

Protection Monitoring Validation workshop: The Protection Cluster convened a two-day workshop with the PMS partners on the 19th and 20th of December, the meeting was attended by 30 members. The workshop's purpose was to evaluate the PMS tools and get feedback from partners on what worked and what didn't. Based on the feedback, the tool will be revised and launched in March 2023. During the workshop the PMS findings from October to December were discussed and based on discussions key advocacy messages were developed and later shared.

On the watch: <u>Upper Nile State</u>: Following withdrawal of the White Army from Fashoda county to Panyikang county and Northern Jonglei in December 2022, security situation in Upper Nile state remains volatile but with no incidents of fighting recorded since 17 December 2022 between Agwelek, government forces and White Army.

<u>Jonglei/GPAA</u>: On December 25th fighting erupted across Gumruk and Lekuangole counties displacing some 32,000 IDPs, continued mobilization of armed youth around Gumruk and increasing rumors or an imminent retaliation has led to a very tense security situation.

In December 2022

21,738 general protection services incl. **7,975 case** management services

23,299 child protection services incl. PSS support to **5,801** children

61,496 GBV services incl. **7,729** women and girls who accessed services in WGFS

No HLP services were reported in December

Training on explosive ordinance risk was provided to **72,045** people

Child Protection (CP)

- INTERSOS trained 101 parents and foster caregivers in Malakal Town and POC (69 Female,
 32 male) on positive parenting skills and alternative care for unaccompanied children without the appropriate care.
- WCH facilitated Child protection awareness/orientation sessions for 88 Children (38 male,
 50 female) in Child Rights Clubs in schools and groups in Malakal, Abrouch, and Kodok.
- WCH supported youth role models to provide peer-to-peer mentorship and support to 405 conflict-affected adolescents (174 boys & 231 girls), including those at risk of (re-) recruitment in Bor County, Jonglei state.
- Plan International Yei Office graduated adolescents and their parents and caregivers who completed adolescent Life skills and Positive Parenting training sessions, respectively.

Housing, Land and Property

- Monthly HLP AoR meeting was conducted on 2nd December 2022. whereby final review
 of the HLP AoR work plan for 2023, draft partner mapping for HLP AoR, Leer HLP advocacy
 updates and progress, and way forward for HLP AoR were discussed.
- HLP AoR work plan 2023 was completed by the members. The work plan covers some of the key areas: General-HLP Resource Library, HLP Assessment and Analysis, HLP intervention, Advocacy, and Awareness.

Gender-based Violence (GBV)

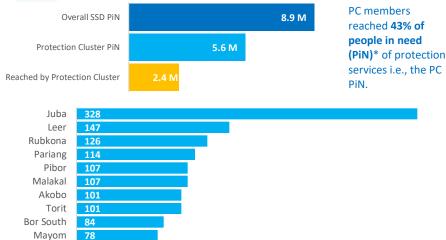
- The GBV AoR coordination team visited Malakal in December to meet with the MoGCSW and GBV/CP partners to discuss the progress, and challenges in delivering GBV prevention, risk mitigation, and response services, including GBV AoR coordination challenges along with remedial actions.
- GBV partners operating in Kodok, Melut, and Malakal counties in Upper Nile State continued to provide frontline GBV response services for populations affected by the conflict incident in Aburoc – Fashoda County.
- 1,408 dignity kits provided to GBV partners. In addition, 12 post-rape treatment kits were
 provided to the field based GBV AoR Coordination in Upper Nile State for Kodok and Melut
 response. Additional post-rape kit have been prepositioned.

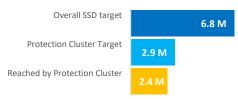
Mine Action

- 18,161 girls, 18,536 boys, 26,332 women and 9,622 men were provided with explosive ordnance risk education. This includes people displaced by the continued armed conflicts in Fashoda county and sought safety at IDP camps in Malakal in Upper Nile.
- Approximately 600,000 m² of land (equal to 85 x football pitches) was released back to the communities through survey and clearance of hazardous areas, for safer movement and use.



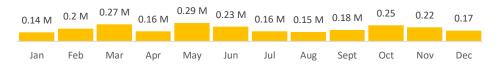
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PC members reached **83% of its 2022 HRP target** (including with non-HRP actions, HRP only activities reached 41% of the 2022 target). **

Throughout 2022, 101 UN Agencies, national and international non-governmental organizations and faith or Church-based organizations worked in all 10 states and all 78 counties of the country. The graph on the right showcases the top 15 counties recipients of protection services, in thousands.



During 2022, the Protection Cluster members reported providing well over 3.4 M* protection assistances to communities in South Sudan. The above graph represents yearly progress of delivery.

* The high reach is primarily related to awareness raising and information provision activities. Over 43% of activities are "low-cost and high-reach services". Irregular, untimely, and diminishing funding for protection reduces the ability of PC members to increase their focus on much needed higher-cost protection services and protection assistance.

With **458K** general protection services provided so far, the PC has reached **39%** of the 2022 target (1.18M)

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Aweil East

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Child Protection AoR membership has provided **580K** services reaching **48%** of its 2022 target (1.18 M) GBV AoR membership has provided **695K** prevention and response services, reaching **74%** of the 2022 target (0.93 M)

HLP services have supported 82K people in South Sudan reaching 12% of its 2022 target (0.68 M) Mine Action AoR membership has provided services to **512K** people and has reached **231%** of its 2022 target (0.22 M)

Number, in thousands, of assistances for the top-ten activities implemented by the cluster members.

