

30 June 17

COUNTRY DIRECTORS' WEEKLY UPDATE

1. Key Meeting Takeaways.

- NGO Forum Facilitated Dialogue meant to clarify roles and responsibilities for key actors and stakeholders of the NGO Forum was successfully conducted on 29 July, facilitated by Killen Otieno, CD JAM. A readout from the event will be shared with members once it is finalised.
- NGO Forum has been invited by the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management to participate at the review of its 5-Year Strategic Plan, 2013-2018, which will take place from 3-4 July, at Dembesh Hotel, Juba. The Forum will participate.
- In light of 9 July, South Sudan Independence Day, UN will this week issue an advisory. It is meant to be precautionary. The Forum shall advise members accordingly should it be otherwise.
- Noticeable increase in the numbers of restrictions of movements and operations of humanitarians is impacting the work of humanitarians, averaging 80-90 incidents per month this year as compared with 50 incidents last year.
- To be aware: national staff and their families are directly impacted by robberies in their places of residence.
- Single occupant NGO vehicles are the most likely to be stopped by traffic officers. The Forum advises that, as much as possible, staff travel with at least 2 people in a vehicle.
- Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) is working on Bureaucratic Impediments Position Paper that will be adopted next week. The Paper deals mechanisms of responses to bureaucratic impediments challenges.
- This month, OCHA will lead light review of the South Sudan Humanitarian Response Plan. Below is the proposed programme for this review. We ask members to feed into this through the Clusters and also share with the Secretariat Director any particular feedback that you might want shared with OCHA:

By 5 July	Clusters/OCHA	Information Updating & Severity Mapping Clusters share available updated data, focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humanitarian needs and vulnerability (e.g. morbidity, mortality, food insecurity, malnutrition, displacement, etc) - Status of infrastructure impacting on needs (e.g. number of damaged/destroyed/occupied health facilities and schools, number of operational therapeutic feeding centres etc) <i>Note: Updating will focus in particular on the evolution of displacement, food insecurity/malnutrition, and cholera.</i>
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By 10 July	OCHA	OCHA utilizes data to update & share: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HNO Master Dataset - Severity Mapping (county level)
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Deadline	Responsible	Action
By 14 July	ICWG & OCHA	<p>Narrative & Data Review of Cluster Response Plans <i>[google doc link to be inserted for updating]</i></p> <p>Cluster Coordinators to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and revise Cluster Response Plan narratives (incl. needs) as outlined in the HRP, and update as necessary, staying within the word count. - Review and revise each of the following key data points for each cluster: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o People in Need (PIN) + assumptions o People Targeted (or change in people targeted) o People Targeted by Cluster Indicators (to update 5W) <p>OCHA to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review the overarching HRP narrative and update to reflect changes in needs and response in first half of 2017.
21 July	ICWG & OCHA	<p>Review Prioritization, Pipelines & Project Portfolios <i>[google doc link to be inserted for updating]</i></p> <p>Cluster Coordinators to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and revise Quartile Prioritisation. Note: <i>This revised prioritisation should align with cluster prioritization under the SSHF 2nd Standard Round Allocation; please therefore review and reflect thoroughly.</i> - Provide a comprehensive update on the status – and use to date - of the common pipelines, including any upcoming pipeline breaks, working closely with pipeline managers and Cluster Lead Agencies. <p>Where necessary, Cluster Coordinators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review project portfolios and discuss within the cluster if there are major gaps vis-à-vis areas of new needs, including which projects may be subtracted/added. <i>Note: Any changes in the project portfolio must remain within the overall funding envelope for the cluster.</i>

28 July	OCHA	Consolidate and share MYR outcomes with HCT
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The purpose of the review is to ensure that the HRP remains relevant in light of the evolution of the humanitarian needs. In this respect, the Inter-Cluster Working Group will: a) review their cluster narratives in the HRP; b) review and update cluster Quartile Prioritisation ; and c) *if necessary for the cluster*, review project portfolios to determine whether projects should be added/subtracted to reflect the evolution in needs. *However, there will be no change in the overall envelope for any cluster or for the HRP.*

2. Bureaucratic Impediments.

Latest developments:

- The Secretariat is compiling a list of bureaucratic impediments that humanitarians and development partners face in order to be present at HCT for collective response consideration. Members are encouraged to share with Gaelle in OCHA or the Director of the Secretariat any formal communications, national or local, that you may have in that respect. This will support current plans to have a collective look at the bureaucratic impediments that impede and interfere with humanitarian work at the HCT level.

3. Security.

- 38 INGOs have provided Baseline Data Matrix details to the SFP.
- At a meeting with the SRSG on 30 June the issue of NGO national staff members to enter UN bases in times of crisis was discussed. While it was not finalised, the outlook for this to occur was positive, but had 2 caveats: the security situation had to be severe enough, and it was to be a temporary arrangement. More details to follow.
- General threats remain extant:
 - o Sporadic localised fighting could break out between SPLA and SPLA-IO.
 - o Cattle raiding, particularly in Lakes is expected to continue - NGOs are not a direct target, but roads out of Rumbek remain dangerous.
 - o Expect warehouse / compound break-ins country-wide.
 - o The general threat of ambushes and robberies on road movement remains high.

4. Information / communications.

- CDs are asked to forward changes or new staff contact details for the different mailing-lists (CD, SWG, HRWG, PWG).
- A new interactive website will be launched in mid-July. It will have a clean uncluttered design, improved functionality and enhanced rich content focused on improving the user experience.
- SMS test messages will occur at the beginning of every month, starting Monday 3 July. If no test message is received, please contact the Information Manager to update your contact details.
- The reorganisation of Skype Groups will commenced on Friday 30 June and is being well supported by Forum members. All members of the Skype Groups will be vetted by the Secretariat Security Team.

5. Training.

- Forum training opportunities:
 - NGO Forum and Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility (CSRF) presentation on Livestock and Humanitarian Aid will take place on 21 July. Detail to follow around 10 July.
- Security training:
 - The Juba relocation / evacuation table-top exercises will continue for another 2 sessions on 5 and 12 July. Take up and feedback have been positive thus far with many learning points for all attendees. A final 'lessons' package will be shared with the Forum on completion to help with NGOs' planning.
 - Security Focal Point is collecting a database of training providers. If you have any experience with an external agency please forward for inclusion.

6. Secretariat Staff Issues / Movements.

- The National NGO Focal Point will be away from 27 June to 22 July on lessons learning on peacebuilding. His roles will be shared between the Director, State Coordination Trainer and NNGO Information Officer.
- The new Deputy Security Focal Point (Martin Ochere) has now joined the Secretariat.
- The Security Analyst is on leave from 29 June to 19 July.
- The NNGO Information Officer resumes work on Monday 3 July from a 3 weeks' sick leave

7. Forward Look.

- CDs are encouraged to self-nominate for the 3 open slots on the Steering Committee membership to be voted on 7 July at the CDG meeting.
- The next CDG meeting will sensitise members on the Consequences for Violations Position Paper, especially on how to embed NGOs engagements into the operationalisation of the HCT decision making process.
- SFP and DSFP to attend an UNMISS Crisis Management Team Exercise Saturday 1 July.

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