



UPDATE

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Hello Juba team,

A quick stock-take on where we're at as of today. We now have go ahead on humanitarian operations inside the UNMISS bases, as of yesterday.

Yesterday I led an IRNA to the two UNMISS bases, with 31 people from 13 agencies, draft attached.

Today there was a concentrated movement out of Juba by road, and a large influx into the UNMISS compounds, so the population now likely exceeds yesterday's estimate of 18,000 people (10,000 Tongping, 8,000 Juba 3). Reports are that the roads out of Juba were congested with people exiting, and all roads out were long convoys. The CD of our strongest national partner, LCED, managed to reach his home in WES safely today. Medair internationals left today, as did our cluster co-coordinator. Glad they are all safe.

Today there was the first UNMISS IDP camp management meeting held at UNMISS chaired by Cathy, deputy head of OCHA and the head of RRP, UNMISS, with mission support, UNPOL and the UNMISS military in attendance. RRP nominated as the focal points for UNMISS liaison; Acted (Liny Shuram) as camp management. Still, there are coordination issues to iron out and we will have to work through this.

Given limited capacity **we are focusing on UNMISS Tongping first** because of greater numbers, and then Juba 3 (UN House).

Plan and progress so far for us is this:

STOCK MOVEMENTS:

The IOM trucks are on the road, security allowing. We have 8 functional trucks at IOM base. Supplies must be moved from IOM to the UNMISS bases first – Tongping first, then Juba 3. The situation is dire. Thereafter if we still can, we will move supplies to areas outside of Juba where people fleeing Juba are likely to gather (Mundri, Yei possibly).

Today we managed to move two trucks with blankets and kitchen sets and one 6 by 12 tent for registration to Tongping. They are now parked in UNMISS logs base who are supporting us with storage. We need to unload these tomorrow morning.

UNMISS are also going to support us with movement of stock from logs base to distribution site, within the UNMISS compound.

GAPS:

- **Offloading capacity at UNMISS.** This will need to be addressed tomorrow morning. UNMISS was unable to mobilise troops for this today, they are all engaged in security. We may need to hire IDPs but I am hesitant to do this; it would require UNPOL or UNMISS escort, as they would have to come inside the compound from the POC area. Looking at alternatives but we may have to do it.
- **Loading capacity at IOM.** Today was slow with only two trucks moving. We need to speed this up – Ilyas, Angelo, what is the issue on speed and can we address it? Let me know. We only have a small window to move things.
- **Logs focal point at UNMISS.** We need to identify someone for this task especially when we start ferrying stock from logs base to the distribution site, to liaise with the UNMISS support and distribution team, and track our items.

Items to be transported as follows:

First convoy: UNMISS TONGPING

Based on planning figure of 5,000 HHs (assuming small HH size): to receive 6 bars of soap, 2 blankets, 2 jerry cans, 2 sleeping mats, 1 mosquito net, 1 kitchen set, 2 kangas. The kit content can be adjusted to be more minimal to accommodate higher numbers, this is likely to happen.

NFI

30,000 75gm bars of soap
10,000 blankets (almost 5,000 delivered today)
10,000 jerry cans
10,000 sleeping mats
5,000 mosquito nets
10,000 kangas
5,000 kitchen sets (almost 2,000 delivered today)

+ TENTS – 50 family tents (all we have in stock) and 25 6 by 12 tents (this is a new requirement following today's influx)

Second convoy: UNMISS JUBA 3

Based on planning figure of 4,000 HHs (assuming small HH size): to receive 6 bars of soap, 2 blankets, 2 jerry cans, 2 sleeping mats, 1 mosquito net, 1 kitchen set, 2 kangas. The kit content can be adjusted to be more minimal to accommodate higher numbers, this is likely. We will likely add plastic sheets. The shelter situation differs, since the population here has been accommodated in a compound with masses of construction materials and have built reasonable frames for themselves (in Tongping, there is nothing). We will likely consider plastic sheets here. Stand by.

24,000 75gm bars of soap
8,000 blankets
8,000 jerry cans
16,000 sleeping mats
4,000 mosquito nets
8,000 kangas
4,000 kitchen sets

NFI DISTRIBUTION PLAN

We are going to coordinate with registration by DTM, followed by distribution of food by WFP (high energy porridge and sugar) with our NFI. DTM will be distributing tokens which we will hole-punch to indicate receipt. We will be working in concert with the T&M team and WFP on this. Today we went to the site with Joanna, Justin and Chandan of DTM and they trained enumerators and began messaging the community through the committees established by the community (James Gajak Chair).

