



UPDATE

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Merry Christmas. And so many thanks to all of you who worked so hard through the day to continue delivering support to the affected populations, without any hesitation. Thanks to our UNMAS colleagues we managed to inject some Christmas cheer at the distribution site, despite everything. Photos attached.

A quick update and apologies for not checking in yesterday.

Funding: ECHO indicated yesterday their openness to proposal revisions in light of the turn of events. On CHF, the 2014 First Round will also be recalibrated based on the current scenario to ensure funds are going where they are most needed. Once the mechanism for this is confirmed I will be in touch. Please do coordinate with me on your efforts so that I can help out where possible.

Scenario planning: we are going to plan for a total caseload across the country of 800,000 over the next three months. I am going to work on this tomorrow including more clarity on strategy and will be contacting partners for input.

Current supply mobilization: On family tents, which is first priority, ICRC is flying 1,968 in tomorrow. Other partners (IOM, Medair) are looking into emergency procurement possibilities. Save the Children are flying in plastic sheets, blankets, kitchen sets in the next days. These movements will be incorporated in the overall planning and further detail shared.

Location updates:

OCHA is pushing for humanitarian access to Bor, but the security situation remains very unclear, including which party to negotiate with.

In Bentiu, OCHA still present and is supporting to coordinate the pick-up of available Bentiu stock from warehouse to UNMISS base, if road access is clear and stock intact. Given lack of capacity food distributions have been done so far on group basis, with people divided into regions of origin and assistance divided among the population by representatives from each of those groups. There are 13 groups within the camp, the total population is approx. 7,000. We could consider the same approach for the immediate response. We have no cluster capacity in Bentiu currently, our cluster focal point has left the state. Please indicate if/when you would have the capacity to mobilise to Bentiu for shelter/NFI, should the situation allow. Please bear in mind the appropriateness of the origin of the staff.

There was a helicopter planned to move some immediate supplies to Bentiu today (Toby Lanzer is currently there) and we are ready with blankets and mosquito nets when/if this happens.

In Malakal, IOM team remains on the ground (2 internationals and 7 national staff) and able to support response in the base security allowing, pop est. 10,000 and discussions on accessing warehouses with force protection ongoing. Our cluster state focal point Keat Bayak of Medair is currently in the UNMISS base where he has fled with his family. The situation is dire as in the other areas. Many people had to skirt the fighting in Malakal to reach the base, taking many hours to get there, and are now hungry and in an open space. They are unable to leave now.

JUBA

Tongping

NFI: A total of 1,554 households, 5,106 individuals have been registered and received NFI so far (on 23,24,25 December). Kits include 1 blanket, 1 mosquito net, 1 kitchen set, 1 10l jerry can, 5 bars of soap, 1 kanga for families of 1 – 5; families 6 and above receive two. So many thanks to Mercy Corps, Nile Hope, Save the Children, Intersos and IOM who are making the distribution happen so smoothly.

Shelter: The first 6 by 12m tent was erected in the Rwandabat area today (this is the most congested, with large areas without shade) with the invaluable support of IOM, Nile Hope and UNMAS colleagues.

More will go up tomorrow. We have 24 to put up in the first phase. The community has been very supportive so far, the main challenge will be continuing to negotiate with them on the limited number available. They have indicated their willingness to ensure vulnerable people have access to the shade and we will monitor this.

Tomorrow we will continue to coordinate with humanitarians and TCC on locations and erection. We will try to mobilise more teams to speed the process up. Banbat has also cleared us to erect tents in their area. Rwandabat was also putting up 19 more 6 by 8m tents in their section today, so we are also coordinating with them on area coverage.

The situation in the camp is extremely tense. Suspicions of infiltration are intense, and reports of horrendous acts being committed outside. There are also reports of criminal acts within the camp.

Juba 3 (UN House):

Huge thanks to ICRC for moving 1,000 plastic sheets to UN House yesterday. If the truck drivers are available we will start movement of NFI tomorrow that can be stored outside for now. The rubhall is two days away from completion. We are coordinating with IOM T&M on starting the process there and project 3 - 4 days to start in that location. Unfortunately at present logistics and human resource capacities do not enable faster movement on this. Any support with transport would help, Oxfam has indicated this may be possible for some of the WASH related items tomorrow. Loading and truck drivers have also been issues.

Reconvene at Tongping site 8:30am tomorrow. As always any concerns or issues with how we are proceeding, please get in touch.

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