

Overview

- Inter communal fighting and cattle raiding continue across Warrap, Jonglei and Lakes. Less reports of cattle raids in Unity, Western Bahr El Ghazal and Eastern Equatoria.
- PC and its partners have been responding to the displacement situation and its associated protection incidences as a result of the violence. Mobile teams were sent out to Pibor to respond to the ongoing displacement caused by inter-communal disputes.
- PC continues to support through the PC lead in Jonglei the displacement situation in Pibor and the Pibor AA. Efforts include protective presence, material assistance and dispute resolution activities.
- Child Protection Sub-Cluster partners are reporting family separations and psychological distress for the intercommunal conflict affected communities in Jonglei, Unity, lakes and Warrap states. Child Protection partners are scaling up their response to displaced communities in these states a with PSS and FTR services.

Key Figures

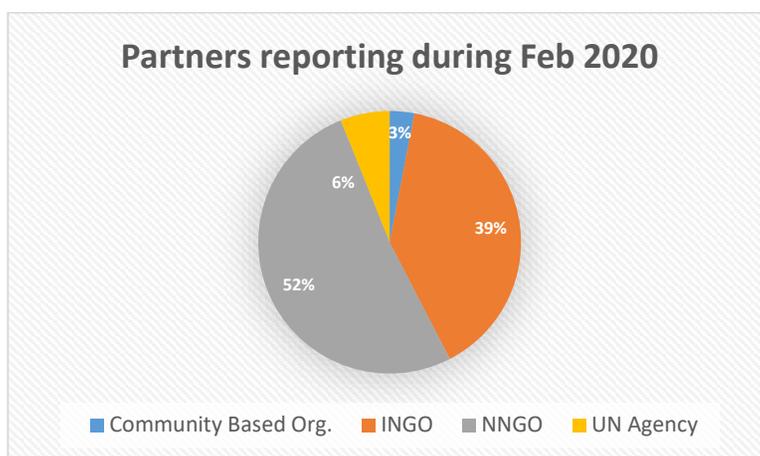
4.5 M people in need

2.8 M people targeted

\$85.7 M funding requirement

Information Management

During the month of February, 32 HRP and Non-HRP partners have reported against protection activities, providing protection services to 161,794 individuals of those 942 were persons with disability.



Mobile missions by the PC and Mobile Teams

In the month of February to March 2020, the PC's Roving officers conducted two field missions to monitor the protection and assistance situation of spontaneous IDP returnees in the areas of New Fangak of Jonglei State and Leer County of Unity state. KII and FGD with communities and discussions with key local authorities and humanitarian partners reveal an increasing number of returnees in both areas and the return is alleged to be related to the relative peace as a result of the Revitalized Peace Agreement. Key protection findings include GBV incidences especially domestic violence and intimate partner violence. Child protection issues were also identified where they was a high number of child labor and high rate of school dropouts reported. Lack of shelters and food supplies, limited access to services such as health, PSS and overstretched available resources were noted. Services providers operating in the area have not only run out of funding but have laid off critical staff as a result although retaining few for the anticipated 2020 funding. Voices from the IDP returnees call on humanitarian partners to support with food and Non-food items (NFI) for smooth reintegration, decent rebuilding and reconstruction of their lives as they settle in areas of return or areas of origin.

Housing, Land and Property Technical Working Group (HLP TWG)

The HLP Technical Working Group developed a HLP Resource Library, which includes different strategies, approaches, best practices, methodologies, guidelines, checklists, programmes, projects, models, precedents, and lessons learned from HLP interventions in countries emerging from conflict as well as in South Sudan. The purpose of the Library is to assist the different organizations working on HLP issues in South Sudan to operationalize solutions that will assist displaced persons to achieve durable housing and livelihood solutions, contributing to build durable peace.

The resources are structured according to cross-cutting themes (including women's rights, conflict sensitive approaches, national ownership, and legal frameworks), data gathering, advocacy and awareness raising, dispute resolution, reconstruction, and tenure security. The Library will be available in the South Sudan Protection Cluster page on the GPC website.

Gender Based Violence Sub Cluster

2 Field Missions to Kapoeta and Rumbek – Training on case management, service mapping and meeting with GBV service providers. A total of 34 Case workers/ managers (12W and 22M) attended the GBV Case management training in Lakes State-Rumbek and were drawn from Rumbek, Yirol, Quibet and Wulu. All the four facilitators were female drawn from WAV, GBV SC and TOCH. In line with the Caring for Adolescent and child survivor's initiative (CASI) that will be launched in South Sudan, GBV and CP sub clusters participated in an online coordination to discuss modalities of the call for proposals from partners, review process, locations of implementation and capacity building of selected partners for the project.

The GBV Sub cluster monthly coordination meeting took place and on the agenda was the 2019 GBV IMS trends and some recommendations for the IPS came out such as:

- Expansion of safe house spaces for survivors of GBV,
- Male engagement should have a minimum standard and;
- Strengthening of coordination between CP and GBV actors to address child survivor needs among other



The GBVSC participated at National and Jubek State Level International Women's Day Preparations Meetings. The agreed on theme for South Sudan is: *"Each for Equal: Implement the 35% Affirmative Action for Peace and Development"* and the GBV SC plans to meet Radio talk shows and refreshments and stationary cost.

