



GBV AoR: Demonstration of the use of dignity kits to women

Protection Cluster developed draft HCT Protection strategy: HCT Protection Strategy was developed to give effect to the IASC Principals' Centrality of Protection Statement (2013), the IASC Protection Policy (2016) and the IASC terms of reference for HCTs (2017), which stipulates the collective approach toward the centrality of protection and the development and implementation of the ensuing HCT Protection Strategy as a mandatory priority of an HCT.

On the watch, Akobo and Nyirol counties: An inter-agency team conducted a needs assessment of people affected by intercommunal fighting in Walgak, Diror, Buong, and Barmach of Akobo West in Akobo County and Waat of Nyirol County from January 18 to 20. The team reported over 37,600 displaced in the assessed areas. They fear returning home due to the presence of attackers in their villages.

During the attacks, at least 29 people were killed, 22 others injured, and 16 children and women reportedly abducted. Over 3,300 cattle were stolen, and 39 houses were burned in Wunbil Boma in Nyrol County.

Displacement in Maiwut county: The recent recurrent attacks launched on January 29, 2023, in Yambure, Pajung, and Kuerkem bomas of Jekow Payam led to the displacement of civilians to areas such as Turu, Chikal, Dhardhar, Pagak, and refugee camps in Ethiopia. The clashes had a disproportionate impact on the civilian population, resulting in recurring displacement, destruction of properties and infrastructure, cases of conflict-related sexual violence, and family separation. The majority of the IDPs are women, children, and elderlies, with the most vulnerable being single mothers, children, and male youth.

In January 2023

8,433 general protection services incl. peace-building activities with participation of 226 people

33,923 child protection services incl. PSS support to **20,707** children

24,813 GBV services including to 5,414 women and girls who accessed services in WGFS

200 HLP services were reported in January

Training on explosive ordinance risk was provided to **78,590** people

Child Protection (CP)

- The CP AoR organized an online roll-out session on [child protection minimum standard 9: Sexual and gender-based violence \(SGBV\)](#). The meeting was attended by 150 participants working on CP and GBV issues in South Sudan. The session's goal was to raise awareness about the protection risks faced by children and how practitioners can use the minimum standards.
- With the support of UNICEF, SCI, GREDO, and Plan International, 108 abductees (35 boys, 45 girls, and 27 women) were airlifted from Bor to Pibor and received CP services, including dignity kits, food, and PSS services. All abductees successfully reunified with their families.

Housing, Land and Property

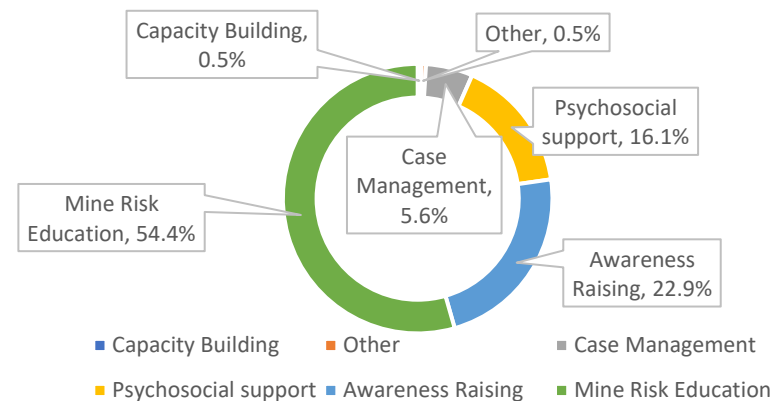
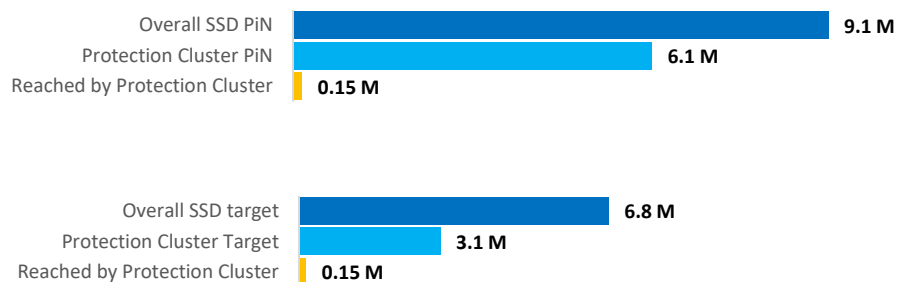
- HLP AoR is monitoring the eviction cases in Leer Temporary Protection Area (TPA) with agencies involved in assessing the situation. HLP AoR is reviewing the assessment and considering the drafting of an advocacy position paper on the issue.
- HLP TWG in Wau Western Bahr EL Ghazal State- participated in the joint border conflict assessment in Jur River with the peace working group and is ready to support the upcoming peace conference in Wau.

Gender-based Violence (GBV)

- **GBV Trainings.** The GBV AoR and the IRC (Women’s Protection and Empowerment), with support from the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) – USAID, conducted a 3-day GBV Case Management refresher training in Bentiu - Unity State, to 21 (13F, 8M) frontline Case workers and Case Managers. In addition, 10 GBV partners participated in the Caring for Child survivors’ Training in Juba.
- **Response in Greater Pibor Administrative Area:** Following the subnational conflict in Greater Pibor Administrative Area (GPAA), the GBV AoR mobilized GBV partners who provided PSS to 192 beneficiaries (134F; 58M), 1000 women and girls were provided with dignity kits, 350 beneficiaries (200 women and 150 girls) accessed services in Women and Girls Friendly Space, among other GBV services. Other GBV needs and gaps, challenges, recommendations, and advocacy issues have been consolidated for follow up actions.

Mine Action

- MA AoR members reached out to a total of 78, 590 community members including displaced people sheltering at IDP camps in JamJang town in Unity state (20,770 girls, 20,780 boys, 24,076 women and 12,964 men) with explosive ordnance risk education.
- Approximately 748,000 m2 of land (equal to 107 x football pitches) was released to the communities through survey and clearance of hazardous areas. The land included a landmine field in Bunj town in Upper Nile state where an estimated more than 5,000 community members are living inside.



The graphs above represent the reach of Protection Cluster members in comparison to the cluster and overall South Sudan PiN and in comparison to overall and Protection Cluster targets. The graph on the right showcases the percentage of key protection members activities in relation to total of services provided in January.