



IOM hosted at a local radio show to discuss COVID-19 preventative measures © IOM 2020 / Loyce NABIE



1.6 Million

South Sudanese internally displaced persons
(source: OCHA)



2.3 Million

South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries
(source: UNHCR)



895,375

individuals reached through COVID-19 health & hygiene promotion outreach



10,795 MT

Humanitarian cargo transported for IOM & partners in 2020



133,369

IDPs provided with water, sanitation & hygiene services

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Despite some forward movement in earlier months, August saw continued delays in the implementation of the peace deal. At the same time, there has been a continuation of sub-national and localized violence throughout much of August, with escalating tensions and violence in different parts of the country, including in Warrap, Jonglei, and Central Equatoria States. These tensions continue to deepen the humanitarian crisis that has been made worse by the impacts of heavy rains and flooding in various areas of South Sudan.

Monthly Highlights

- ✓ 895,375 individuals reached through COVID-19 health and hygiene promotion outreach.
- ✓ Safe drinking water provided to 80,386 individuals residing Bentiu, Malakal, and Wau PoC sites.
- ✓ 40,902 individuals received outpatient health consultations.
- ✓ S-NFI's distributed to 850 conflict-affected households, benefiting 5,100 individuals (male 2,406 and female 2,694) in Juba county in Central Equatoria



INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

EBOLA

With the eleventh outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in the Équateur province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), IOM joined the South Sudan Ministry of Health, WHO, and other partners to discuss the reactivation of South Sudan's EVD preparedness strategy. IOM presented the Points of Entry (POE) strategy to integrate EVD and COVID-19 preparedness and response activities in response to the WHO upgrading of South Sudan from moderate risk to high-risk for importing EVD from DRC.

COVID-19

IOM continued carrying out COVID-19 response activities, focusing on health screenings; risk communication and community engagement; health and hygiene promotion; WASH/Infection, Prevention, and Control; and displacement tracking. IOM also continued mainstreaming COVID-19 prevention protocols across all of IOM's humanitarian, transition/recovery and development programming in South Sudan. In addition, IOM continued its active participation in various COVID-19 coordination fora, including the Strategic Advisory Group, National Task Force, COVID-19 National Steering Committee meetings, State Task Forces, and Technical Working Groups, including continuing its role as Co-lead of the Points of Entry (POE) Technical Working Group.



31,853
individuals screened at 3
IOM-managed COVID-19
PoE sites



17,432
individuals screened
at Juba International
Airport



11,026
individuals screened
at Nimule Land
Crossing



3,395
individuals
screened at
Wau Airport



895,375 individuals reached
through COVID-19 health & hygiene
promotion outreach

IOM continues to disseminate messages on EVD and COVID-19 awareness (regarding prevention, transmission, and signs of EVD and COVID-19), proper hand washing with soap and water, social distancing, and maintaining a safe water chain.

CENTRAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

With the support of the Central Emergency Response Fund, programming commenced among IOM's four partners in health and WASH initiatives to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Health activities include strengthening health systems and providing essential COVID-19 prevention services, community engagement and messaging on COVID-19 awareness, and infection, prevention, and control (IPC) at health facilities. WASH activities include construction and rehabilitation of existing water sources, water quality and treatment monitoring, latrine rehabilitation, improving hygiene practices in the communities, and reducing the spread of COVID-19 in health facilities, among others.

Health and WASH activities are being conducted by the International Rescue Committee in Rubkona County, and Medair in Juba County. In Yei County, Torit, and Nimule, the Norwegian Refugee Council commenced WASH activities, while United Networks for Health began health activities. Projects are expected to continue over nine months.

