Overview

- Protection partners conducted several assessments in June, including in Tonj North, Tonj South, Akobo, Greater Pibor Administrative Area. Numerous protection issues have been identified - significant safety and security concerns, child associated with armed groups, abduction, and GBV cases (rape and sexual violence, early and forced marriage, intimate partner violence). The PC is monitoring the protection situation, advocating, supporting the government and humanitarian organizations in addressing the critical issues.

- The Protection Cluster supports the preparations for the needs assessment (FSNMS+) process to ensure protection related questions are included in the assessment, which will inform the overview of protection situation in Humanitarian Needs Overview process. The PC collaborates with REACH to determine the thematic areas and locations to be considered for qualitative research.

- The Advisory Group on Solutions (AGS), co-chaired by the Protection Cluster, is revising the HCT Guidelines on Return, Relocation and Local Integration adopted in 2019. The guidance note was issued to provide operational guidance on humanitarian support to solutions. Change of operational environment and existing Framework and the Action Plan on Returns, Reintegration and Relocation of Displaced Persons, adopted by the Government shaped the necessity for revision of the Guidelines to correspond to the current context.

- The South Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SSHF) 2021 Standard Allocation 1 has been announced in early June. About US$50 million has been allocated for the SA1, and Protection received an allocation of US$10,194,502. The amount has been divided in three envelopes, covering people affected by food insecurity in IPC 4 and 5 areas, support to people in 6 IDP settlement sites, and support for the critical enablers, such as land and air transport, warehousing, community engagement and data collection. The SA is aimed to support the achievement of the 3 strategic objectives set in the 2021 HRP.
**Child Protection Sub-Cluster**

**Capacity building and training of child protection partners** - with the aim to improve the quality of child protection services, 374 CP actors and community workers were trained on child protection in emergency, including on case management and psychosocial support in Akobo, Ayod, Bor South and Pibor. In addition, the case management taskforce and the TWG on unaccompanied and separated children have oriented partners and provided resources for using the CPMS+. The groups have also setup an Inter-Agency CPIMS+ Technical Support Forum to address challenges and also provide technical oversight to child protection partners on case management and FTR. The Inter-Agency Forum is expected to enhance case management and information management for vulnerable children in South Sudan.

**Sustainability Plan on CPAOR Localization Initiative**

Following the implementation of the localization initiative in Child Protection Coordination, child protection partners have developed a Sustainability Plan/Roadmap for 2023. The roadmap which aims to ensure that national actors have effective leadership and meaningful participation in Child Protection Coordination at the national and sub national level in South Sudan is expected to focus on four key areas, including: a) the need for institutional capacity building; b) the need to increase funding for national actors; c) ensuring equal voice in decision making for HNO and HRP; and d) provision of tools, space and learning opportunities to strengthen their technical skills in child protection leadership and coordination. Once finalized, the sustainability plan will form a basis for continuity of the localization initiative through trainings and coaching, joint advocacy and fundraising.

**Security Sector Actors Trained by Dallaire Institute for Children Peace and Security** - the Dallaire Institute facilitated a training for 117 Security Sector Actors (37 female) as part of the prevention of the recruitment and use of children in conflict. The training aimed to raise awareness among the military and police on their role in preventing the recruitment and use of children. The training targeted forces from the national military (SSPDF), police (SSNPS), and National Security personnel from the Directorate of Child Protection, General Training, Tiger Division, Engineering, and Commando’s Division from SSPDF, SPLA-IO and SSOA. Similar, the Dallaire Institute also conducted a multi-media and advocacy training for the Women Led Organizations. The training, which not only aimed at prioritization of child protection by Women-led Civil Society Organizations, also supported advocacy and media engagement on prevention of grave violations of child’s rights and prevention of the recruitment and use of children as soldiers.

