UPDATE

22/12/2013

The daily update. Latest stock report for the country attached, FYI, and the contacts of our current Juba team.

In Bor, the UNMISS POC population remains stable at 15 - 17,000. Only UNMISS troops remain in Bor with all civilians now out.

Bentiu also remains with approx. 5,000 in the UNMISS base. WFP is going to distribute food in the base. The NFI stock looted from the barge yesterday in Bentiu amounts to 3,000 standard NFI kits.

RRC was reported as planning to visit Awerial, Lakes State today, where over 22,000 displaced are reportedly concentrating, with food and NFI. Humanitarians have not yet accessed this area.

Update on Mundri, WES today, there has been a through-flow, with some leaving and further new movement into town of people in cars and people packed in trucks. Estimate 50 vehicles stopping the night in town tonight, sleeping under shop verandahs or in their vehicles, mainly women and children.

JUBA

UNDAC has been contacted for camp management support; UNHCR has brought a Yida-based site planner to Juba to assist in the camps.

To meet needs we have been exploring options for bringing family tents into Juba for populations here and elsewhere. ICRC has offered 1,968 tents located in Nairobi and there may be additional stockpiles we can access in Dubai. Transport options are being explored and Logistics Cluster is working on fast-track customs clearance for items coming in-country.

UNMISS Tongping

The distribution did not get off the ground today as UNMISS troops were diverted from constructing the perimeter for the site by a security incident in the camp which led DSS to withdraw clearance for activities there. This allegedly involved people outside the perimeter attempting to draw children to the fence, raising serious protection concerns. The inadequate state of the fencing has come into focus today as a result and is reportedly being addressed. Work resumed in the afternoon and the perimeter was planned to be complete by this evening.

Tomorrow morning, WFP civil engineers will assist in setting up internal infrastructure, with our support. We will start the registration and distribution process as soon as ready. It is imperative that we start tomorrow to avoid frustration among the population, which has been building since our Thursday assessment and presence at the site.

Overall, there are coordination challenges, as expected. RRP has been assigned as the focal point for humanitarians, but it is proving difficult to navigate the various command structures and sections within UNMISS. As Acted beefs up its camp management staffing it is hoped the issues can be improved. Great efforts are being made on all sides.

On our side, 3 trucks arrived today. Total items onsite as below – we now have the full range of items needed for the kits so are in a position to start tomorrow. More trucks have been loaded, with huge thanks to Mercy Corps and IOM staff who stepped in to load at IOM when the available labourers left work in the early afternoon, to ensure we can have the tents we need onsite tomorrow.

The items that arrived today remain on the trucks overnight given storage challenges. All containers allocated by UNMISS are now full. A space was identified at logs base today for the Logs Cluster/WFP rubhall, and the rubhall is now in the compound, but work on putting it up has not yet begun. This should start tomorrow and is expected to take 2 days.

Item	To be transported	Arrived 20/21/22 Dec	BALANCE
Blanket	10,000	9,450	550
Mosquito net	10,000 (5,000 increase on original request)	3,400	6,600
Sleeping mat	10,000	9,000	1,000
Jerry can	10,000	9,990	10
Kanga	10,000	10,000	0
Soap (75gm bar)	30,000	33,000	0
Kitchen set	10,000 (5,000 increase on original request)	5,000	5,000
6 by 12m tent (one for registration, 25 for IDP shelter)	26	1	25
4 by 5m family tent	50	25	25

NFI DISTRIBUTION

TEAM: Many thanks to all that are with us for pulling out all stops. We have 17 people all up so far, from Medair, Mercy Corps, Intersos, Nile Hope and IOM, list below and attached. **Distribution team to be on deck at 7:45am** for a coordination meeting in the **Neem conference room**, together with UNPOL and UNMISS, before heading to the site to assist in set-up and agree the process. Once the process is agreed Joseph Adiomo will be the team leader at the distribution site. Many thanks to Nile Hope who have dedicated 5 Nuer staff, who will be indispensable for translation and communications with our beneficiaries.