MENTAL HEALTH & PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

A total of 7,869 individuals received MHPSS services in Wau, Malakal, and Bentiu in August. The MHPSS team also continued with awareness-raising on COVID-19 and respective MHPSS considerations, reaching 10,633 beneficiaries through 859 sessions in all field locations. MHPSS beneficiaries also produced 5,198 reusable face masks during August. In addition, IOM MHPSS teams continued to establish regional MHPSS hotlines for remote counselling. The toll-free number for the hotline is ready to be operationalized at all three field locations, with Bentiu and Wau finalizing partnership agreements to launch the hotlines on the premises of the Ministry of Health. In Wau, 13 counsellors from four international and national organizations were trained on remote MHPSS service provision aimed at quality services and operation of the hotline. At the Yoanyan clinic in Rubkona, IOM completed the construction of a tukul for MHPSS recreational activities. In Malakal, IOM's MHPSS teams are supporting a men's group with fishnet production to enhance self-reliance.

LOGISTICS



718 metric tons of
humanitarian cargo
delivered this month



35 humanitarian
organisations
supported



10,795 metric tons
of humanitarian cargo
transported this year

CAMP COORDINATION & CAMP MANAGEMENT

In coordination with OCHA and CCCM Cluster, IOM is responding to localized inter-communal violence in the Greater Pibor Administrative Area (GPAA) that forced approximately 11,000 individuals to seek protection in an area adjacent to the UNMISS base in Pibor.

IOM deployed a field surge CCCM team to coordinate life-saving assistance and support with site management capacity through partner coordination, advocacy and liaison, service monitoring, COVID-19 risk communication, and community governance and participation in the Pibor Adjacent Area (AA) and four collective centres.

In Bentiu PoC site, the IOM Camp Management (CM) team mobilized 83 newly selected sector and block leaders for an induction and capacity building training that was facilitated jointly with the Relief, Reintegration, and Protection (RRP) unit of UNMISS to introduce newly selected leaders to their terms of reference and enhance their understanding of CCCM and site operations. In the Wau PoCAA, the CM team coordinated blanket distribution of 6,500 non-medical reusable face masks to IDP individuals to curtail the transmission of COVID-19.



A resident of the Wau Protection of Civilians site receiving handmade cloth masks © IOM 2020

CCCM CLUSTER

In August, the CCCM Cluster participated in various workshops, including scenario building workshop for the 2021 Humanitarian Needs Overview organized by the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG), Needs Analysis Working Group (NAWG), and Information Management Working Group (IMWG), to prepare for the 2021 Humanitarian Needs Overview and Humanitarian Response Plan. The CCCM Cluster also finalized severity indicators for inter-sectoral severity analysis to contribute to the 2021 Humanitarian Needs Overview. In addition, the state-level CCCM Cluster actively engaged in coordinating COVID-19 related response and preparedness activities in the PoC sites.

MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

IOM completed research on remittances and diasporas engagement and presented the draft report titled, ***“Policy Research on Remittances and Diaspora Engagement in South Sudan: A Policy Research with a focus on the South Sudanese Community in Australia”*** to the co-chairs and members of the Government’s Technical Advisory Working Group (TAWG). On 20 August, the TAWG validated the draft at a workshop attended both physically and virtually. The report is expected to be released in October 2020.

In Nimule, IOM commenced sensitization sessions across POEs on COVID-19, targeting front line government officers. The sessions aimed to ensure security actors, border management stakeholders, including immigration, are aware of COVID-19 protocols and participate in enforcing measure to mitigate COVID-19.

The sensitization is also planned for Juba International Airport, Wau Airport, Majokynthiou (Aweil East), and Wuntho Borders (Renk County). IOM also continued to work with the policy team of the Directorate of Civil Registry, Nationality, Passport and Immigration’s (DCRNPI) to draft an operational policy on the civil registry and ID management.

At the regional level, IOM participated in the East Africa regional assessment on trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, focusing on regional cross border cooperation.

PROTECTION/GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

To promote women and girls' empowerment and to enhance the capacity of women leaders in Juba and Wau, IOM completed three trainings with 41 participants from the water management committees (WMC), community hygiene promoters (CHP), and sanitation committee (SC) members to build women's leadership and confidence. IOM's partner, Active Youth Agency (AYA), continued to support activities at the women and girl's friendly space (WGFS) in Juba, including skills-building sessions with 58 women, 43 adolescents, and 15 girls.

