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HIGHLIGHTS

IOM supports cholera response, including prevention and treatment, across the country

IOM and partners deliver more than 5,700 survival kits to IDPs in Unity

Video showcasing IOM's lifesaving activities in South Sudan: <http://t.co/C41uyNGRFI>

IOM and partners deliver lifesaving aid to displaced populations in southern Unity. To date, 5,700 survival kits have been delivered by airlift operations and on-the-ground distributions.

IOM continues to provide humanitarian assistance to displaced and vulnerable populations across South Sudan. Since December 2013, conflict and food insecurity have displaced more than 2.2 million people, including nearly 606,400 people who have fled to neighbouring countries. Approximately 1.6 million people remain internally displaced, including many seeking shelter in remote rural areas and approximately 150,000 people sheltering in protection of civilian sites (PoCs) in UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) bases across the country.* Millions more are affected by violence, lack of food, malnutrition, disrupted livelihoods and economic stress.

As of 8 July, health agencies in South Sudan had reported 792 cholera cases, including 34 deaths, since the Government of South Sudan Ministry of Health declared a cholera outbreak on 23 June. The majority of cases—733—were reported in Juba County, Central Equatoria State, and 59 cases were reported in Bor County, Jonglei State.

IOM is supporting cholera response efforts in Juba County by providing technical and capacity building assistance at the Juba Teaching Hospital cholera treatment centre. In addition, IOM will support the second-round oral cholera vaccine (OCV) campaign at the Juba PoC sites in the coming days. IOM will lead an OCV campaign at the PoC site in Malakal, Upper Nile State, in the coming weeks. In addition, IOM and partners continue to vaccinate new arrivals at the Bentiu PoC site in Unity State, using surplus

vaccines from the June OCV campaign at the site. For more information on the June campaign, please see <https://www.iom.int/news/iom-and-partners-complete-cholera-vaccination-campaign-bentiu-south-sudan>.

As part of expansion and improvement projects at the PoC sites in Bentiu and Malakal, IOM is supporting camp manager Danish Refugee Council (DRC) to relocate IDPs to improved areas of the sites. As of 9 July, more than 43,000 IDPs had relocated to improved sections of the Bentiu PoC, while nearly 5,700 IDPs had relocated to the Malakal extension site as of 1 July.

Unpredictable security conditions continue to increase displacement and severely hamper humanitarian assistance activities, particularly in parts of Greater Upper Nile. Access to Melut County, Upper Nile, remains constrained since fighting in mid-May. In addition, armed activity in the vicinity of the Malakal PoC continues to present a threat to IDPs and humanitarian workers in the PoC, which is sheltering nearly 30,400 IDPs. During fighting on 1 July between armed groups near the Malakal PoC, one civilian IDP was killed and six others were injured in the PoC site.

As part of a multi-agency effort to reach populations displaced in remote areas of Unity, IOM and partner agencies continue to distribute lifesaving survival kits by airlift and on-the-ground distributions. To date, agencies have delivered more than 5,700 kits.

**This figure represents the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) biometrically or temporarily registered. Renewed violence in Greater Upper Nile—Jonglei, Unity and Upper Nile states—continues to prompt day-to-day changes in displacement figures.*

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CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

The CCCM Cluster facilitates the delivery of life-saving services to IDPs in displacement sites throughout South Sudan to ensure that basic humanitarian needs are met. IOM and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees co-lead the CCCM Cluster, in coordination with the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED). IOM continues to serve as the CCCM State Focal Point in Jonglei, Upper Nile, Warrap and Western Bahr el Ghazal states.

HUMANITARIAN HUBS

The CCCM Cluster has established humanitarian hubs at key displacement locations to provide safe and secure accommodation and office space for humanitarian agencies. IOM, in collaboration with UNMISS, manages the hubs within the UNMISS compounds in Bentiu; Malakal; and Bor.

COMMON-TRANSPORT SERVICE (CTS)

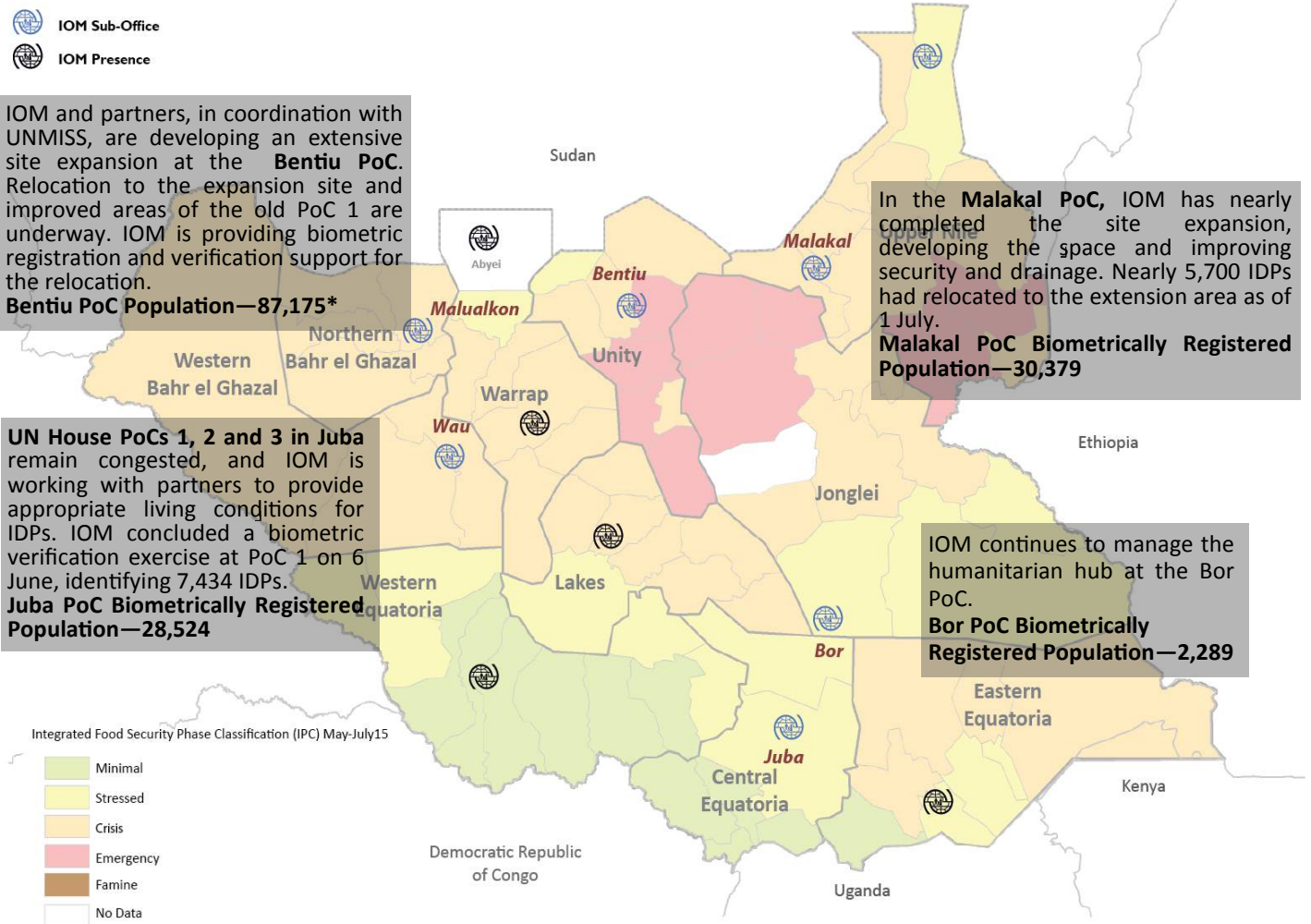
The IOM-operated CTS is a free-for-user service for transporting humanitarian supplies in South Sudan that helps partners deliver assistance to vulnerable populations.

POC DEVELOPMENT, EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT

Efforts to increase capacity and improve living conditions continue at PoC sites in Malakal, Bor, Bentiu and Juba. Please see the map below for additional site specific information.



IOM-constructed bunkers provide protection at humanitarian hubs.



*According to DRC verification exercise and temporary registration data. IOM, in coordination with camp management DRC, will verify Bentiu biometrically registered population figures once relocation is complete.

