South Sudan Wau Crisis Situational Update

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SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Humanitarian Overview

On Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} June, the dismissal of the incumbent Governor of Wau by the President led to instability in the town, with fighting breaking out between the Sudan People’s Liberation Army (SPLA) and youth associated with the opposition. There have been reports of civilian casualties and loss of life; investigations are ongoing. As of 29\textsuperscript{th} June, the situation in Wau town is reportedly stable.

Although registration of internally displaced persons (IDPs) is ongoing, there are an estimated 46,000 IDPs within Wau town, with around 12,000 people at the UNMISS Protection of Civilian (POC) site. The population of the POC continues to increase, and there is a continued influx of IDPs to Wau town. Meanwhile, a further 35,000 are thought to have fled to the Greater Baggari Area to the south and southwest of the town.

Staff on the ground report that children are suffering from high levels of malnutrition and dehydration; as a result, many women and children are seeking primary health care.

Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

A UNICEF nutrition specialist has been deployed to coordinate Nutrition cluster partners. UNICEF continues to lead the WASH cluster, with additional support being provided to the response in Health, Education, and Child Protection, although UNHCR arrived in Wau on June 29\textsuperscript{th} to take the lead on the Protection Cluster. A senior Emergency Specialist continues on deployment in Wau to coordinate the response, and OCHA has deployed an Area Humanitarian Coordinator to Wau. By 1 July, a total of 12 UNICEF staff will have been deployed to the Wau Humanitarian Field Office.

Highlights

- Distribution of food and non-food items is expected to start on the 30\textsuperscript{th} June, pending registration of internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- Sexual harassment is a major concern in the Protection of Civilian (POC) site, to be addressed as a matter of urgency.
- Synergies are being developed across programmes, with nutrition screening included in immunization activities. Education and Child Protection staff are working hand-in-hand to identify useful areas of convergence.
- Preparations are underway for measles vaccination campaign due to commence on 1 July.

Funding Needs:

- Funding Available: US$3 million
- Funding Required: 1,381,292

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  \item 46,000* People internally displaced in various places within Wau town
  \item 35,000* People internally displaced outside of Wau town
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*Figures from OCHA

Note: these are estimates, as registration of IDPs continues.

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deployed to Wau. Government staff present in IDP camps with expertise on health, education, nutrition, and water are being identified to support programme implementation.

**Humanitarian Strategy**
A 3-month response plan has been drafted, and existing funding is being reprogrammed towards the response. Access to water and nutrition services are key priorities moving forward in order to respond to child malnutrition and dehydration; lifesaving supplies such as Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) have already arrived in Wau. Agencies are preparing to extend services to these areas in a coordinated manner as a matter of priority.

In order to ensure appropriate response, two UNICEF teams are being established, with one focusing on Wau town and the other on surrounding areas. In hard-to-reach areas with no available partners, UNICEF will undertake direct implementation through the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) as required.

**Summary Analysis of Programme Response**

**HEALTH:** Primary health care consultations continue. On 29th June, there were 152 consultations of children under five years, and 126 consultations with older patients. Malaria, diarrhea, and acute respiratory tract infection continue to be the leading causes of morbidity. In addition, antenatal care was delivered to 11 women, with one baby delivered.

As part of ongoing immunisation efforts, 113 children were vaccinated; mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) screening has been incorporated into immunisation efforts to identify children in need of nutrition services. Preparations are underway for a measles campaign that will start on 1 July.

**NUTRITION:** Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) services continue at the UNMISS POC site. On 29th June, 652 children were screened for malnutrition. Of these 28 children were identified as suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were treated with RUTF. A further 76 were found to be suffering from moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). All children screened age 6-59 months are receiving high-energy bars (BP5). Twenty-eight pregnant and lactating women were also screened.

In order to expand the response, UNICEF has trained ten volunteers to scale-up the nutrition programmes in different sites. A coordination meeting with WFP is planned in order to include screening activities and referrals of SAM and MAM cases within their house-to-house registration activity. Nutrition supplies from Rumbek and Juba are being shipped to Wau and are expected to reach Wau by 1 July.

**WASH:** Access to water has improved, with two bladders now operational: one 5,000 litre bladder has been installed at Cathedral IDP site, with 34,000 litres delivered; meanwhile, in Nazerath IDP site, a 10,000 litre bladder has been installed.

Three latrine blocks are in use, with 21 stances constructed. Two women’s blocks are expected to be completed on the 30th June, providing 17 additional stances. Ten handwashing facilities are available, and hygiene promotion activities are in progress in the POC and Cathedral IDP site, with 30 community volunteers engaged in the latter location. Garbage disposal and burial of dead bodies are significant challenges which need to be addressed to enhance sanitation and prevent the outbreak of diseases.

**EDUCATION:** Schools in Wau remain closed. In order to enable access to education and learning, five classes have now been completed in the POC. Teachers have been identified, and enrollment is expected to start on the 29th June.

**CHILD PROTECTION:** Twenty-nine children between the ages of 3 to 16 are thought to have been killed during the crisis (to be verified). Although eleven spontaneous reunifications have taken place, the number of children identified as missing, separated or unaccompanied is increasing. As of 29th June, there are 58 missing children (18 new cases), 130 separated children (10 new cases), and 18 unaccompanied (9 new cases). Finding
alternative care arrangements for unaccompanied children is a challenge. Sexual harassment is a major concern in the POC site, and discussions are underway to remedy the situation as a matter of urgency. Two Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs) are operational. Protection staff are working closely with the Education Section and respective clusters to ensure synergies across partnerships and programme strategies.

COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT: Ten social mobilisers have been identified and equipped with key messages to improve child survival.

FUNDING: The funding requirement for the Wau response is US$3 million, with a funding gap of over 1.5 million, as shown below. The timeframe for response is three months. These requirements are in addition to UNICEF South Sudan Humanitarian Action for Children for 2016 of US$154.4 million to meet the humanitarian needs of children in 2016.

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