

**Shelter and Non-Food Items Cluster Meeting**  
**Republic of South Sudan**  
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**DRAFT Minutes of the meeting**

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## 1. Welcome brief review of the previous minutes

- Attendees were welcomed and the minutes from the previous meeting were endorsed;

## 2. Brief updates

- **Unity:**
  - RRC has issued an official letter to humanitarian agencies operating in Bentiu, asking them to use "Northern Liech state" instead of referring to Unity.
- **Assessments:**
  - An IRNA is currently underway in Gangura and Yambio Payams.
  - IRNAs are being planned for locations in Western Bahr el Ghazal, including Ngissa, Farajalla, Ngodakala, and Bringi.
  - "Operational assessment" in Akoka (UPN); not an IRNA but rather an opportunity for organizations previously operating in the area to review options for return and restart operations.
- **Priority locations for the rainy season:**
  - As partners may have noticed, the prioritization process has fallen by the wayside of late. With the coming rains and the associated reduction in the number of transport options, the system will become important once again.
  - The ICWG agreed that now Logs cluster will report each week on what they have in the queue. If prioritization is needed, it will be decided by the ICWG in the weekly meeting.
  - This is slightly different from the old way that where we used to identify locations wither there was any cargo or not; this way we are making decisions on the basis of what has actually been requested
- **Release of the NGO regulations (part of the NGO bill)**
  - NGO regulations, which outline the process by which NGOs are now expected to register with the government, have been released and they are extremely complex.
  - NGOs are expected to register by June 1st.
  - Feel free to raise any issues with the NGO Forum or report any incidents of bureaucratic impediments.
- **Returns**
  - Conversations around returns are ongoing.
  - There are now two documents that are being developed: one is a broad framework on returns which will pull in the government and development actors, and the other is an operational guidance.
  - On operational guidance on how to respond to government-facilitated returns has already been produced – the Cluster shared this in the last Cluster meeting. The new document will be an expansion of this.
  - Meanwhile, UNHCR under the umbrella of the SWG and in cooperation with UNMISS RRP, is pushing ahead with moving people from the Bor POC. Uror assessment going early June.
- **Review of tax exemption issues**
  - This is something that was raised by the S-NFI Cluster.
  - The timeline for securing tax exemptions on humanitarian goods coming into the country has gotten very long. This is adding about a month to the overall procurement time which is already around 5 months.
  - The Cluster collected some feedback from partners through the Logs Cluster and put together a short paper to be used for advocacy purposes. The paper was shared with pipeline managers and clusters for feedback.
  - If partners have something to add on this issue, they can contact the Cluster.
- **HRP mid-year review**
  - Given the massive amount of time that we all usually put into these strategic planning processes, OCHA is pushing for a "light review."
  - In practice, this means looking at whether the humanitarian community can change the narrative alone to reflect the changes that we've seen in the needs geographically, etc.
  - The clusters are pushing to avoid a change in the overall ask; as such, there would be no changes to the project documents within each cluster's response plan.
  - All tentative at the moment but we will be sure to keep you updated.
- **CHF SA1:**
  - All NGO projects should have received their funding by now.
  - Just received an additional 3.6 mil that will go to Logs and the S-NFI pipeline.
- **Pipeline feedback**

- OCHA is currently conducting a review of the pipelines and how they can be set up more as a common service.
- This is particularly important as the community prioritizes their funding through the pooled funds; needs to therefore be accessible to all.
- The plan at this point is to meet with pipeline managers and start looking at the various tools and approaches adopted by the pipelines in order to better harmonize them and to adopt best practices.
- OCHA is also meant to meet with pipeline users as they will give important feedback on how the various pipelines are operating.
- Question from the Cluster: would you be interested in setting up a meeting amongst ourselves of pipeline users?
  - Medair is happy to participate.
  - Intersos is happy to participate.
  - No major issues from both agencies.
  - DRC is willing to participate; noted that there are a few issues to discuss.
- **REACH assessment:**
  - REACH did a presentation on its hard to reach areas assessment project. REACH is using a network of key informants in order to collect information on areas that are hard to reach in Greater Upper Nile. Information collection happens on a monthly basis with the intention of helping partners and clusters identify the needs in relevant areas.
  - This assessment tool is flexible to the dynamic context of the Greater Upper Nile region. The cluster will share the tool with partners for their review and comments, and will feed the information back to REACH.