To prevent GBV, IOM worked with AYA in Juba to mobilize the community on Engaging Men for Accountable Practice (EMAP). Four women's dialogue groups were successfully formed with 60 women in Juba. Furthermore, door-to-door awareness on GBV consequences and available services linked to COVID-19 prevention reached 35 households, including 221 beneficiaries (125 women and girls, 96 men



Women at IOM supported Women and Girls Friendly Space make handmade table clothes © IOM 2020 / Loyce NABIE

and boys). Two talk shows were conducted on 88.4 City FM Juba during this reporting period. The shows covered topics on GBV consequences and available services for survivors, as well as the gendered impact on COVID-19, including unequal gender roles and menstrual hygiene management.

In August 2020, the protection team embarked on a joint mission to Tingili with IOM's S-NFI and WASH teams. The protection team identified 30 persons with specific needs (PSNs), conducted protection assessment of the area, disseminated key messages of COVID-19, and facilitated a protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) training for the WASH and S-NFI enumerators. Furthermore, the Protection team trained border officials in Nimule on PSEA, Protection Mainstreaming, Disability Inclusion, and Human Rights. The team also facilitated a PSEA training for the Juba DTM team.

CORE PIPELINE

IOM Core Pipeline processed 15 approved requests from nine WASH partners for the benefit of approximately 24,465 households. In addition, 18 requests were processed for 10 S-NFI partners for the benefit of 30,369 households. The emergency supplies reached 15 counties, namely, Juba, Lainya, Yei, Bor South, Pibor, Yirol East, Panyijar, Pariang, Rubkona, Malakal, Fashoda, Tonj South, Wau, Ibba, and Mvolo.

The start of the rainy season flooded many parts of the country, mainly affecting Jonglei state and some areas in Unity, Warrap, and Western Equatoria. Of the processed requests, six S-NFI and two WASH pipeline requests were intended for flood response. Items provided for S-NFI responses included plastic sheets, rubber ropes, blankets, mosquito nets, kangas, and kitchen sets, as well as water treatment supplies for the WASH response. IOM Core Pipeline also continued its vital support for the COVID-19 response. Critical WASH supplies were provided for three organizations, benefitting 2,550 households in Juba and Wau counties. Based on a comprehensive analysis conducted by IOM in August, Pipeline estimates that an additional USD 4.17 million is required to support an estimated 60,000 flood affected households with critical S-NFI supplies and 30,000 flood-affected households with critical WASH supplies.

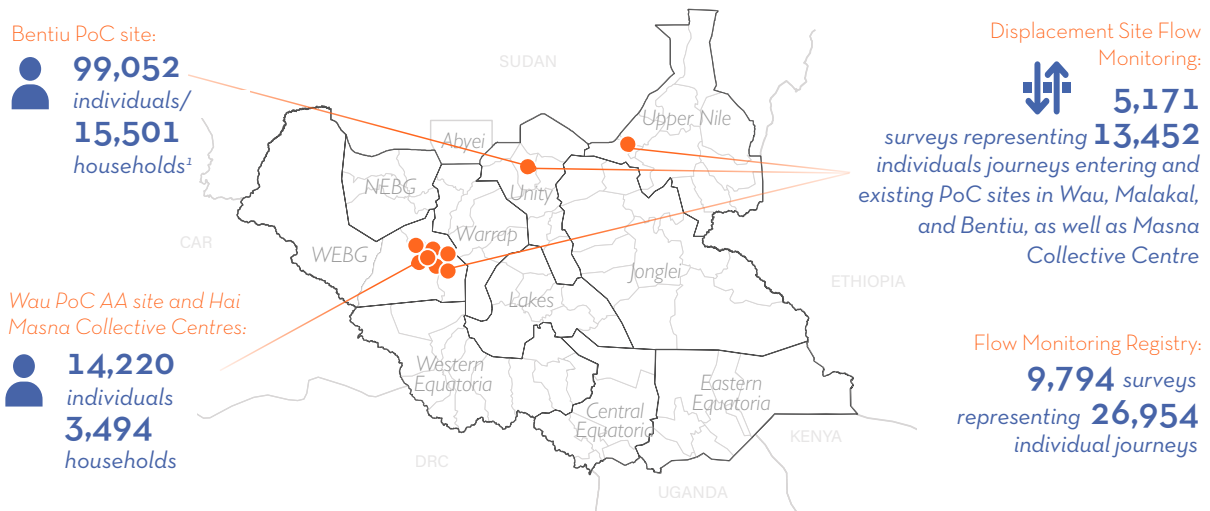
IOM continued prepositioning to key logistic hub locations, which are still accessible by road transportation, ensuring the uninterrupted provision of key supplies for S-NFI and WASH responses during the rainy season. IOM Core Pipeline transported 55.18 metric tons of supplies to the logistics hub in the Bor.

