



## **Jodha: snapshot of IDPs' protection situation**

The one day rapid assessment was done on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2014 to assess the needs of the IDPs and a big number of returnees who ran from Malakal and Renk since the beginning of the crisis and because of the ongoing clashes. The assessment team was composed of 7 people from Medair, 4 from IOM, one from Cesvi and one member of SSRRC, with approval from the Commissioner.

- IOM was charged for verification, health and registration
- Medair for health, wash and hygiene
- Cesvi for child protection and GBV.

The numbers of people who intend to stay in Jodha are estimated to more than one thousand (1000); their aim is to stay in a free and safe zone. In addition almost two thousand (2000) people that have recently crossed the border are likely to come back if a camp is set at the South Sudan side of Jodha (Unthau).

There is a huge number of children facing the worst types of protection concern: the number of UASC is increasing due to the massive fleeing of people, the majority of the children are separated from their biological parents either they died or the children don't know where they have been displaced. The assessment was done only in one part of the informal settlement area, the UASC identified are 30. They are living with relatives; some of them are with their grandparents.

The living conditions in the area are very bad and a quick response is necessary, awareness rising for prevention of protection and health concerns is likely necessary.

There is high risk of the following protection issues:

1. Lack of education, a large number of children dropped out or is at risk of losing the school year,
2. Neglect
3. Hunger/malnutrition
4. GBV, many cases reported but no consent given to fill the forms and absences of specialized health and legal services for survivors
5. Different types of child abuse (physical and emotional)

Points for advocacy:

- TLS temporary learning space and literacy
- Improve access to livelihood
- psychosocial activities for children and adults
- CFS
- Volunteers for awareness rising activities and prevention
- Mass distribution of shelter materials especially plastic sheets in preparation to the rain season