### 3. Emergency Preparedness and Response

#### Central Equatoria

- Don Bosco: NFIs were delivered to the camp site. Partners are looking for a new type of programming such as NFI for work and they are coordinating with the relevant stakeholders.
- Mahad: PAH and Intersos conducted a one day assessment following the storm. They are looking into responding to the affected population but the local leaders are pushing back on targeting. The Cluster is waiting on a feedback from the partners.
- UN house: distribution of shelter reinforcement kits is finalized. Total number of 8,600 households received assistance (2 plastic sheets per household). The community claims that 500 households in PoC 1 have not been registered. Concern is following up with Acted on this issue.

#### Jonglei:

- Gumuruk: assessment report was shared by partners and approved by the Cluster. Transport of items to serve a caseload of 1,250 households is being arranged.
- Pibor Town: Intersos, PAH, and LWF will conduct a verification of the need for plastic sheets.
- Akobo West: more than 2,000 IDPs are reportedly displaced in Akobo West and Center.
- Jalleh: South Sudan Red Cross is responding.
- Pochalla: ICRC is planning to do a Shelter/NFI response.
- Bor: Intersos is planning to conduct a workshop in late June/ early July. The purpose is to make sure that partners have a thorough understanding of Cluster policies and approaches.

#### Upper Nile

- Malakal PoC: shelter construction is ongoing. The replacement of the shelters stands as follows:
  - Sector 1: 7%.
  - Sector 2: 100%.
  - Sector 2 (Dinka blocks): 30%.
  - Sector 3: 100% but they had to bring the number of shelters down.
  - Sector 4: 100%
  - Medair is finalizing the NFI assessment and they are planning to start the distribution on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June
- Malakal Town: assessment is completed. Distribution is planned on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May.
- Manyo: SSUDA is planning for verification and registration in various locations in the county.
- Renk: IOM is planning a distribution of NFIs and shelter materials to 403 households. Trocaire is doing a distribution of WASH NFIs next week targeting 1,300 HHs.

- Ulang: WVI did an assessment and needs were identified. They are looking for a partner to respond.
- Melut: WVI is distributing mosquito nets and sleeping mats. So far they have reached 236 households in the PoC and 784 in the Dethomas. DRC is distributing plastic sheets using UNHCR stock.

**Unity:**

- Northern Mayendit: Medair is doing an assessment to make sure that they have addressed the right needs. Will most likely finish in the next two weeks.
- Southern Mayendit: PAH and Intersos are going on 20 May. NFIs will start arriving on Monday and the distribution will start the next week.
- Bentiu Town: IOM and Concern are conducting an assessment of needs.
- Bentiu PoC: IDPs are asking the shelter partner if they can take shelter materials outside of the PoC when they are leaving.
- Buaw: UNHCR and DRC did a distribution to 1,400 households.

**Western Equatoria:**

- Ezo: WVI and PAH are going to start a verification on 20 May.

**Western Bahr el Ghazal:**

- Partners have identified 3 locations as high displacement locations around Wau and are planning to do an assessment.
- Wau Town: IOM DTM has completed the verification of 63000 individuals in Wau.

**Northern Bahr el Ghazal:**

- Medair had a multi-sectorial team that went to Aweil and identified few needs. Medair is planning to go and do an in-depth assessment but has been delayed by the GFD.

#### **4. AOB**

- N/A

#### **5. Action Points**

- Follow-up on pipeline users group meeting.
- Feedback from Cluster partners on REACH assessment tools and tax exemption issues.