



Sam Mednick/Mine Action conducts land clearance on a task site in Ameer Junction in Magwi County

USAID South Sudan is backing a stakeholder-driven project to enhance collaboration and communication among protection service providers. Following initial talks, USAID will support certain activities of the Protection Cluster, targeting the initiative's objectives. The cluster is now completing its 2024 action plan.

In December, the Protection Cluster, collaborating with the Inter-Agency and UNHCR refugee teams, presented a detailed report at the Regional Protection Working Group meeting. This update highlighted the South Sudan Cluster's response and the Sudan emergency's severity. The meeting, attended by protection stakeholders, regional cluster leaders, and donors, was a key regional advocacy event.

The Protection Cluster completed the 2023 5W data harmonization, merging monthly data into a master list with visualizations on the SSD Protection Cluster 5W dashboard. In 2023, the cluster provided 3.16 million protection services, with 2.55 million under the Humanitarian Response Plan. The remainder were mine action educational activities by UN-affiliated organizations.

The 2023 Protection Monitoring System identified the top five protection violations: Child Labor (58%), Civil Documentation Issues (52%), Limited Access to Humanitarian Aid (44%), Family Separation (40%), and Sexual Violence with Safety, Security, and Displacement concerns (39%). Notably, these issues stem not only from conflict but also from harmful cultural practices and the lack of livelihood opportunities, leading to negative coping strategies.

IN DECEMBER 2023

13,000 PSS service provided to children

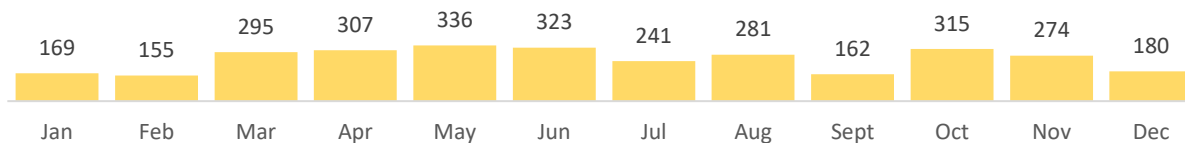
1,600 GBV risk mitigation services

2,400 people reached with cash-based general protection services

3,480 People reached with EORE under HRP

72,000 People reached with awareness and information sharing activities

In 2023, PC members have delivered 3.16M protection services (see graph below representing delivery per month in Thousands)



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