DISPLACEMENT, TRACKING AND MONITORING (DTM)

To gather information on IDPs residing in UNMISS PoC sites, IOM's DTM team has conducted registration since January 2014 and began biometric registration of IDPs in June 2014. Biometric registration reduces duplication errors and provides a baseline to inform humanitarian response planning.

The DTM team participated in a joint mission in Bentiu town, outside of the PoC site, 3–5 July. IOM DTM staff registered nearly 2,000 new IDP arrivals. To date, approximately 3,800 IDPs have been temporarily registered in Bentiu town since 28 May. The joint mission—including partners from the Food Security and Livelihoods, Protection, and Shelter/Non-Food Items clusters—also distributed five-day rations of high-energy biscuits and registered vulnerable households for relief item distributions.



For more information on IOM DTM, please visit <http://www.iomsouthsudan.org/tracking/index.php>.



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

As co-lead of the Shelter and NFI Cluster in South Sudan, IOM provides emergency shelter materials and essential household items to conflict-affected and displaced populations. IOM also manages the Shelter and NFI Core Pipeline.

Since the crisis began, **6,920 metric tons of shelter and relief item stock** have been moved through the core pipeline; through the Shelter and NFI Cluster, IOM has transported approximately **94 per cent of these stocks**.

During the reporting week, the Cluster pre-positioned sleeping mats and nylon rope in Rumbek, Lakes State, for distribution to vulnerable communities in conflict-affected areas.

IOM FRONTLINE SHELTER/NFI RESPONSE

Since the start of the crisis, IOM's Shelter and NFI frontline response teams have supported nearly **72,200 households with relief items** and more than **5,900 households with shelter materials** in 53 distributions. The team has participated in 32 assessments and rapid monitoring exercises.

Survival Kit Operation

IOM is working with partners to implement an emergency airlift operation to provide lifesaving assistance to IDPs in hard-to-reach areas of Unity, where renewed violence has affected an estimated 750,000 people in recent months. A majority of this population has fled to remote areas, with no access to humanitarian assistance.

To date, IOM and partners have delivered more than 5,700 survival kits to vulnerable populations in southern Unity. The lightweight, portable kits include mosquito nets, short-maturity vegetable seeds, fishing supplies, water carrying containers, water purification tablets, oral rehydration salts, nutritional biscuits for children and kitchen sets with cups, spoons, pots and plates.



Preparation of survival kits for airlift and distribution.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)


IOM is the WASH Cluster State Focal Point in Upper Nile and coordinates WASH responses for the state. IOM also supplies partners with WASH commodities, recently providing hand-pump spare parts, water treatment chemicals and hygiene sanitation items to three partners. In coordination with the WASH Cluster, IOM is ensuring sufficient access to WASH supplies to contain the cholera outbreak.

IOM is establishing WASH services in the extension areas at the Malakal and Bentiu PoCs. In addition, IOM is implementing critical WASH activities—including access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities and hygiene promotion—at the Bentiu, Malakal and Melut PoC sites.

Due to insecurity, IOM WASH teams were unable to access the Melut PoC during the reporting period. However, limited WASH services have continued at the site through the support of IOM-trained IDP WASH attendants and UNMISS peacekeeping troops. During a mid-June assessment mission, IOM WASH staff pre-positioned water treatment supplies sufficient for one month.

IOM WASH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS*

Malakal PoC

 11 liters of safe water available per person per day

 44 persons per latrine

144 people per hygiene promoter



Despite recent insecurity, IOM WASH teams remain on the ground to provide lifesaving WASH assistance.

Increases in population size continue to constrain access to safe drinking water and WASH services.


Water infrastructure construction continues for the extension site, including installation of water towers and construction of water points.

IOM hygiene promotion activities continued, with an increased focus on cholera awareness. During the week of 28 June, nearly 1,200 IDPs were reached through a “cholera quiz” activity on cholera prevention.



IOM-installed water bladders provide access to clean water in the new extension site

Bentiu PoC**

 13.9 liters of safe water available per person per day

 29 persons per latrine

474 people per hygiene promoter



Along with Sector 3 in the extension site, IOM is continuing to provide WASH services to IDPs residing in PoC 4 before they move to the new expansion area. Residents of other sectors also benefit from IOM water supply in Sector 3 and PoC 4.

