



Deployment of WHO International Consultants to Yei, Nimule and Yambio to support EVD Preparedness.
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South Sudan

Emergency type: Humanitarian Crisis in South Sudan



7 MILLION
NEED
HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE



1.96 MILLION
INTERNALLY
DISPLACED WITH **0.2** IN
PROTECTION OF
CIVILIAN SITES



2.47 MILLION
SOUTH
SUDANESE
REFUGEES IN
NEIGHBOURING
COUNTRIES

HIGHLIGHTS

- The South Sudan on 31 October, 2018 celebrated the revitalized agreement on the resolution of the conflict under the theme: 'Celebrating the dawn of peace, appreciating friends, cherishing reconciliation and unity'.
- Malaria remains the top cause of morbidity and mortality that accounts for 62.7% of cases as of week 43, 2018. At least 21 counties in 6 state hubs are having malaria trends that exceed the expected levels.
- Four suspected measles cases were reported in Malakal PoC, Bentiu PoC, and Bor PoC.
- Entry screening of travelers into South Sudan continues in all the 14 designated sites with support from WHO, International Organization for Migration (IOM), SCI, World Vision International South Sudan (WVISS), CUAMM and other partners.

WHO FUNDING REQUIREMENTS 2018



3.9M FUNDED
16.9M REQUESTED (UNDER 2018 HRP)

MALNUTRITION

261 424 CHILDREN ESTIMATED TO BE SEVERELY MALNOURISHED

55 FUNCTIONING STABILIZATION CENTERS ACROSS COUNTRY

CUMULATIVE VACCINATION FOR 2018



933 541 OCV DOSES DEPLOYED IN 2018
1 974 959 # OF CHILDREN (6-59mths) VACCINATED AGAINST MEASLES
1 823 765 # OF PERSONS VACCINATED AGAINST MENINGITIS

RIFT VALLEY FEVER



58 TOTAL SUSPECTED HUMAN CASES

Overview of the Humanitarian crisis

- Most of the fledgling nation is in the grip of a **humanitarian crisis** fueled by years of chronic underdevelopment, conflict and natural disasters. According to an early warning report, there are new areas of **South Sudan** reaching emergency levels of food **crisis**, which is just one level above famine.
- South Sudan on 31 October, 2018 celebrated the revitalized agreement on the resolution of the conflict under the theme: '**Celebrating the dawn of peace, appreciating friends, cherishing reconciliation and unity**'. The celebration which took place at John Garang Museum in Juba was attended by national and international dignitaries, Government and opposition leaders, the IGAD leaders, and other leaders in the region.

Event Description/ Situation update

Insecurity

- On 28th Oct 2018, UNDSS reported an unconfirmed security incident where 5 people were killed and 15 wounded in Abiru Payam, Gok State by suspected armed youth group from Pakam and Kuei section in Rumbek North and Rumbek Center.

Cattle raid

- In Jalle, Bor South County, at least 15 were reported dead in a deadly attack of cattle raids in Jalle that happened on Tuesday afternoon. 7 of the injured have been transported to BSH, 3 may be airlifted to Juba for further treatment depending on their level of stability.
- In Poktap, Duk, there were reports of a day long fighting between Murle and the Nyarweng youth due to cattle raid tussle with 5 deaths and over 13 wounded.