 <p>33 requests for WASH and Shelter NFI supplies were approved and processed</p>	 <p>19 partners of WASH and S-NFI Clusters received NFIs for distribution</p>	 <p>24,465 HHs and 30,369 HHs in 15 counties benefited from WASH & SNFI supplies respectively</p>	 <p>55.18 MT of SNFI & WASH supplies transported for prepositioning to distribution locations</p>
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DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX

DTM initiated field data collection for round 9 of mobility tracking, which will provide partners and the humanitarian community with updated cross-country baseline information on IDPs and returnees. The baseline assessment is complemented by a tailored COVID-19 questionnaire aiming to support evidence-based planning through insights into COVID-19 awareness and the impact it has on service delivery, mobility, and livelihoods across 500 payams. In addition, the flow monitoring registry (FMR) enumerators conducted 14,965 surveys representing 40,406 individual journeys. DTM continued the weekly COVID-19 preparedness and response assessment at more than 80 internal transit hubs, areas, and border crossing points. Weekly data is uploaded on the [Global DTM mobility impact portal](#), and an overview of the situation in South Sudan is provided in the [bi-weekly Mobility Update](#). The team also finalized datasets and maps based on information collected through village assessment surveys (VAS) detailing the functionality status of facilities, infrastructure, and availability of services in 182 bomas in Wau, Rubkona, Bor South, Torit, Magwi, Aweil Centre, and Malakal. In collaboration with WHO, DTM commenced data collection for a household-level multisectoral COVID-19 study in Juba, combined with randomized COVID-19 testing to strengthen the understanding of population vulnerability to COVID-19.

Monthly Headcount and Flow Monitoring Figures



¹ Last available data as of June 2020.

PUBLISHED REPORTS/MAPS

- [DTM Village Assessment Survey - Wau County, Facilities, Infrastructure and Services](#)
- [DTM Village Assessment Survey - Torit County, Facilities, Infrastructure and Services](#)
- [DTM Village Assessment Survey - Rubkona County, Facilities, Infrastructure and Services](#)
- [DTM Village Assessment Survey - Malakal County, Facilities, Infrastructure and Services](#)
- [DTM Village Assessment Survey - Magwi County, Facilities, Infrastructure and Services](#)
- [DTM Village Assessment Survey - Bor South County, Facilities, Infrastructure and Services](#)
- [DTM Village Assessment Survey - Aweil Centre County, Facilities, Infrastructure and Services](#)
- [DTM COVID-19 Mobility Update 13 \(29 June - 12 July 2020\)](#)
- [DTM Site Assessment Profiles - Mobility Tracking Round 8](#)
- [DTM Event Tracking: Bor South County, Jonglei State \(August 2020\)](#)