Participated in the Coordination meeting for Akobo west and Nasir following a report from OCHA regarding an increased number of IDPs (around 11,000 individuals) that are currently in/ around Waat area from Akobo West due to food insecurity and possible cattle raiding. The forum came to a conclusion to carryout IRNA assessment basically in Waat to find out what support is needed besides what the leaders have reported before any response is elevated.

The GBVSC team participated in the Rule of law/Justice, Safety, and Security Technical Reference Group (TRG) meeting that is chaired by STEWARD WOMEN. The need to work together with the UNMISS Rule of Law team on the coordinated scheduling and management of Mobile Court case clinics to benefit GBV Survivors legal needs in the communities in the rural areas was discussed

A successful Gender-GBV RTAP Steering committee meeting was held to explore the revival of the RTAP Steering Committee that will now be referred to as the GBV Accountability Framework in line with efforts of taking forward GBV work in South Sudan.

Child Protection Sub Cluster

CP HRP Progress Update

The Child Protection Sub-Cluster continues to coordinate the delivery of life-saving Child Protection interventions such as case management including family tracing and reunification, psychosocial support and child protection outreach activities for the most vulnerable children and their families. A total of 34,078 people accessed Child Protection services (23,611 children and 10,467 Adults) during the reporting period including 13,586 children (5598 girls and 7917 boys) provided with Psychosocial Support services in child-friendly spaces, schools and communities.

Strengthening Case Management system and capacity of the Case worker in Yei.

The case management taskforce organized 5 days' comprehensive case management and CPMIS workshop for child Protection partners in Yei. A total of 23 participants (8 females and 15 male) completed the training. Strengthening the capacity of the case workers is instrumental in the provision of the quality case management services to the vulnerable children in the Yei state. The participants were drawn from Terres Des Hommes, Plan International, Institute for Promotion of Civil Society (IPCS) and Initiative for Peace Communication Association (IPCA) and state Ministry of Gender, Child and social Welfare. TDH, Plan International and Save the Children jointly contributed resources for the training as part of the case management taskforce members. This training will be follow up by supervision and coaching of Case workers and Supervisor in the near future.



Awareness Creation Intervention to Prevent Child Protection Violations

Child Protection Sub- Cluster Partners including World Vision and Hold the Child and the Community Based Child Protection networks embarked on a massive awareness raising campaign in Warrap (Warayat and Akuat) and Western Bahr el ghazal (Wau and Raja) states with the aim of sensitizing the communities on child protection and children's rights. As a result, over **1,900** people were reached with lifesaving child protection messages on prevention of family separation, positive parenting skills and related policies and laws

Coordination and Performance Monitoring (CCPM) update

The Child Protection Sub-Cluster finalized the 2019 Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM) with support of the Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility. The Survey outcome outlines substantial good practices in terms of both the response rate and the performance of the CPSC against the 6 core function, with a few areas for improvement such as Advocacy and building national capacity in preparedness and contingency planning. In the coming months, the Sub-Cluster team will share the survey findings and together with its members develop a follow up actions for strengthening the identified areas and improving the overall CPSC functioning and performance.

Launch for CPSC Membership

The Child Protection sub-cluster launched a new call for membership. The call was disseminated widely and potential partners who previously requested for membership were also reached out to also apply. State level coordinators also shared the call within their state level coordination structures. CP sub-cluster will review the application and provide feedback to all the organisations that applied.

Mine Action Sub Cluster

Explosive remnant of war (ERW)-related incidents: There were no verified ERW-related accidents during the month of February. During the last week of February, UNMAS was informed of an accident caused by explosive remnants of war in Mundri West, Central Equatoria State. The report involved children. UNMAS teams are in the process of investigating the report and shall conduct explosive ordnance risk education in the vicinity.

The Mine Action sub-cluster (MASC) partners continued to survey and clear mines and explosive hazards across the country and deliver EORE to ensure that people can take appropriate safety precautions and report explosive hazards.

Explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) and collaborative work of Mine Action actors

In Pibor and Duk counties in Jonglei State, Community in Need Aid (CINA), one of the national NGOs specialized in protection activities, including the delivery of EORE, has continued the provision of EORE for boys, girls, men, and women under the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SSHF). After receiving EORE Training of Trainers in October 2019, implemented by an international mine action NGO, Mines Advisory Group (MAG), and UNMAS through a funding from the Government of Japan, CINA's EORE performance by the accredited staff has dramatically improved, according to CINA.

Since last September, CINA has reached over 33,000 people and reported UNMAS of nearly ten suspicious explosive remnants of war (ERW), all of which information was received through the EORE sessions and their liaison work with communities. Such CINA's vital work enabled mine action actors for further locating and responding to the dangers nearby human settlements, and helped humanitarian actors operate in a safe environment and helped communities have safe land back for cultivation in Duk and Pibor.

The Mine Action sub-cluster partners will continue to work collaboratively to maximize the impact of mine action to prevent people being injured or killed by explosive ordnance, and support communities to resume their livelihood activities across South Sudan.

In February, a total of 63,321 people (18,306 boys, 17,077 girls, 13,223 men, and 14,715 women) received risk education by mine action partners in South Sudan.



School pupils receiving EORE in Pibor, Jonglei

Photo by Community in Need Aid (CINA)

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