**Day of the African Child 16 June**

Child Protection actors in South Sudan organized a range of interventions across the country to celebrate the Day of the African Child (DAC) under the theme “Accelerate Implementation of Agenda 2040 fit for children in South Sudan”. In Wau, children marched from Wau Youth Centre to the Ministry of General Education and Instruction Hall to raise public awareness on child rights. In Warrap State, several organizations including the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare celebrated the day with the theme of “Protect children from any kind of abuse”. During the event the Ministry of Gender appealed to all public and private sector organizations to work in addressing deeply rooted cultural practices that hinders children’s access to education, health, legal justice and freedom of expression. Due to the COVID-19 protective measures, the commemorations were mainly conducted online including through radio and TV programs.
Gender-Based Violence Sub-Cluster

Safety audit in Bor IDP camp - security and GBV concerns have been highlighted during a safe audit conducted in Bor IDP camp, following the transitioning process completed last year. Several concerns were raised by women, including no safe place in the community to conduct their activities, cases of intimate partner violence, forced marriage and fears of attacks from gang groups. The audit also verified that cases of GBV may not be reported by IDPs due to the fear of retaliation from the perpetrators who are reported to live in the same areas. The GBV cases which require health assistance are currently being referred to Bor Main Hospital. Women also reported fears of attacks when fetching firewood and when using latrines especially at night, as some don't have doors and are not separated by gender. The Sub-cluster partners identified a need to create safe places for the hearing of the cases of GBV, close the open fences around the IDP camp to prevent criminals from entering the camp at night, and advocate for the supply of the available health facility with rape kits to support the GBV survivors.

Training of UNPOL officers on GBV – in collaboration with UNMISS, the Sub-cluster facilitated a training to 27 UNPOL officers, covering an introduction to GBV, the legal framework, guiding principles and recommendations on how to respond to GBV cases. The training aimed to increase knowledge on GBV and to identify the different types of GBV incidents reported in South Sudan, allowing the police officers to understand the application of the GBV guiding principles when interacting with GBV survivors in their field operations.

Updated GBV referral pathways - the Sub-cluster, with support of the State Coordinators, carried out a service mapping and updated the GBV referral pathways in different locations, including Yei, Kapoeta, Pibor, Bor, Aweil, Rumbek, Juba, Yambio, Maridi, Warrap, Bentiu, Mayendit, Wau Town, Naivasha IDP camp, Koch, and Malakal. Given the sensitivities of GBV issues, updated service mapping and referral pathways help organizations to counsel and connect GBV survivors with available services and resources in a timely manner.

Support to GBV service delivery

The GBV Sun-cluster, with support from BHA, procured and distributed 3,000 Dignity Kits (DKs) and other women and girl friendly space items to support the partners in response and GBV prevention in Logo Village in Kajo Keji county, following reported displacement. The Sub-cluster also dispatched 1,000 DK to Tonj (through the partner TOCH), and 1,500 DK for Akobo East (through the partner CARE). GBV partners also received a online training on GBV Information Management System to support partners in effectively and safely collect, store, analyze and respond to GBV cases.
Explosive Remnant of War (ERW)-Related Accidents - two ERW-related accidents were reported in June. On 10 June, in Bor, Jonglei, a six-year-old female and an eight-year-old male were injured while playing with a hand grenade. Without realizing that it was a dangerous object, both children tampered with it and it exploded. The children received immediate medical care and explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) was conducted in the area upon investigation. On 25 June, in Akobo, Jonglei, a 33-year-old female died instantly when an uncontrolled detonation occurred after she unknowingly set fire to an unexploded ordnance (UXO) lying underneath a rubbish pile. EORE was conducted in the area upon the investigation.

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 EORE, which reached a total of 29,060 beneficiaries (4,906 women, 4,767 men, 9,154 girls, and 10,233 boys) in June.

Operation Save Innocent Lives (OSIL) was established in 1996 and is one of the national non-governmental organizations (NNGOs) in South Sudan that is accredited to implement community-based EORE to host communities, returnees, and IDPs to help mitigate against the risk of explosive ordnance (EO). OSIL was previously the only NNGO in South Sudan that was also accredited by the National Mine Action Authority (NMAA) to safely remove and destroy EO. OSIL’s last deployment was to conduct survey and report explosive hazards along the Nimule to Juba road for 192 kilometers and they successfully reported numerous EO that included, but were not limited to mortars, projectiles, cluster munitions and small arms ammunition (SAA). With the hope for additional funding, OSIL will be reaccredited and commence with clearance operations once again. OSIL is also attempting to utilize community radio stations and megaphones to help deliver messaging to a wider audience to ensure that the communities are aware of the threats that unexploded hazards cause. Through it’s messaging, OSIL has identified and raised new explosive hazardous areas (HAs) and reported them to the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) which will enable them to be safely removed and destroyed. Despite the challenges that COVID-19, flooding, and insecurity often present to the community liaison officers (CLOs), OSIL will continue delivering lifesaving EORE messaging to ensure the South Sudanese people have a safe and secure environment enabling freedom of movement and a resumption of livelihoods.