RELEASED DATASETS

- [South Sudan COVID-19 Mobility Update 14 \(13-26 July 2020\)](#)
- [South Sudan Village Assessment Survey - Wau, Rubkona, Bor South, Aweil Centre, Malakal, Magwi And Torit, Health Facility Assessment \(August 2019 - March 2020\)](#)
- [South Sudan Village Assessment Survey - Wau, Rubkona, Bor South, Aweil Centre, Malakal, Magwi And Torit, Education Facility Assessment \(August 2019 - March 2020\)](#)
- [South Sudan Village Assessment Survey - Wau, Rubkona, Bor South, Aweil Centre, Malakal, Magwi And Torit, FIS \(August 2019 - March 2020\)](#)
- [South Sudan Village Assessment Survey - Wau, Rubkona, Bor South, Aweil Centre, Malakal, Magwi And Torit, Boma Multisectoral Service Availability \(August 2019 - March 2020\)](#)
- [South Sudan COVID-19 Mobility Update 15 \(27 July - 09 August 2020\)](#)
- [South Sudan Village / Neighborhood Assessment - Round 8](#)
- [South Sudan Flow Monitoring Registry - June 2020](#)
- [South Sudan Site Assessment - Round 8](#)
- [South Sudan COVID-19 Mobility Update 13 \(29 June - 12 July 2020\)](#)

RAPID RESPONSE FUND

With support from the USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, RRF completed its closeout activities for the previous award and commenced activities to kick-off the new award for RRF for the period of August 2020 - October 2021.

RRF leadership and sectoral focal points met with each of the Cluster leads to brief them on the updates to the new award and coordinate current programming and geographic priorities. In addition, RRF briefed Cluster partners on the new award and began accepting proposals in August, targeting flood and conflict-related emergency responses in various regions. Activities are expected to commence in September, supporting the WASH, GBV, protection, health and nutrition, food security and livelihoods, and S-NFI needs.

SHELTER & NON-FOOD ITEMS



Shelter NFI distribution in Tigilli in Juba for conflict-affected IDPs IOM 2020/ Loyce NABIE

In collaboration with the IOM WASH unit, the S-NFI team distributed plastic sheets, blanket, kanga, solar lamps, dignity kits, soap, and buckets to 850 conflict-affected households, benefitting 5,100 individuals (male 2,406 and female 2,694) in Juba County in Central Equatoria. IOM and humanitarian partners also supported 4,620 households affected by communal violence in Tonj South, Warrap. Items distributed included shelter and WASH NFIs, including blankets, plastic sheets, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, buckets, soap, and dignity kits. In addition, IOM completed the rehabilitation of 94 damaged shelters in PoCAA, benefitting 272 households.

In Tonj South, Warrap, IOM's housing, land, and property (HLP) team conducted a protection and HLP assessment. In addition, IOM reaffirmed its partnership with the Ministry of Land, Housing, and Urban Development to support the review of the 2019 Draft Land Policy.

S-NFI CLUSTER

During the reporting period, the S-NFI cluster reached a total of 20,756 individuals with provisions of emergency shelter and non-food items to the most vulnerable households who are not able to meet their basic household needs. To date, the Cluster reached 711,089 individuals in 2020, representing 70% of its target in the Humanitarian Response Plan 2020. In August, the Cluster partners conducted 12 assessments (including IRNA) and five distributions.

MIGRATION HEALTH

IOM continued to provide primary health care services in eight static and five mobile health facilities in Rubkona, Wau and Malakal counties, attaining the following results:



The IOM RRT mission to Kajo Keji to support three health facilities in hard to reach areas in Jalimo, Kinyibi, and Bori is on-going. During August, 2,075 individuals were consulted at the outpatient clinic, and 2,073 individuals were reached with health promotional messages. In addition, 150 mothers were provided with antenatal services. IOM also continued to provide HIV prevention services, including awareness-raising, HIV testing, and counselling for key populations. During this reporting period, 656 individuals were tested for HIV at Wau, Bentiu, and Malakal PoC sites, and 14 positive cases commenced antiretroviral therapy.

