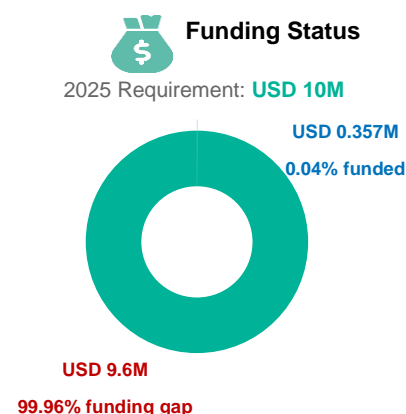
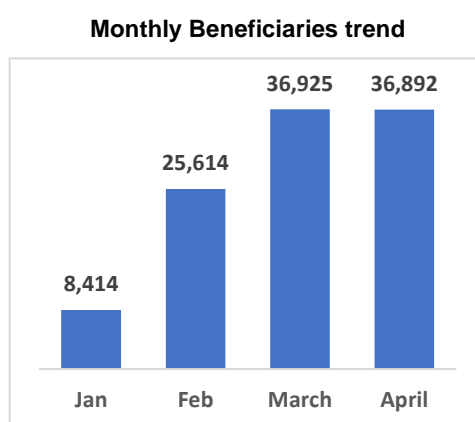
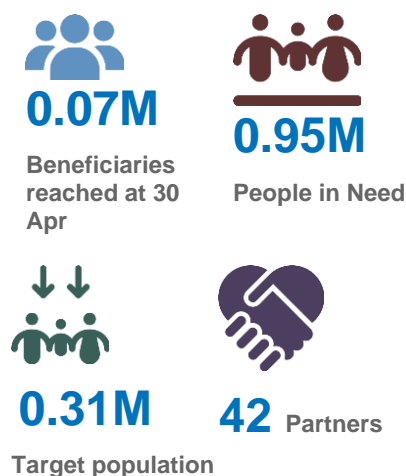


Key Figures



Response Overview

In April 2025, the Protection Cluster and its AoRs reached **36,892 individuals** in the North-West and South-West regions with protection services ranging from **MHPSS**, to **holistic support to GBV survivors**, and **sensitization of communities on HLP related issues**.

- **16,199 children and caregivers** accessed mental health or psychosocial support
- **9,857 individuals** were reached during GBV sensitization activities at the community level
- **1,679 displaced or crisis-affected persons** were sensitized on peace building, social cohesion and peaceful co-existence between IDPs, returnees and host communities
- **1,398 individuals** were sensitized on HLP rights
- **497 GBV survivors** received holistic GBV support (MHPSS, legal assistance, medical support and referrals)

Key Highlights

In April, protection actors continued to feel the impact of the global suspension of US funding for humanitarian activities.

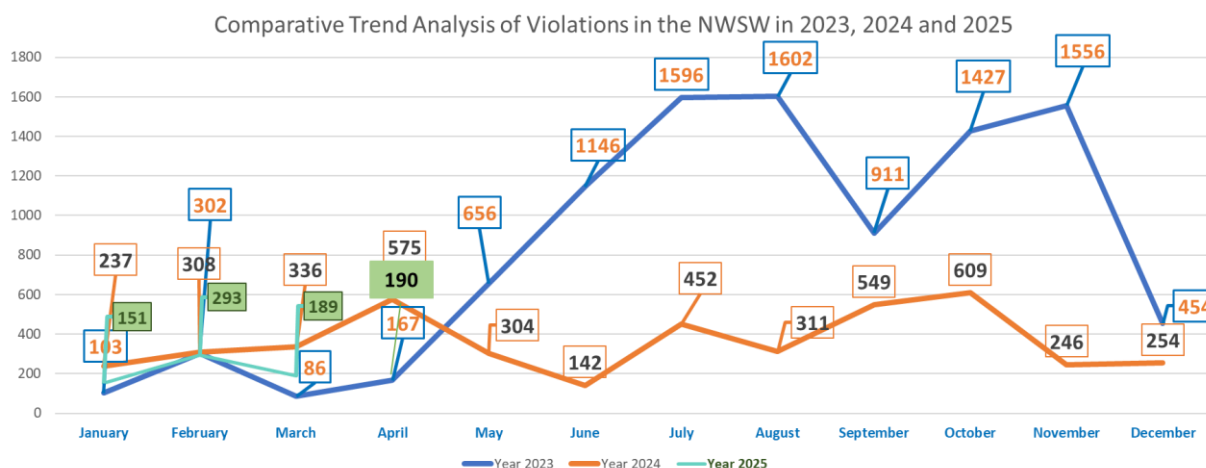
Protection actors organized awareness-raising and sensitization sessions on GBV, peace building and social cohesion and HLP rights to affected populations, and GBV and Child Protection actors continued to provide MHPSS to GBV survivors, children and their caregivers.

