

FLOOD, CHOLERA RESPONSE & PREVENTION IN RUBKONA & LEER COUNTY

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Situation overview

Cholera: The first confirmed case of cholera was reported on 14 April 2022 from Bentiu displaced camp. UNICEF has been coordinating the Cholera response with the state ministry of health (MoH), Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Juba & Bentiu Cholera Taskforce. UNICEF has sent supplies & deployed surge teams to Bentiu to support the on-going response. UNICEF's Health, Social Behaviour Change, Nutrition, WASH, Education & Child protection teams are working on coordinated prevention & responses which is in line with the inter-agency Public Health Response and Mitigation Plan. The Ministry of Health has graded it a Level-3 outbreak, and Rapid Response Teams have been deployed to provide additional support. Cholera outbreaks occur during the rainy season in South Sudan and currently all 23 counties situated along the Nile Basin have been identified as high-risk.

Population at risk: 440,000 people, including children who comprise 15% in Rubkona and Leer counties.

UNICEF total target: 352,000 people to be reached with integrated messages on cholera prevention and control.

Total cases to date since April 2022: As of 26 June 2022, 21 new Cholera cases including one RDT positive case reported from Bentiu IDP camp, during the week 25 the cumulative Cholera cases raised to 233 cases including one death been reported, in which 47.3 % (43) are children under five years, 142 (61%) are female and males account for 91 (39%), recent Cholera alert were received from Pariang & Guit RDT were collected & samples were negative.

Flood: The impact of flood remained a major threat & risk to the community as we approaching the heavy rain season (July – Nov) specially for Children and women in most of the counties in Unity state. UNICEF with its partners Concern Worldwide are providing water services, improve the hygiene & construct servals proof latrine in three IDP camp in Bentiu.

Population at risk: 490,000 this including children

UNICEF total target: 100,000 people including children with WASH, Nutrition, Child protection, Education and integrated flood prevention messages

Key Cholera & Flood response figures:



2 Children (boys), UNICEF supported the family tracing of 2 boys with their biological parents in Bentiu IDP camp.



35,913 Children under five were screened for malnutrition between Feb – June 2022 in which **1,310** (cumulative) children identified as SAM and admitted for treatment.



10 Boreholes been drilled expected to provided safe drinking water to 5,000 individuals.



12,500 children affected by the flood have access to leaning opportunities.



450,000 Individuals were reached with cholera prevention in **20** hard to reach areas.

UNICEF's Cholera & Flood response 30 June 2022



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messages

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Health:

- Out of 233 confirmed cases, a total of 64 (27%) been vaccinated 112 (48.1%) not vaccinated and 57 (24.5%) have unknown vaccination status
- UNICEF is planning a second round of mosquito net distribution in Bentiu targeting over **2,000** individuals the most vulnerable group children and women who are affected by the flood and Cholera in Bentiu.



WASH:

- UNICEF and its partner Concern Worldwide continuous the maintenance of 3 Surface Water Treatment Systems (SWATs) which are continuing to provide safe drinking water benefiting **12,155 displaced populations**.
- UNICEF drilled 10 boreholes already completed, construction of Aprons and platforms and installation of handpumps is ongoing. These will provide safe water to **over 5,000 individuals** once completed and commissioned for use.
- **15 blocks of latrines (4 stances each)** have been completed and in use across sites D2 and E. These are providing access to safe sanitation to more than **1,800 individuals**.
- UNICEF conducted Water quality training for **24 partner staff** (Concern Worldwide and Mercy Corps) on Water pre-treatment and treatment. The training focused on how to conduct a jar test to determine dosage of Aluminium sulphate for water pre-treatment and Chlorine dosage for the correct Free Residual Chlorine (FRC) levels.



Social Behaviour Change (SBC)

- UNICEF SBC deployed 110 social mobilizers in Greater Robkona County including the 7 IDP camps, Leer County and the state HQs since the onset of cholera outbreak. The team has been engaging communities on cholera prevention and control in the areas of outbreak like greater Robkona County and areas of high potential risk outbreak like Leer County. The engagement strategies used includes house to house, schools' community, churches announcements, public announcements with loudspeakers and megaphones, community meetings, radio programing and strategic display of IEC materials in public places.
- **450,000 people** have been reached including in **20 hard to reach places**. Among prioritized messages for engagement are the 5 steps to protect oneself from cholera.
- A total of assorted 3500 IEC materials have been used for community engagement & a total of 360 radio spots in 3 languages on cholera have been aired on Kondial and Bentiu FM and 14 radio talk shows have been conducted on the two radio stations, all reaching 300,000 people in Rubkona, part of Koch and Guit County.



Education:

- 12,500 (5,340 girls) schools age children (3-18yr) affected by flood have access to learning opportunities. Two Temporary Learning spaces installed and functional benefiting 1,500(52% girls) affected schools age children



Child protection:

- UNICEF in partnerships with CPIE partners (UNIDOR & Women Vision) in flood and conflict affected Counties supported approximately 15,000 (55% girls) children and women through numerous child protection interventions including Life's kills, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services; family tracing; reunification and alternative care services for unaccompanied and separated children; and gender-based violence and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse services.
- UNICEF supported the provision of family tracing and reunification (FTR) in collaboration with IRC and INTERSOS managed to reunited 2 (boys) children with their biological parents in Bentiu IDP camp.

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