LOGISTICS: We will have two trucks onsite to ferry stock between logs base and the distribution site. Giuseppe Linardi and Hassan Juma of Intersos will be our logs focal points, responsible for loading of the range of items at logs base. The plan is to prepare kits off one truck at the distribution site, while the other loads at logs base, aiming for a seamless flow to the site. Giuseppe has prepared the team of loaders for tomorrow morning at 7:50am to prepare at logs base. UNPOL has been notified.

SHELTER: Davide Berutti of Intersos is leading the process of tent erection. We currently have 25 family tents on-site and 6 by 12m tents are loaded at IOM base and ready to go tomorrow morning. In total, the tents we are moving to the base will have capacity for 3,000 maximum, not enough to cover the population.

A complicating factor is that tent sites have to be negotiated with the separate battalions responsible for different areas of the site (the site is divided into 4: Indian, Bangladeshi, Rwandan, and a section that does not fall under any battalion responsibility, known as 'the tents' where UNMISS has already erected 30 6 by 8m tents). So far, the Indbatt have granted clearance to erect tents for the people gathered on a piece of land around their base. This is also the population that will be targeted first for registration/distribution.

The proposal is to work with the community and use information gathered through the registration process to allocate available tents to the most vulnerable, as far as is possible now. Shelter is needed now.

Concerns have been raised by UNMISS RRP about putting up more tents on the basis that it may create an impetus to stay, thus creating difficulty once attempts are made to move the population to the new sites. The current sites are not desirable given they are essentially the access routes to the bases of the 3 TCCs. Plans to prepare two new sites outside the current perimeter of UNMISS are underway, but agreement and clearance for the locations is still to be secured. Once this is agreed, preparations at the new sites may take a minimum of one week, as estimated by UNMISS.

However, given that the population has been living without any shelter or privacy for one week now, and the uncertainty of the pace of progress on the other sites given the hugely challenging and fluid operating environment, there is a strong humanitarian imperative with strong physical and psychological health dimensions to provide shelter immediately if it is at all possible.

Discussions on this issue will need to continue tomorrow, as well as work on filling the current gap of community mobilisers to help facilitate the allocation in as controlled and targeted a manner as possible. It is hoped that we will be able to begin putting tents up tomorrow, with the support of the logs team from IOM.

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JUBA 3 (UN House)

WFP began food distribution today based on a community produced list. Concerns have been raised by humanitarian partners about a food only distribution, without soap or other accompanying NFI. Logistics and HR constraints for IOM T&M and NFI have meant that the distributions could not be in step at this pace. T&M and NFI will move operations to Juba 3 together, once food has completed and NFI stock is in place.

STORAGE/LOGS: Mercy Corps visited Juba 3 (UN House) today to explore storage options for NFI and to assess the situation at the large warehouses within the IDP site. They established with UNMISS the availability of 6 containers and the possibility of putting up a rubhall there. Logistics Cluster has confirmed they will erect a rubhall for humanitarians there and has offered more trucks. An obstacle has been the lack of drivers given the recent exodus, and Intersos has stepped in to offer theirs.

We will be able to start moving stock to the site tomorrow in WFP trucks, and will need to identify a logs focal point for Juba 3 to facilitate this.

SHELTER SOLUTION ON-SITE: There are 5 large, open-ended metal warehouses within the IDP site, one of which is open and used by the IDPS, the other four closed to them. The assessment of the 4 closed warehouses within the IDP site confirmed that it should be feasible, if difficult given the highly populated nature of the area, to clear out the spaces to create immediate large covered space for the IDPs to use (each warehouse is approx. 20 by 30m at very rough estimate). The one warehouse that is open to them is very well used by the community, for both sleeping, shade and as community gathering space, today housing church services. The other four remain locked to the community, some with very few items inside, some with heavy materials and still some construction material which could be used for more framing.

This possibility was raised to the coordination meeting today and will be discussed further with UNMISS tomorrow.

See you at 7:45. Tomorrow will be a big day. Thanks again and respect to all for outstanding support and flexibility as we work through all the issues, with such sadness, uncertainty and fear all around us.

Team list below: please provide me your call signs and/or thuraya numbers in case the networks are shut down again, and add or correct your other details to me as necessary.

Liny, please ensure our NGO colleagues are on the list at UNMISS gate to facilitate their ease of entry, with many thanks.

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