

PROTECTION CLUSTER SOUTH SUDAN – MONTHLY UPDATE APRIL 2023



Mine Action partners marked the International Mine Awareness and Mine Action Day in Juba on 4th April

On 15 April 2023, fighting erupted in Khartoum and other regions of Sudan. Thousands of people fled their homes, seeking refuge and protection in neighboring countries. Since April 16, South Sudan has received thousands of new arrivals (mostly South Sudanese returnees) through several entry points along the border between Sudan and South Sudan. Over 90% of those are passing through the Joda border point in Renk County, Upper Nile State, with an influx of close to 35,000 newly arrived people by the end of the month. UNHCR and IOM are working closely with the authorities and partners responding to the situation, including the registration of the new arrival at the various data points. The data can be found on <u>Population movement dashboard</u>. The Protection Cluster works closely with the inter-agency response team on the ground to provide support.

The conflict in Jonglei state that erupted in December 2022 and escalated in early 2023 has displaced an estimated 20,000 people to Malakal town, Canal/Pigi, Baliet, and Ulang counties due insecurity and reports of abductions. The conflict mainly transpired in the Northern Jonglei counties of Akobo, Nyirol, and Uror, where civilians fleeing the areas are visibly traumatized due to unconfirmed reports of deaths, injuries, extortion, looting, heavy damage to public and private infrastructure, and conflictrelated sexual violence. GBV incidents and family separations have been widespread, and the number of unaccompanied or separated children on the rise. During April, the Protection Cluster coordination mechanisms in Upper Nile and Jonglei published a <u>report</u> focusing on a spontaneous site of Gokjak in Piji/Canal County, hosting almost 17,000 displaced people and in need of life-saving assistance.



In April 2023

Mine Action

Some 10K individuals were reached by
protection supports services such as PCC,
access to documentation, cash-based
assistance etc.)

35,518 psycho-social assistances were provided to children

1,720 emergency response services were provided in WGFS

with HLP relevant information through awareness raising activities

937 individuals were reached

More that **20,000 children** were provided with EORE education.

Gender-based Violence (GBV)

- The GBV AoR conducted a one-day workshop on Ethical Media Reporting on GBV with journalists on April 19, 2023, in Juba. Fifteen journalists (5F, 10M) were trained, and a work plan was developed on how the GBV AoR will continue to engage with the media on GBV prevention and response activities.
- The GBV AoR conducted training for the nutrition cluster on GBV integration into Nutrition. A total of 59 participants were trained on concrete actions to be taken by the nutrition cluster to integrate GBV into the HPC cycle.
- A total of 13,386 dignity kits were prepositioned to respond to the needs of women and girls of . reproductive age. Part of these prepositioned dignity kits have been allocated for response to the Sudan crisis.

Housing, Land and Property

that was recently cleared.

Moreover, 490,484 sqm were cleared.

Two workshops were conducted on Customary Law review and validation in Juba County, including workshop on customary law ascertainment, review, and documentation.

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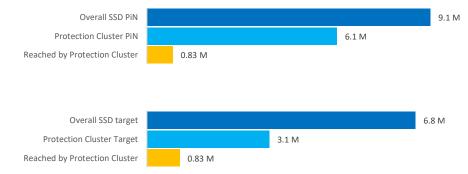
April 4th in Juba as well as in the various field sites. Partners underlined the need for a

unified especially considering funding challenges. In Magwi, DRC demonstrated mine

action technical procedures and community members displayed their harvest from land

In April, mine action partners reached 39,135 with explosive ordnance risk education.

- HLP advocacy meetings with key stakeholders were held in Mayom County. Furthermore, • two civil-military dialogue sessions were held, highlighting HLP concerns among others in the areas of In Yei, Morobo, Leer, and Kejo Keji. A road map for durable solutions, including access to HLP for IDPs, was also presented to the State Solutions Task Force in Jongolei.
- Trainings targeting traditional chiefs and local leaders on traditional justice systems handling HLP disputes in Juba were conducted in different states. Intra- and intercommunity dialogues, including on how to resolve HLP disputes, were held in Mayom County. Awareness-raising sessions on collaborative dispute resolution and social cohesion were conducted in Bor, Wau, Duk, and Mayom. HLP legal counselling and assistance continued in Waw, Jonglei, Unity, Juba, and CES.



Child Protection

- The National CP AoR conducted detailed analysis for the state level Child Protection Working Groups (CPWGs). Following that, a support plan was developed, and the CP Roving field coordinators activated seven CPWG out of 13 CPWG.
- Training to strengthen coordination mechanisms in line with the CPIE-Coordination Handbook for Greater Yei CPWG took place from April 17-18, 2023. A total of 15 Female and 9 males) participated in the training.
- Support the coordination of returning 40 abductees (children and women) to Malakal and 20 abductees (children and women) to Pibor for the reunification exercise and reintegration process.
- The CP AoR team undertakes a field visit to Malakal, Awil, and Wau to reactivate and support the CP coordination structures.

In 2023, the PC members delivered 0.83 M protection services