IOM recently installed water infrastructure to ensure access to clean water at the CARE-managed health care clinic in Sector 3.

The waste stabilisation pond is 94 per cent complete. The pond will improve sanitation conditions in the site.

Hygiene and sanitation promotion training and activities have increased focus on cholera treatment and prevention.



IDPs retrieve safe drinking water from new water points in Sector 3

*Statistics reflect the period of 28 June – 4 July.

**Average for PoC 4 and Sector 3 of new extension area



HEALTH

IOM is providing primary health care assistance in the Malakal and Bentiu PoC sites and clinical assistance to IDPs, returnees and host communities in Renk County, Upper Nile. IOM also operates mobile health services in the South Sudan –Sudan border area of Wonthou (Joda).

During the reporting period, malaria, upper and lower respiratory tract infections and acute watery diarrhea were the top medical conditions at IOM static clinics in Bentiu, Malakal and Renk.

In response to the cholera outbreak, IOM health teams are providing support across the country. IOM is preparing an upcoming OCV campaign for the Malakal PoC. Following the two-round OCV campaign completed on 28 June, IOM continues to vaccinate new arrivals against cholera at the Bentiu PoC registration gate.

In addition, health and WASH Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) are providing support to partners responding to the cholera outbreak in Juba. For additional information, please see the RRT section on page 6.

BENTIU PoC

1,662* health consultations

Top Medical Conditions at IOM Static Clinics:

Malaria

Upper Respiratory Tract Infection

163 children vaccinated

27 babies delivered

IOM health teams continue to provide regular health consultations, vaccinations and reproductive health care services. As the rainy season sets in, IOM has increased health promotion to encourage households to identify symptoms and seek early treatment.



IOM hygiene promoters discuss reproductive health with women at the Bentiu PoC



Construction of an IOM clinic in the Malakal extension site

The IOM Health team in Malakal continues to provide reproductive health promotion, health care services, nutrition screening, vaccinations and testing. IOM is preparing for an upcoming OCV campaign at the site.

785* health consultations

Top Medical Conditions at IOM Static Clinics:

Malaria

Upper Respiratory Tract Infection

346 children vaccinated

16 babies delivered

MALAKAL PoC

**Statistics reflect the period from 29 June – 5 July.*



PROTECTION

IOM South Sudan's mobile Psychosocial Support (PSS) team continues to work with IDPs at the Bor PoC site to offer counselling, convene community discussions and engage IDPs in communal activities to address protection concerns.

IDPs recently organised a debate with school children regarding early marriage and the importance of education. Following the debate, children reflected on their lives in the PoC and created posters to share their perspectives.

IOM PSS experts are consulting with partners and community leaders in the Bentiu PoC to develop a psychosocial program in the site.



School children display posters about life in the Bor PoC



RAPID RESPONSE TEAM (RRT)

The IOM RRT is a multi-sectoral mechanism to provide timely humanitarian assistance in response to acute needs across South Sudan. IOM RRTs comprise experts in the sectors of health, shelter/NFI and WASH. RRTs can be deployed to respond in several locations simultaneously, based on the needs identified through assessments and prioritization through the Operations Working Group.

In response to the cholera outbreak in Juba County, health and WASH RRTs are providing technical support at the cholera treatment centre at the Juba Teaching Hospital. IOM will also support the upcoming second-round OCV campaign at the Juba PoC sites.



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 currently covers nine counties in South Sudan with the support of partner organizations.

RRF staff recently conducted a monitoring visit to Mayom County, Unity State, where partner the International Rescue Committee (IRC) is providing access to health care assistance for IDPs and vulnerable communities. IRC is also assessing needs of IDPs in Mankien, Mayom County, displaced by recent fighting in Unity.



RRF-partner IRC conducts health consultations at their clinic in Mayom

RRF partner Lacha Community and Economic Development (LCED) recently completed distribution of shelter reinforcement kits—including bamboo, wooden poles, plastic sheeting and rubber rope—at the Juba PoC sites. LCED team members remain on the ground to conduct post-distribution monitoring and provide technical and installation assistance to vulnerable IDP households.

Insecurity and access constraints in Great Upper Nile continue to hinder operations for partners in several areas, particularly in parts of Unity and Upper Nile.

Funding for IOM South Sudan’s emergency operation is provided by

