



UNHCR/Dorijan Klasnic. Protection solutions for IDPs and Returnees in Malakal

- In September and October 2023, Protection Cluster members in South Sudan provided 405K protection services to vulnerable displaced, returning and resident communities, bringing the yearly total to **2.5M**. During the period, 6 UN agencies, 17 international and 17 national NGOs were active in all states of South Sudan covering 80% of counties. See [SSD Protection Cluster 5W for 2023](#) for more details.
- During the reporting period, the Protection Cluster published a comprehensive [Protection Analysis Update](#) which places a thematic focus on protection risks facing persons with disabilities and older persons.
- Also, based on a research conducted in August 2023, the Protection Cluster published a [PC SSD Protection Risk Assessment](#) to engage in understanding the protection environment inclusively and collaboratively in South Sudan.
- During the reporting period, the Protection Cluster coordination team, supported by AoR coordinations at all levels, conducted the yearly Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) exercise. This year, the team implemented several global and national changes to the process, such as introduction of the JIAF 2.0 system and re-strategising affected populations. At the end of the HNO process, based on a variety of data sources such as the ISNA, PMS and PRA, the Protection Cluster agreed on a **Population in Need (PiN) of 5.53M**.
- Based on the abovementioned establishment of the PiN, and in close coordination with other clusters and the HC, the Protection cluster set its 2024 targets at an overall number of close to **2.2M people planned to reach** with a variety of protection services in the country.
- By the end of October, the Protection Cluster team and AoR coordination mechanisms, approved 83 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) projects by members planning to achieve the Cluster targets in the country. The overall need to achieve this target is of approximately **USD 120M for 2024** (including the emergency in response to the Sudan crisis).

**In September and October 2023:**

<b>146,000</b>	<b>85,700</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>82,000</b>
children provided with focused and non-focused MHPSS and related services	women and girls accessed WGFS services	People, mostly returnees, reached with HLP information sharing sessions	individuals received EORE education	individuals supported with general protection assistances

So far, in 2023, PC members have delivered 2.5 M protection services:

