Photo: HCO.



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