OSIL delivering EORE to returnees in Central Equatoria. Photo: OSIL.

OSIL removing and clearing various explosive ordnance in Central Equatoria. Photo: OSIL.

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

Advancing Women's HLP rights - the HLP TWG supported the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD) in organizing the national conference on Women's Land Rights which is part of regional processes in advancing women HLP rights. The conference which took place on 22-24 June was supported by IGAD and with participation of the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare, and was part efforts being led by the “IGAD Land Governance Programme” launched in 2015 aimed at helping IGAD and its member states to address the various land policy and governance issues faced by countries in the region, including holding consultative processes in developing a Women’s Land Rights Agenda.

The Women's Land Rights conference brought activists women from different parts of the country together with the intention that selected grassroots women organizations from across South Sudan discuss most acute problems of access to land and property for women with land authorities at different levels and share their live experiences. The two first days of the conference were dedicated as a pre-conference workshop having capacity building component to orient the grassroot women organizations on the agenda and consult on their live experiences on land matters in their respective communities.

New HLP resources

Houses and land left behind by IDPs are often occupied by others. But these "invaders" are not always villains in the story. Check out this video from the Global Shelter Cluster to know why.

Mobile Protection Coordination

Mobile protection missions were conducted in June to the Greater Tonjs, including Tonj South, Tonj East and Tonj North by DRC, IOM and Nonviolent Peaceforce. Several protection issues were identified, including concerns regarding early and forced marriage, limited access to education, child labour, lack of access to water, and potential cases of exploitation and abuse of women and girls.

Large number of civilians’ tukuls were destroyed during the flood of 2020 in the area and many have been burned down during the conflict in 2020 and early 2021. Women and children have been affected the most as women are responsible for finding food for their families.

The teams responded to immediate protection needs that were identified during the assessments through awareness-raising and community engagement activities.
Reporting Summary

- 3 Protection Cluster partners have reported in June 2021
- 54% of reporting partners are NNGOs
- Presence in all 10 states

![Bar chart of # Partners per state](chart.png)
Reporting Summary

• Child Protection partners managed to reach over 70K individuals
• GBV partners reached more than 21K individuals
• GP partners reached more than 11K individuals
• HLP partners reached 118 individuals
• Mine Action partners reached more than 31K individuals

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Reporting Summary

• Over 136 K individuals have been provided with Protection response in June by PC partners across all states
• Over 1300 persons with disability have been provided with protection services by Protection partners
• Highest number of reached is in Central Equatoria state over 28K individuals

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Operational Presence PC partners June 2021

UN agencies and NGOs implementing activities in South Sudan

**Upper Nile**
- Africa Development Aid
- DRC-DDG
- Mobile Theatre Team
- Nonviolent Peaceforce
- Universal Network for Child Defence Rights
- UNMAS
- War Child Holland
- World Vision International

**Western Bahr el Ghazal**
- ACT Alliance / Norwegian Church Aid
- Catholic Medical Missions Board
- Child's Destiny and Development Organization
- Danish Church Aid
- DRC-DDG
- Humana Aid for Community Organization
- Institute for the Promotion of Civil Society
- IsraAID
- LULU-South Sudan
- MAG
- Mobile Theatre Team
- Nonviolent Peaceforce
- Pilgrims of Hope
- Plan International
- SLJ, SS
- UNMAS
- Women's Vision

**Lakes**
- African Child Care Nation
- CARE International
- Child's Destiny and Development Organization
- International Rescue Committee
- INTERSOS Humanitarian Aid Organization
- Nonviolent Peaceforce
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**Central Equatoria**
- ACT Alliance / Norwegian Church Aid
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**Jonglei**
- Africa Development Aid
- Community Action Organization
- Grassroot Empowerment and Development Organization
- Hold the Child Organisation
- INTERSOS Humanitarian Aid Organization
- Nonviolent Peaceforce
- Plan International
- Polish Humanitarian Action
- Smile Again Africa Development Organization
- Universal Network for Child Defence Rights
- UNMAS
- Voice of the Peace
- War Child Holland

**Warrap**
- International Organization for Migration
- LULU-South Sudan
- Touch Africa Development Organization
- World Vision International

**Northern Bahr el Ghazal**
- ACT Alliance / Norwegian Church Aid
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