UNMISS are going to prepare a secure distribution site for us with razor wire coils and controllable entry and exit points. Tomorrow morning Acted (nominated as camp management) will work with UNMISS to get this right, we have discussed it extensively with them today, and we will join them later in the morning. Secure infrastructure for the distributions is absolutely paramount and we will not initiate the process until we are collectively satisfied. We hope this will be achieved by tomorrow. UNMISS will be on standby for security throughout.

GAPS:

- **Shelter at the waiting area:** We are responsible for constructing shade in the waiting space. We will need to attend to this tomorrow.
- **Infrastructure within the distribution area:** we also need to set up the internal structure (within the secure perimeter set up by UNMISS tomorrow). There will be a flow from registration, to NFI and food. We will need barriers, shade, megaphones, etc. I have instructed Thomas and Joseph to gather materials tomorrow morning and we will need to assess what else we will need. Again, tomorrow.

STAFFING FOR SHELTER/NFI:

We have a small team for shelter/NFI, following all the evacs: Thomas Koja of Medair (internationals pulled out today), Intersos CD and possibly one or two staff at least for the weekend (they need to confirm their plans); Joseph, and Ilyas from IOM side, and Ilyas will need to focus on logs outside the compound, keeping the trucks moving, unless Angelo can take that role for us.

I have identified a very competent Nuer who works for Aecom to join us and he should be able to mobilise more people who are fallow right now, and willing to help, as well as helping us to identify the right people from within the IDP population to engage.

I am also in contact with ICRC/SSRC who will confirm their capacity tomorrow morning.

I have possibilities for support from a Dinka who is keen to volunteer (from a very good source), this would of course have to be on the IOM compound side not inside the UNMISS base – do you need loading support or mobilization of casual labour, Angelo and Ilyas? This could potentially help.

We will need to engage some IDPs to assist tomorrow. Chol (Aecom) will assist in identification of the right people.

Shelter/NFI team present in Juba are meeting at UNMISS tukul at 10:30am tomorrow to brief and get moving on the various tasks.

SHELTER IN EXISTING POC AREA TONGPING

Once the NFI has been moved to Tongping we need to move the tents. Shelter is a dire need. They will need to be erected quickly. UNMISS have indicated willingness to support but we should also be there. The tents will be put up in the area currently occupied to provide immediate solution. We will need to facilitate the tent allocation as far as possible. UNMISS has already put up approx. 30 6 by 8m tents (more today) and some safari tents. The committee tells me that these have been allocated according to prior occupation of the space on which they were put up. We need to clarify this.

SHELTER IN POSSIBLE NEW POC AREAS TONGPING

Meanwhile, UNMISS is planning to prepare two new POC sites outside the compound, on the airport side. I am discussing with the UNMISS engineers the construction of simple open walled longhouses. We can provide our poles and bamboo to this purpose if necessary. UNMISS are going to come back to me with design/material options. We have the space on these green sites to prepare better and if we are able to get it done, the existing population could be moved there, or, new arrivals could be accommodated there. UNMISS still clearing this for go ahead.

CHALLENGES:

- Potential security risk. The population is very large and has suffered a great deal. They are traumatized and frightened, and in a desperate situation. The population is also very fluid. Many people have expressed very strong resentment towards the entire international structure for their failure to meet needs thus far (the UN in particular).
- Aside from the distribution security, the population in UNMISS, while safer than on the streets, are still potentially at risk, as demonstrated by attacks on UNMISS bases in Jonglei in recent days. The dynamics in Juba are different, with sides reversed and different cost/benefit analysis for the different parties, but we should be aware of this.
- While the leadership of the population is very clear in Tongping, with a committee of 11 (they report the committee was appointed to ensure geographic coverage of the Greater Upper Nile region from where they mostly hail, given the majority Nuer population), overseeing sub-committees from each of the camp areas (delineated by battalion responsibility: Rwanda, Banglash, India) it seems that new structures are being set up with the new influx, including some key political figures, and hierarchies and even struggles are emerging in terms of internal leadership. I am hoping our Nuer colleagues will be able to help us unpick this. We need to be very aware of the dynamics as up to now our entry has been through the original leadership structure (primarily James Gajak, Committee Chair). This is extremely important as we will be relying on the internal leadership for crowd control and communications.

So tomorrow:

I will be at **ICWG from 9am.**

10:30am – Shelter NFI team meeting at UNMISS tukul. From there, we will head to logs base/IDP site.

Emergency Shelter Coordination

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