Epidemiological Update

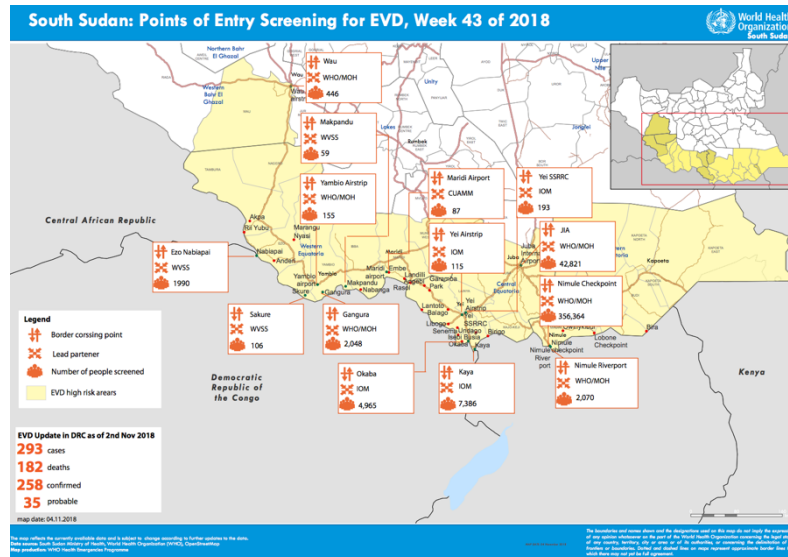
- In epidemiological week 43 of 2018, completeness and timeliness for IDSR reporting at county level was 73% while EWARN reporting from the IDP sites was 93%.
- A total of 12 alerts were reported in week 43. All the alerts (92%) verified none required response.
- In week 43, two Ebola alerts were reported from Nimule checkpoint but were discarded as they did not meet the Ebola case definition. A total of 12 Ebola alerts have been investigated since May 2018. All the samples obtained from seven of the Ebolavirus alerts tested PCR negative for Ebolavirus.
- Four suspected measles cases were reported in Malakal PoC, Bentiu PoC, and Bor PoC.
- Two suspected Guinea worm cases reported and investigated in Mabiory Payam in Tonj South.
- During the week, malaria and measles were the most frequent infectious hazards reported.
- Malaria remains the top cause of morbidity and mortality that accounts for 62.7% of cases as of week 43, 2018. At least 21 counties in 6 state hubs are having malaria trends that exceed the expected levels.
- Currently, the ongoing outbreaks in South Sudan include Guinea worm in Rumbek Center and Rumbek North, Rift Valley Fever in Yirol East, Hepatitis E Virus in Bentiu PoC, and Rubella in Bor South, Measles in Juba - Al Mahad IDPs; and a possible malaria upsurge in 21 counties.
- Four (4) new HEV cases were reported from Bentiu PoC in week 43. A total of 143 HEV cases (18 confirmed by PCR) have been reported in Bentiu PoC in 2018. Current response entails surveillance, case follow up, WASH and discouraging communities from using stagnant water for domestic and recreational purposes.
- For more information on Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) please click on this link <https://afro.who.int/publications/south-sudan-weekly-disease-surveillance-bulletin>.

WHO Public Health response

Ebola Virus Disease preparedness

- As part of EVD preparedness the Ministry of Health has prioritized capacity building for Rapid Response teams in high-risk states targeting a total of 214 participants. The RRT training in Yambio, Malakal, Bor and Wau are scheduled for October 29th to November 2nd 2018, while for Torit training will be conducted from 3rd November to 7th November 2018.
- The national task force meetings did not take place during the reporting week due to the Peace Celebration holidays.

- State level EVD task force meetings are also ongoing and provide regular updates to National EVD Task Force meetings. The Rumbek state EVD taskforce to oversee preparedness and readiness for EVD preparedness was activated during a meeting chaired by Dr Hakim Makuer, DG SMOH and co-chaired by WHO. Members of the Technical working groups were also identified.
- Entry screening of travelers into South Sudan continues in all the 14 designated sites with support from WHO, International Organization for Migration (IOM), SCI, World Vision International South Sudan (WVISS) and other partners. A cumulative total of 418,805 travelers have been screened at all the 14 border screening points.



- WHO has deployed 6 more international consultants to Nimule, Yei and Yambio to support the taskforce to enhance capacities for infection prevention and control, risk communication, surveillance, and overall coordination of Ebola preparedness activities. Two more experts have arrived pending deployment. The cumulative total deployed is 12.
- Integrated Surveillance and Response (IDSR) training is ongoing in different states with support from WHO. In Rumbek IDSR training for 35 health workers from Rumbek North and East Counties, was conducted from 29th October - 2nd November 2018 with support from WHO. IDSR ToT training for 30 health care workers was conducted (29th Oct-2nd Nov 2018) in Yei, the participants were drawn from Yei, Morobo and Lainya counties in Yei River State, the training was facilitated by WHO team and SMOH.



