



IUNV Midwives gathered in Juba this past week for a two day workshop focused on GBV issues.

Overall Humanitarian Needs in South Sudan





1. Situation overview

The security situation remains tense country wide.

Intra-communal fights continue to break out inside the Juba PoCs, with tensions rising between supporters of the SPLA and supporters of the opposition. The problem of idle, disgruntled youth is worsening in all of the camps. During the reporting period a group of about 30 youths attacked IDPs and boda boda cyclists opposite the gate of the UN House PoC in Juba. The boys were armed with spears and bows and arrows and confronted the security guards. They fled but on the way vandalized a vehicle by puncturing the wheels with the spear and smashing the rear window.

Outside of the PoCs carjackings and theft continue and shootings are becoming more common, even in neighborhoods that are considered relatively safe.

Gender Based Violence continues to be an issue in all of the PoCs, with one reported case of defilement in the PoC in Juba UN House involving two IDPs. The suspect has been arrested and detained as investigations go on. Traffic accidents also continue to pose a threat to staff in Juba, as involved parties often become violent and accusatory after the incident. During the reporting period a driver of a UN vehicle was involved in an accident with a motorcycle. Immediately after the accident, a group of about 10 armed men in uniform similar to that of the SPLA attacked the driver and severely assaulted him.

In Unity State, about 18 SPLA soldiers arrived at the gate to the Bentiu PoC with their assault rifles, threatening to attack the UNMISS base if their commander was harmed in the PoC. In Yei, Central Equatorial State, at least four South Sudanese soldiers were killed and another seven wounded in clashes at the military barracks.

Mediators of the Inter-governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) have adjourned peace talks between the South Sudanese warring parties. The chief negotiator of the armed opposition group SPLM-IO said the negotiations were suspended after the parties failed to agree on core issues such as the powers of the proposed Prime Minister position and federalism in South Sudan.

Finally, As of 28 September 2014, a total of 6,136 cholera cases including 139 deaths have been reported in the country.



2. Highlights of UNFPA Emergency Response

UNFPA continues to provide lifesaving services as part of the humanitarian response.

A total of 7683 (3441 women, 1098 men, 2070 girls and 1083 boys) were reached with GBV messages, and outreach has been extended into schools in Mingkaman and Ahou.

During the reporting period all 33 of the UNFPA IUNV midwives received 2 days of training in gender and GBV. The workshop was intended to enhance their understanding of gender and GBV concepts, survivor centred approach, IASC guidelines and GBVIMS.

Implementing Partner IRC was part of a multisectoral Rapid Response Team that went to Leer County in Unity State and initiated GBV services.. Services included setting up a women's friendly space, psychosocial support groups for women and adolescent girls, awareness raising, and basic emotional support.

UNFPA in collaboration with Intersos organized peer education training for 26 (10 female, 16 male) young people in Bor PoC. The training aimed to create awareness about peer education and life skills in order to enable young people to make effective decisions..

In the Minkgam IDP camp a Youth Friendly space was established.

UNFPA completed the distribution of RH medical equipments in the health centers and hospitals of 9 UNFPA supported sites of the country (Awerial, Bor, Malakal, Bentiu, Akobo, Aweil, Wau, Kwajok and Rumbek) hosting more than 1,346,400 IDPs. Procured with Japanese Government financial support for an amount totaling 807,623 USD, the distributed equipment includes mattresses (200), delivey beds (3), gynecological tables (9), examination tables, 5 prefabs, solar panels and 2 ambulances. This support will improve the provision of B-EmONC services and the referral system which still remains a big challenge due to heavy rains.

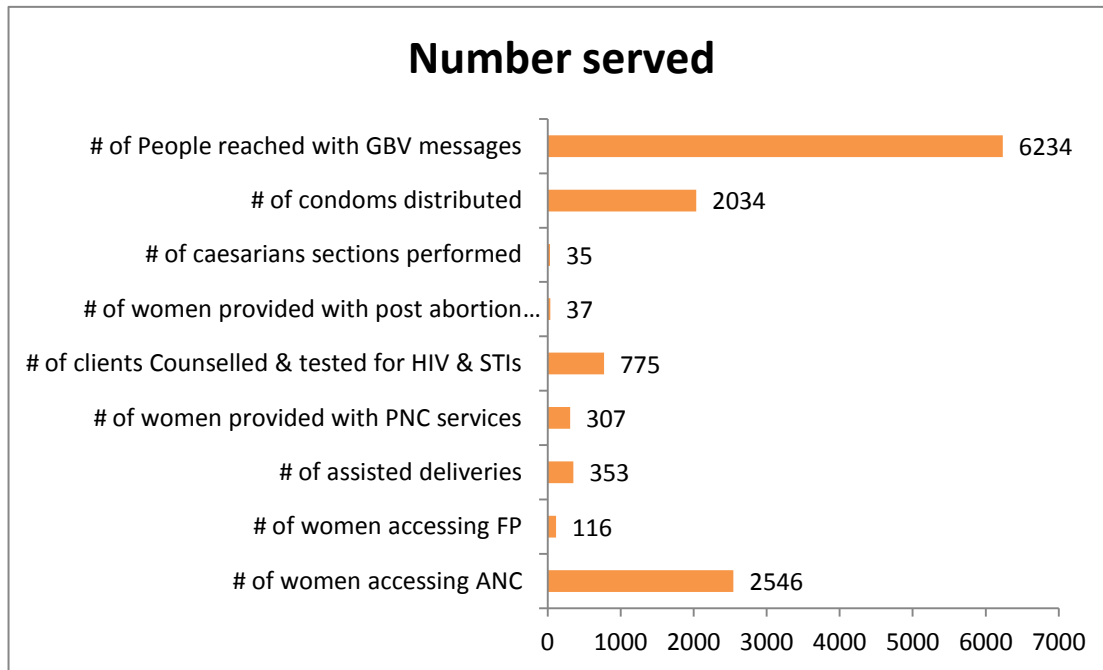
Challenges include the rise in gangs in the PoCs, which are are making it difficult to run services. During the past week, there were three murders related to the youth in the Bentiu PoC. Activities in UN House were also very limited during this week due to the ongoing conflict between local community and humanitarian actors.The movement of supplies to the field also remains a major issue which has hampered distribution of dignity kits in the field.

