

Cluster Coordination Performance monitoring workshop: On March 29, the protection cluster convened a workshop with AoRs and the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) to review the results of the survey. The workshop was used as an opportunity to discuss and **reflect on the coordination, areas of strong performance** by its members and agencies, as well as **areas that require attention**. The workshop also identified where support may be needed from the cluster lead agency, cluster members, the HCT, and global clusters. Overall, the cluster performed well based on the measures put in place because of the peer-to-peer report. The outcome from the workshop will be used to update the cluster work plan.

Internal displacement in Malakal: The conflict in Jonglei state has displaced 20,000 people, mostly women, children, and vulnerable people from Nyirol, Akobo, and Urur. Malakal town is currently hosting some 14,000 IDPs, with at least 4,000 new arrivals from Jonglei state, increasing the IDP population by 20%, and this has stretched the already scarce resources of humanitarian partners. The government has plans to move IDPs to a new IDP site in Malakal town, but there is no indication of the dates. Considering the sensitivity of HLP issues in Malakal town, and should this relocation take place, it is important to ensure strict compliance with the humanitarian principles of do no harm, and voluntariness, while emphasizing conflict sensitivity and HLP considerations. Protection Cluster in Upper Nile published a [report and advocacy note on the current situation in Malakal](#)

In March 2023

16,500 individual level protection support services were provided by GP partners	5,700 psycho-social assistances were provided to children	3,304 women and girls were supported in WGFSS across the country	285 community leaders were provided with HLP training	Training on explosive ordinance risk was provided to over 50,000 people
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Mine Action

- MA AoR members reached out to a total of 50,330 community members (17,123 girls, 18,319 boys, 8,451 women and 6,437 men) with explosive ordinance risk education.
- Approximately 1,174,419 Sqm of land (equal to 164 football pitches) was released to the communities through survey and clearance of hazardous areas.
- During March, UNMAS continued clearance of an anti-tank minefield in Bunj town in Upper Nile State. Anti-tank mines have been removed mere steps from homes, roads, markets, and schools. Clearance of the minefield should be completed in April, enabling the people of Bunj town to live free from the threat of explosive hazards.

Gender-based Violence (GBV)

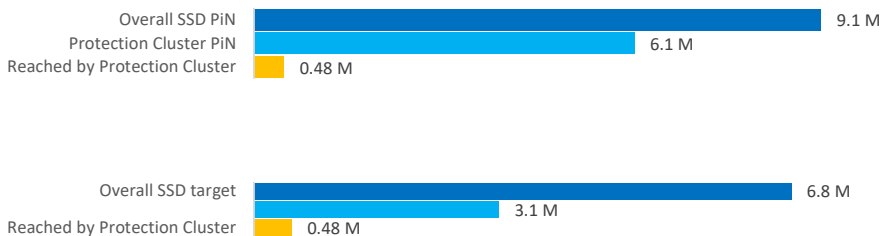
- In March 2023, a total of 7,000 + Dignity Kits were distributed to various GBV partners to respond to emergency situations in various locations across several states.
- GBV AoR participated in the validation workshop of the national GBV prevalence survey organized by the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare and the National Bureau of Statistics, with support from UNFPA, UNDP, and UN Women. This enabled better understanding of the nuances of GBV across the country and explore ways to improve GBV programming and advocacy.
- The GBV AoR together with GBV partners and UN Gender team met with the UN Under-Secretary-General Christian Saunders and made a presentation on the complementarity of GBV AoR work to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA).

Housing, Land and Property

- NRC supported 68 individual returnees to obtain security of tenure documents in the Payams of Juongkang and Adok in Leer town-Unity state, some of whom have already started rebuilding their homes.
- 285 community leaders at local level benefited from NRC’s capacity building trainings on HLP rights and collaborative dispute resolution in Jongolei. 90(43M/47F) in Bor town, 90 (45F /45Males) in Akobo and 105 (58F,47m) in Twic East.
- IOM-HLP e-course [Housing, Land and Property in Displacement](#) is now available to the public. The course combines live-action videos and a first-person video game interface, and is divided into four modules: HLP Basics, Security of Tenure, Returns and Restitution, and Women’s Access to Property.

Child Protection

- CP AOR Team undertook a mission to Malakal and Abyei to support and strengthen the pre-existing coordination mechanism.
- CP AOR Team conducted a two days' workshop to discuss Cluster Coordination Performance Survey findings and provide inputs the new CP AOR strategy 2023-2025
- The national CP AOR team, supported by the Global CP AOR, rolled-out the Child Protection Minimum Standard (CPMS) 16 - Family strengthening. Representatives of national, international NGOs and UN agencies implementing child protection activities in South Sudan participated at the roll-out thus increasing awareness on the relevance of CPMS and adoption of new approaches as stipulated by the 2019 Child Protection Mediation Model (CPM).



In 2023, the PC members delivered 476 K protection services