IDSR training held from 29th Oct to 2nd Nov 2018 in Rumbek. Photo: WHO

- The weekly EVD preparedness update report was developed and disseminated widely and can be accessed at this link. <https://afro.who.int/publications/weekly-update-ebola-virus-disease-evd-preparedness-south-sudan>

Malaria

- WHO continues to track incidence trends, through malaria epidemic thresholds monitoring and responding in conjunction with partners to drug stock outs with a focus on Northern Bahr El Ghazal, Upper Nile, Western Bar El Ghazal, Warrap and Lakes.

Expanded Program on Immunization

- WHO in conjunction with partners continued to support the Ministry of Health in preparation for the Gavi Joint Appraisal review to begin on 5th November, 2018.

- The number of Integrated Supportive Supervisory visits (focusing on VPDs and RI sessions) recorded via the ODK is 3376 for the year 2018, and can be accessed via <http://esurv.afro.who.int/whosouthsudan/forms>
- The NPEC meeting occurred with 1 case classified as Polio compatible in Eastern Equatoria State.

Supplementary Immunization Activities (SIA)

- An integrated campaign remains ongoing in 4 counties in Upper Nile with 11,831 vaccinated with Measles, 20,609 with bOPV, and 32,124 with the Meningitis vaccine.

Updates from the States

- WHO team, state hub and field supervisors in Northern Bahr el Ghazal conducted sensitization on AFP, Measles and NNT surveillance for 22 health workers during Integrated Supportive Supervision.
- Surveillance has been intensified at the Malakal POC following detection of three (3) suspected Measles cases after investigation and sampling with specimens being sent to National Public health laboratory, Juba. Clinics intensifying surveillance for the same including new entries into the POC. No new cases have been registered.
- WHO hub provided essential surgical supplies to support trachoma and cataract surgeries to benefit over 200 patients in Jonglei.
- Capacity Building-Rapid Response Team trainings with focus on EVD where 36 participants from Bor, Duk and Twic East, Jonglei Hub were trained.
- WHO Hub organizes RRT training in Yambio, the function was attended by a number of (40) participants for the high-risk HFs along the border with DRC, designated PoE and the screening desks, this training aimed at strengthening capacities for effective and rapid response to epidemics at state, and county levels.
- In Upper Nile, Rapid Response team (RRT) training facilitated by WHO and MOH was conducted from Monday 29th October to 2nd November for 20 participants including Surveillance officers, clinicians and public health officers. The following counties were represented: Malakal, Akoka, Baliyet, Pigi, Fashoda, Ogod (new) and Manyo were represented.
- WHO through the state SMoH supplied 2 cartons of IHEK Basic units without antimalaria modules, 2 cartons of Mama deliveries kits, to Isohe Hospital in Eastern Equatoria.



Operational gaps and challenges

- The humanitarian operations continue to be hampered by insecurity limiting access, poor road network, floods, and bureaucracy at all levels.

Resource mobilization

Financial Information:

- The total recorded contributions for WHO emergency operations amounts to US\$ 3.9 million* for the financial year 2018 as of 28th October, 2018.
- The Ebola Preparedness plan for WHO has received \$1,270,409 (Core funds, CFE, DFID, Canada).
- WHO is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to WHO programmes with un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds. Concerted efforts to mobilize additional resources to address the finding gap are ongoing.

FUNDING STATUS OF APPEALS US\$				
	NAME OF THE APPEAL	REQUIRED FUNDS	FUNDED	% FUNDED
WHO	Humanitarian Response Plan	\$ 16.9 million	\$ 3.9 million	23%
	Ebola Preparedness	\$ 5.5 million	\$ 1.3 million	13%

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