During the Rapid Response mission in Leer County, it was determined that more support is required to further build the GBV response. Women lack basic supplies for their female hygiene and there is high incidence of STI/UTIs (third most common reason for attendance at the health clinic after respiratory diseases and malaria).

3. RH and GBV Service Delivery

The table below summarizes selected indicators of service delivery for the reporting week.

Figure 1: showing indicators and numbers of individuals served:

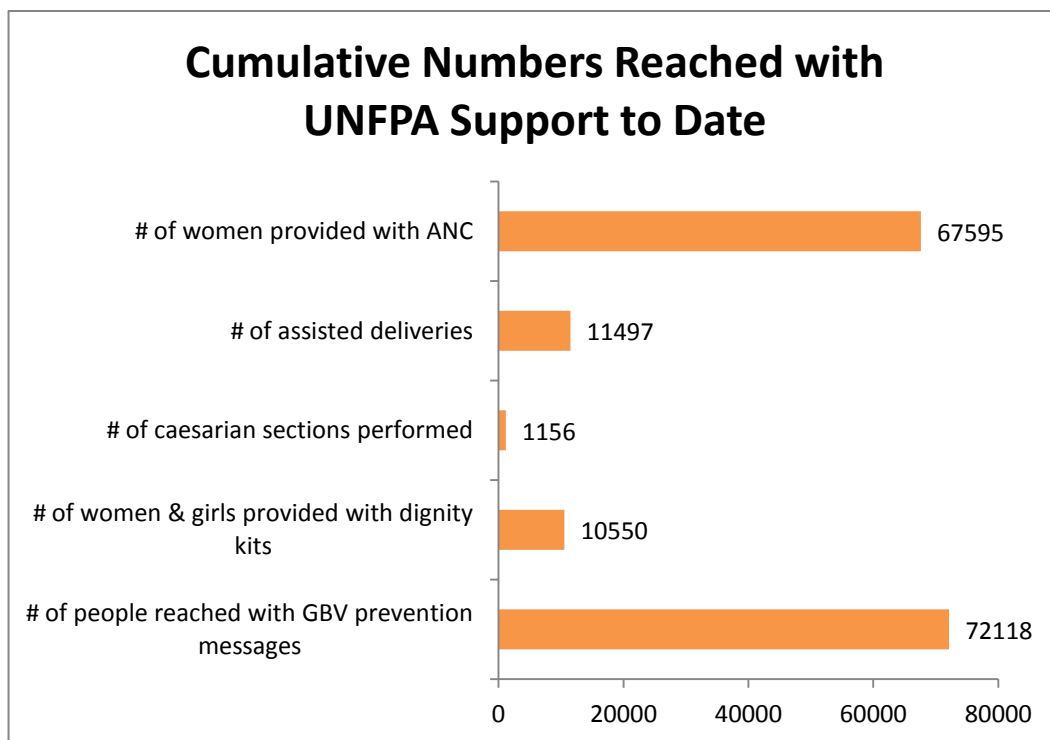


Notable achievements during the reporting period include in Bentiu, the initiation of a gender unit by UNPOL, which has been instrumental in referring cases and providing support to the PoC.



Youth participate in team building exercises during a UNFPA supported training in Bor.

Cumulatively, using selected core indicators, the status since 15 December 2013 is as summarized in Figure 2





4. Resource Mobilization

The CO has mobilised and invested US \$ 6,413,333. The funding is from the following sources CHF US \$1,400,000; Emergency Fund US \$ 850,000; Japan Government US \$ 1,200,000; CERF US \$ 887,000; Denmark Government US \$ 500,000. Additionally, the CO has also allocated slightly over US \$ 1,5 million from the core resources to respond to the humanitarian emergency. Over 90% of these funds are already utilised or committed. We have a gap of nearly US \$11 millions out of the US \$17 million.

5. Communication and Advocacy

Advocacy activities were conducted in Bor during the youth training. These included radio spots and jingles, talk shows and door to door visits to talk to young women about reproductive health issues. IEC materials were distributed and sessions on behavior change communication conducted to train youth how to mobilize the community.

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