Overview

- Preparations for the next year HPC cycle have started with the discussions on methodologies used and substantial content of assessments, planned for the coming HNO-2022.

- Protection Cluster facilitated discussions on returns both on state and national levels. Ongoing scale up response in IPC 4 and 5 areas is being challenged with the newly arriving IDP and refugee returnees, which may create protection concerns, particularly with regard to peaceful co-existence, access to basic services, food, health facilities, exercising HLP rights. Recommendations on comprehensive approach of humanitarian actors have been discussed.

- Rising tensions in the Greater Pibor Administrative Area (GPAA) around Nanaam in the Likuongole area, and which then spread to Gumuruk in the beginning of May resulted in various protection concerns - people’s homes and humanitarian facilities were looted and burnt down, including warehouses of relief commodities. Some 20,000 people were displaced by the violence. Protection partners in Pibor are assisting with cash intervention for protection, awareness raising on GBV risk mitigation and safety of all civilians/IDPs, CP activities, civilian protection patrolling at the IDP sites, assessment of needs and protection concerns of IDPs, case management, protection monitoring.

- Safety audit, conducted in Juba IDP camps identified a surge in crime since the PoCs transitioned to IDP camps in 2020, particularly GBV incidents, rape and sexual assaults. Cases of murder and looting of humanitarian facilities, increased communal clashes were also reported. There is a strong sense of mistrust between the displaced families and the national law enforcement officials. The lack of adequate WASH facilities has been reported as a key driver of crime and insecurity recorded in the camps. Humanitarian actors are coordinating with UNMISS and the government to implement the recommendations drawn and address the concerns reported during the Audit. Similar Audits are being planned to be conducted in the other former PoC sites to identify the security and protection concerns that have followed the transitioning process.
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Capacity building and training of child protection partners - a total of 557 child protection partners (255 females) were trained in CPIE including on case management and psychosocial support (PSS). The training included 22 animators trained on child protection and case management in Tonj South, 135 teachers, community nutrition volunteers and child protection community workers (82 men, 53 women) on child protection in emergency, and 400 people including (168 men, 232 women) trained on PFA, parenting skills, comprehensive case management in Aweil South. As a result of the training, child protection case workers identified and supported 60 vulnerable children, 38 boys and 22 girls identified with protection risks in the covered areas.

Overview of child protection response in May

- 61,283 people, including 40,977 children, reached with child protection services
- 19,831 children, adolescents, and 6,386 caregivers received psychosocial support services
- 156 vulnerable children provided with case management services
- 53 new cases of UASC were identified (29 girls and 24 boys).

Child Protection concerns in Warrap

The Sub-cluster participated in the joint ICCG mission to Warrap state on the 27-29 May. Continuous violence in the area brings numerous protection incidents. Children looking for safety were found living in abandoned buildings and a on the streets in Kuajok town; there is continued killing and abduction of women and children and rampant GBV and teenage pregnancy; lack of dignity kits for girls and women and inadequate PSS services. The recommendations from the mission include strengthening coordination of CP activities, need for more peacebuilding interventions, programs targeting children on streets and establishment of PSS service provision, which require additional funding.

Child and Adolescent Survival Initiative - the Child Protection and GBV Sub-clusters in collaboration with the Global Child Protection and GBV Areas of Responsibility organized a 3-days workshop to review and harmonize key coordination tools and resources. The tools review included the Standard Operating Procedures for Case Management to improve the quality of and access to services for child and adolescent survivors of sexual abuse in emergencies. The exercise brought together over 20 CP and GBV practitioners drawn from various states across the country. The workshop also identified complementary areas of work between the CP and GBV coordination mechanisms as related to child and adolescent survivors.

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The Sub-cluster conducted a 3 days retreat under the theme “Assess progress in the implementation of the 2019-2021 GBV SC strategy with field based GBV SC coordinators”. The retreat had the participation of over 35 participants (20F and 15M) from the Sub-cluster leads in Wau, Yei, Torit, Kapoeta, Juba, Warrap, Upper Nile, Unity, Pibor, Yambio, Mundri, Maridi and Rumbek, and representatives from the Ministry of Gender. The participants reviewed the challenges in coordination, lessons learned and discussed recommendations to inform the next Sub-cluster strategy. A workplan was developed to guide the conceptualization of the new strategy.

GBV concerns and response - reported subnational violence country wide has resulted in massive displacement of communities, increasing the risks of GBV for the displaced women. GBV partners have been following the risks for GBV in the several affected locations, including Lainya (C. Equatoria), GPAA, Morobo (W. Equatoria), Akobo (Jonglei), and Nasir (Upper Nile). Sub-cluster’s partners are also responding for the GBV concerns in flood affected areas, especially in Fangak (Jonglei) where over 67,000 people affected are in need of humanitarian support. In addition, the Sub-cluster procured and distributed 12,954 dignity kits in several locations prioritized for GBV response, including Malakal, Kapoeta, Bor, Pibor, Wau, Yei and Torit. The distribution of dignity kits is an important activity aimed at reducing the risks of GBV among women and girls in need of humanitarian assistance. The Sub-cluster is also repositioning thousands of dignity kits across the country ahead of the peak of the raining season, which most likely will affect the access to some locations, especially to the flood prone locations as Akobo, Pibor, and Twic in Jonglei.