There is, however, need for more long-term MHPSS care, to alleviate the mental impact of the on-going crises in the NWSW regions, and livelihood opportunities, to build and strengthen civilians' resilience.

Protection Monitoring

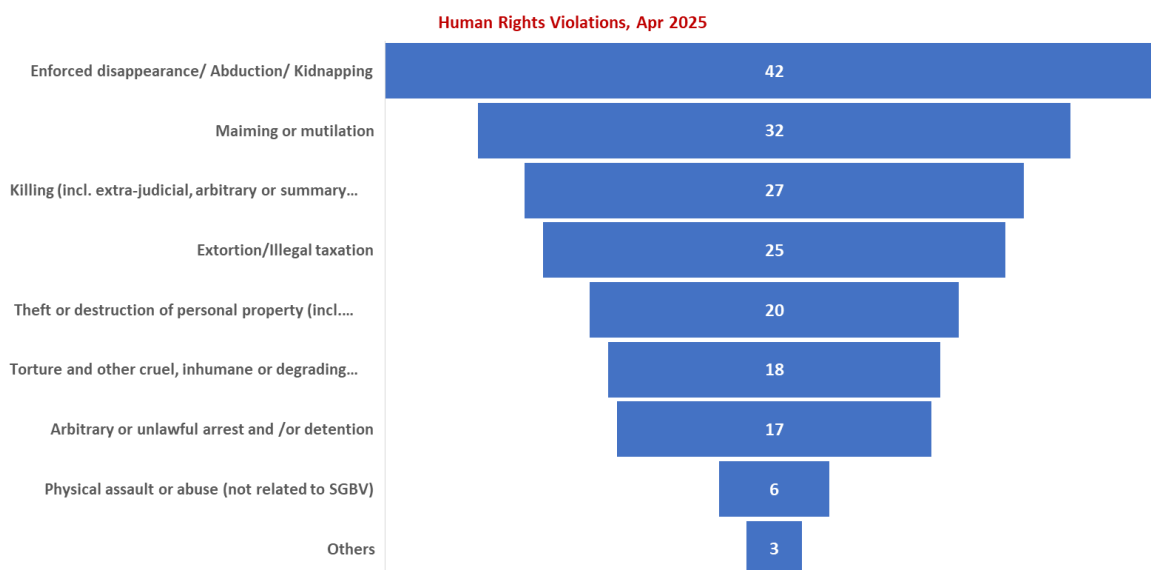
In April, **190 human rights violations** were recorded. **Abductions for ransom (42 victims), maiming /mutilation (32 victims)** and **killings (27 victims)** were the top three reported violations.

Protection actors have noticed an increase in torture and cruel / inhumane treatment, and abductions for ransom and illegal taxation continue to rise.



The civilian population continues to get caught between NSAG and SSF operations. On 9 April, in **Ekona, Fako Division (SW)**, seven individuals including two young girls aged 10 to 13 years, and a breastfeeding mother were arbitrarily arrested and detained by SSF looking for NSAGs. The three women were eventually released later that day, but the corpses of the four men were returned to the community the following morning, causing about 200 individuals to flee the community, seeking refuge on their farms and surrounding bushes.

Protection actors provided Psychosocial support to the community, but there is need for increased advocacy to SSF to respect the rule of law when carrying out their operations.



Key Challenge

The on-going global cut in humanitarian funding has negatively impacted protection programming in the NWSW regions, limiting protection actors' ability to identify, monitor, prevent and mitigate protection risks and incidents in the NWSW regions.