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COUNTRY DIRECTORS' WEEKLY UPDATE

1. Key Takeaways.

- The 2018 HRP's ask will be USD 1.8bn targeting a population of 6.1m out of 7m in need.
- IPC is scheduled to be launched on Monday November 5. Key highlights will be shared with members in the next Weekly Update.
- New work permit fees, which have gone up, for international staff of NGOs have been released. Circular attached with this update. Effective date is November 11.
- In the week of November 5, there is planned meeting with the Under Secretary and DG for Revenues and Taxation at the Ministry of Finance. Members will be updated accordingly.
- A presentation on protection mainstreaming, protection programming and inclusion programming was made by the NRC Inclusion Expert. She is ready to provide support to organisations on centrality of protection, which is a Strategic Objective 2 of the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan. Forum will share presentation with members once Forum receives it.

2. Bureaucratic Impediments

- New Work Permit fees have been brought to the attention of Heads of Missions, including the IGAD Embassies citizens of whom form the bulk of NGOs international expats.
- A meeting has been planned between NGO Forum and RRC and the Directorate of National Security Security (NSS) that deals with NGOs affairs to discuss NSS-related issues so that they may be addressed.
- RRC has released a list of INGOs international staff without work permit. Issues that the Forum identified with the list include the following: missing names of those without work permit, specification of incorrect duty stations, presence of external visitors on the list, and names of missionaries. Also, some members of the list have now received work permits, others have permits pending, others do not require permits (short term visitors), and others have not been submitted. Besides, RRC inappropriately published the list on Facebook. In addition, given rate of processing of work permits by the Ministry of Labour, 1 month deadline is not going

to be sufficient. OCHA and NGO Forum will engage RRC on this particular issue this week.

- A planned meeting between the Governor of Renk and Deputy Chair of the RRC, on the one hand, and Humanitarian Country Team representatives has been planned for the week of November 5 regarding the issues that NGOs are facing in Renk. Members will be updated about this meeting accordingly on agreed next steps.

3. Security

- **General.**

Issue	Likelihood	NGO advised action
Ambushes / robberies on roads	HIGH	Basic convoy drills Min 2 vehicles / group with other NGOs if possible Avoid certain routes
Armed clashes between government and opposition forces	MEDIUM – HIGH	Observe local warnings Understand relocation procedure – by road and aircraft Relocate early
Cattle raiding / inter-communal fighting	MEDIUM – HIGH	Note indicators and warnings Avoid certain areas Relocate early
Warehouse / compound break-ins	MEDIUM	Continually review compound security arrangements
Staff targeted for robberies / harassment	MEDIUM	Basic security precautions
Staff targeted for kidnap	LOW	Basic security precautions

- **Weekly highlight.** On 3 November SPLA troops loyal to former Chief of Staff Paul Malong converged at his compound in Juba to provide protection precipitating a responsive government forces' deployment to counter this move. The result was (is) a tense security situation, especially along the Airport Road and J1 areas. UNDSS declared Juba as WHITE (no movement), before reverting to GREEN except for J1 area on 4 November morning. As at 1200 on Sunday all appeared to be quiet in Juba and the immediate situation around Malong's residence somewhat

calmer. NGOs are, however, reminded to be vigilant and report unusual activities in order to share to other members.

- **Field outreach.**

- DSFP will continue his security outreach programme as follows:
 - 22-24 Nov **KAPOETA**
 - 4-6 Dec **AWEIL**

The aim of the outreach engagements is to facilitate networks at field level, encourage best practice and better engage NNGOs.

- **NGO Safety and Security Guide.** The NGO Safety and Security Guide has been re-issued. CDs and Security Advisers are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with its content. It will also be available on the Forum Documents Portal next week.

4. Information / communications.

- Steering Committee Constituents are now available on our website. Please follow the link to know your SC Representative (<http://southsudanngoforum.org/sc-constituents>).
- The document portal now updated for better accessibility of documents. Please follow the link <http://docs.southsudanngoforum.org/> to access circulars, government acts and other documents. To access meeting minutes and security reports from the portal please ask for a login details from the Information Manager (infomgr@southsudanngoforum.org).
- Information Manager is finalising the constituencies lists with email addresses for all constituency members to facilitate communications between constituency leads and constituency members.
- Updated list of all CD contacts can be found here <http://southsudanngoforum.org/contacts/>

5. Training.

- **Security: SSAFE**
 - 14-16 Nov
 - 28-30 Nov
 - 12-14 Dec
- NGO Forum and Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility have organised Conflict Sensitivity training, primarily targeting partners of DFID's HARISS programme and donor staff, on November 9 at NGO Forum Secretariat.

6. Secretariat Staff Issues / Movements.

- DSFP on leave 3-20 November.
- Information Manager is back at Post

7. Forward Look.

- Every Thursday at 13:15 hours, HCT representatives for the NGOs hold a pre-meeting to which all NGOs are welcome. Come and make your voices and concerns heard.
- **We encourage members to share with the Secretariat operational and access challenges that they face** so that matters may be brought to the attention of relevant authorities. Use the email addresses accessreporting@un.org and coordinator@southsudanngoforum.org. In the interim the Forum will explore the possibility of a dedicated Forum email address for this purpose in the access reporting email account.
- The Forum will share the revised constituency lists and leads in the new week. Please print and know your constituency members and constituency lead once the list is sent out.
- Registration for new members for the NGO Forum for 2017 is closed. Interested new members will have to wait till January when registration for 2018 will be opened.

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