Training on ethical reporting - the GBV Sub-cluster with support from INTERNEWS conducted a training to media outlets based in Juba with the objective to ensure ethical reporting on reporting of GBV cases. The training covered several topics, including GBV concepts, the role of the media in reporting GBV cases, responsible reporting, gender sensitive reporting, guidelines for ethical media reporting on GBV, overview of GBV and gender related national, regional and international legal frameworks. The Sub-cluster has incorporated the training as a regular activity to ensure that new staff from the outlets are following the Guidelines. Ensuring ethical reporting of GBV cases is crucial to avoid causing harm to the survivors.
Explosive Remnant of War (ERW)-Related Accidents - on 5 May, two boys found an abandoned explosive ordnance, likely a hand grenade, in Bori village, Central Equatoria. When they tried to play with the item, it exploded, injuring one of the boys on his hand and lower leg and he was admitted to the hospital. UNMAS is investigating the incident.

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education - 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 32,374 beneficiaries (6,709 women, 5,844 men, 9,337 girls, and 10,484 boys) in May 2021.

Clearance of Land and Training of Community Members Creates Safe Environment in Lirya, Central Equatoria

Central and Eastern Equatoria have the highest contamination of known hazardous areas. In light of the current food insecurity as well as the rising number of returnees either directly from Juba or neighboring Uganda, the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) has prioritized work in these two areas. While the areas are currently classified as “crisis” according to the Acute Food Insecurity Phase classification or IPC, it also has the highest agricultural potential in the region.

One of the places where MAG is operating is Lirya, a small town located along Juba-Torit road in Juba County, Central Equatoria. “After being displaced to Juba, I moved back to Lirya in 2013. There is an army barrack close to the center of Lirya, where we have our health center and the local school. Lots of fighting took place around that location. Contamination has prevented us from economic activities such as agriculture, charcoal burning, building houses, schools, health facilities, hunting of wild animals, and collecting of wild fruits. I have been aware of the presence of explosive remnants of war (ERW) and have reported items to mine organizations in the past,” says Regina, a resident and farmer in Lirya. Most recently she reported an item to MAG that she found in her garden.

MAG’s activities in Lirya are located in the center of the town, at the foot of the mountain as well as the side of the road. Returning this land to the community during cultivation season as well as for residential and other livelihood purposes remains crucial for ensuring the food security and protection of the communities.

To report a suspicious object, please contact UNMAS at its 24-hour hotline (remains open during the COVID-19 crisis): 092 000 1055 or via email at report@unmas.org
The HLP TWG has reviewed the HLP issues identified in recent assessments. It has been reported that in many areas of return over half of returnees are living in damaged housing, and 55% of IDPs and returnees are identified to be living in payams reporting houses occupied by non-owners (IOM DTM MobilityTracking R9). In addition, HLP partners identified in several locations local land disputes mechanisms are established are functioning, however there are entrenched harmful traditional norms that limit women's access to HLP rights. In several locations, partners have identified mass destruction of houses due to floods and conflict. The TWG is also supporting the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD) with the preparations for the upcoming conference on Women Land Rights, which will take place from 22 to 24 June. The conference will have the participation of women from grass root organizations and local land authorities.

Mobile Protection Coordination

Mobile protection missions were conducted in May by DRC IPMT to Gumuruk Town, Jonglei to conduct protection assessment and response following the incident of reported organized violence in Gumuruk, Lekongole, and Verteth. GBV incidents, human right violation including child rights violations were reported.

Other mobile protection teams were deployed to Akobo West, Jonglei and Tonj North, Warrap to scale up protection response. Among the activities conducted were protection awareness and provision of protection assistance, distribution of dignity kit, WASH and Shelter and Non-food Item (S/NFI), and emergency FSL support.
Protection Cluster South Sudan
Response Summary

May 2021
Reporting Summary

- 46 Protection Cluster partners have reported in May 2021
- 51% of reporting partners are NNGOs
- Presence in all 10 states

PC partners per state:

- Western Equatoria: 6
- Western Bahr el Ghazal: 4
- Warrap: 4
- Upper Nile: 10
- Unity: 10
- Northern Bahr el Ghazal: 6
- Lakes: 3
- Jonglei: 16
- Eastern Equatoria: 7
- Central Equatoria: 17

Type of PC partners:

- Faith Based Org.: 6%
- INGO: 36%
- NNGO: 51%
- UN agency: 7%
Reporting Summary

- Over 180 K individuals have been provided with Protection response in May by PC partners across all states
- Over 3700 persons with disability have been provided with protection services by Protection partners
- Highest number of reached is in Unity state over 68K individuals

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- Child Protection partners managed to reach over 29K individuals
- GBV partners reached more than 40K individuals
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- HLP partners reached 2000 individuals
- Mine Action partners reached more than 31K individuals

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