Overview

- Various cattle raiding and intercommunal violence incidents were reported mostly around Rumbek in Lakes State.
- Several cases of unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) were documented in Maiwut and Yei. In Yei, child protection working group has conducted child protection assessment and Child Protection (CP) partners are scaling up response. Gender Based Violence (GBV) partners in Yei provided 100 dignity kits for emergency response. Protection partners continue to monitor the situation in Maiwut and provide light response.
- Mobile protection teams carried out 4 missions to flood affected areas and inter/intra communal violence areas including Aweil Canal, Tonj North, Yirol; various locations in Aweil East (Pantit, Nyamel, Marial Bai) to assess and respond to protection needs.
- CP partners in the floods affected locations of Pibor, Twic, Nasir, Twic East, Bor South and Pochalle continue to provide child protection in emergencies response including structured and non-structured psychosocial support interventions, case management support and outreach awareness activities for children and adults. In addition, CP partners are now rehabilitating destroyed Child Friendly facilities in some of the locations.
- Key GBV interventions in the flood affected locations include dignity kit programming, GBV risk mitigation, strengthening of referral pathways, and case management and referrals.

Information Management

During the 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan Process, the Protection Cluster has increased the number of HRP partners to 76 partners as compared to 67 in 2019. The Protection Cluster is working towards improving the data collection/reporting on 5Ws through the introduction of ActivityInfo platform that allows the Protection cluster and its partners real time access to the data submitted and will be focusing on conducting capacity building exercises during the first half of 2020.

39 HRP and Non HRP partners have reported against protection activities in January 2020, providing protection services to 145,402 individuals of those 1368 were persons with disability.

Gender Based Violence Sub Cluster

Rapid Protection Assessment in Yirol East

GBV partners: The Organization for Children’s Harmony (TOCH) and Women Aid Vision (WAV), participated in a Danish Refugee Council led Rapid Protection Assessment to assess protection environment of the conflict affected population in Yirol East. The assessment included Shelter/NFI and WASH cluster partners. Key assessment findings include high GBV incidents and risks. Pre-existing GBV concerns including intimate partner violence which has increased in the displacement context due to psychological stress from loss of resources and livelihoods, lack of privacy, and exposure from lack of shelters. GBV partners are providing response services in Yirol and population centers of Malek and Adior counties although services are not reaching remote payams of Lang Matot and Thian.
Child Protection Sub Cluster

**Strengthening the capacity of the Child Protection Frontline staff**

**Frontline Child Protection Frontline Staff capacity strengthening**

World Vision International conducted training on comprehensive case management for frontline child protection staff drawn from World Vision International (WVI) and Ministry of Gender. The training aimed at strengthening child and social welfare workers’ capacity to provide quality services to children of concern.

Mine Action Sub Cluster

**Explosive remnant of war (ERW)-related incidents and explosive ordnance risk education (EORE)**

There were two verified ERW-related accidents during the month of January. In Pibor County, Jonglei State, a seven-year-old boy was killed and two boys aged five and thirteen sustained injuries from an explosion of an unexploded ordnance (UXO). The boys were playing with the item without knowing its dangers. UNMAS investigated the accident and will conduct EORE in the area once the current flooding in the area recedes.

In Mayendit county, Unity State, a nine-year-old boy was injured from uncontrolled detonation of a small arms ammunition commonly referred to as a bullet. The boy attempted to extract the gun powder from the cartridge of the bullet which led to a detonation. UNMAS investigated the accident and conducted EORE in the area. 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 safe precautions and report explosive hazards.

A total of 59,945 people (15,772 boys, 14,366 girls, 13,882 men, and 15,925 women) received risk education by mine action partners in January 2020.

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