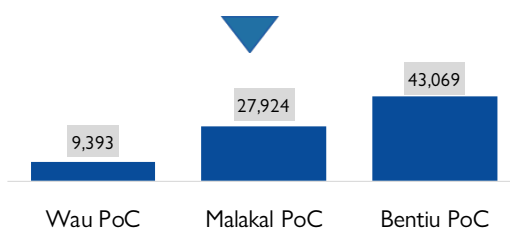
TRANSITION & RECOVERY

In partnership with the Inter-State Committee on Cattle Seasonal Migration (ICCSM), IOM conducted a Mobile Peace Response intervention in Wau to address tensions related to early cattle migration within Jur River. In the Agok area, the ICCSM and IOM facilitated negotiations, which led to 827 head of cattle leaving the villages of Gotongo and Gologo to go back to the area of Maluil Boma, where the area's Executive Chief had accepted them through the Marial Bai Agreement protocols. IOM also continued supporting Functional Adult Literacy (FAL) Community-Based Facilitators to conduct COVID-19 awareness-raising and FAL activities through home visits for 100 women beneficiaries. In addition, IOM supported 25 community members through cash for work to produce 7,546 COVID-19 facemasks in areas of high return in Lokoloko and Jebel Kheir. IOM distributed 5,000 facemasks in the PoC and Collective sites in Wau. In the Abyei Administrative area, IOM trained 14 social mobilizers on COVID-19 awareness raising, focusing on effective face mask usage, hygiene, and other COVID-19 preventive measures. The mobilizers distributed 9,000 locally produced face masks to 4,592 vulnerable individuals, such as the elderly, women traders, community police, prison detainees, and frontline workers in Abyei. IOM also continued implementing livelihood activities, including handing out start-up kits to various livelihood groups and supporting 65 Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) group members. In addition, the TRU peacebuilding team in Abyei conducted a two-day conflict mitigation training for water management committee members, which was attended by 27 participants.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

IOM continued to provide water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services to over 133,369 IDPs in Bentiu, Malakal, and Wau PoC sites. Outside the PoCs, IOM completed the construction of the institutional latrines in three primary schools in Wau and Juba, as well as the construction of communal latrines in five public markets and one IOM Women and Girl Friendly Space in Wau and Juba. Further, following the Open Defecation Free (ODF) verification exercises conducted jointly by the Country authorities, IOM, and four communities (Dipok, Palounganyi, Dongo-Lobo, Kicenga) in Magwi, the Eastern Equatoria State was declared ODF in August, benefiting an estimated 1,531 individuals (303 households). The WASH Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPnR) team deployed to Tonji South and East in Warrap State, and Arun Junction in Central Equatoria State, to respond to conflict displacement. To support the COVID-19 response, IOM continued to maintain 680 handwashing stations in Malakal PoC, Bentiu PoC, Wau PoC, Wau, Twic, Juba, and Magwi. IOM also continued to conduct COVID-19 awareness raising and hygiene promotion activities through a network of 293 community hygiene promoters, reaching 1,009,301 individuals in Bentiu PoC, Malakal PoC, Wau, Twic, Juba, and Magwi in August.

This month, IOM provided **safe drinking water to 80,386** individuals residing in the following sites



837 WASH NFIs were distributed, **1** water yard constructed, and **9** boreholes were drilled, which will provide safe water for **13,696** individuals in the following locations;

- 1 solar-powered water yard constructed in Juba
- 9 rehabilitated boreholes (8 in Tonji South and 1 in Magwi)
- 837 WASH NFIs distributed (812 in Magwi and 25 in Twic)

IN FOCUS



A mother collects safe drinking water from a water point constructed by IOM in Wau
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IOM RECEIVES NEW FUNDING TO SUPPORT INTEGRATED HUMANITARIAN AND RECOVERY SUPPORT IN SOUTH SUDAN

Juba - The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has received new funding from the United States Agency for International Development's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) to step up humanitarian response and recovery efforts in South Sudan.

The USD \$30,375,000 funding comes at a time when South Sudanese are working towards nation-building following the revitalization of the peace process and the formation of the Transitional Government of National Unity in February 2020.

"With this funding, IOM will prioritize safety and dignity, ensure meaningful access to services for the most vulnerable, and encourage local communities to participate in the transition and recovery

activities in their communities," said IOM South Sudan's Chief of Mission, Jean-Philippe Chauzy.

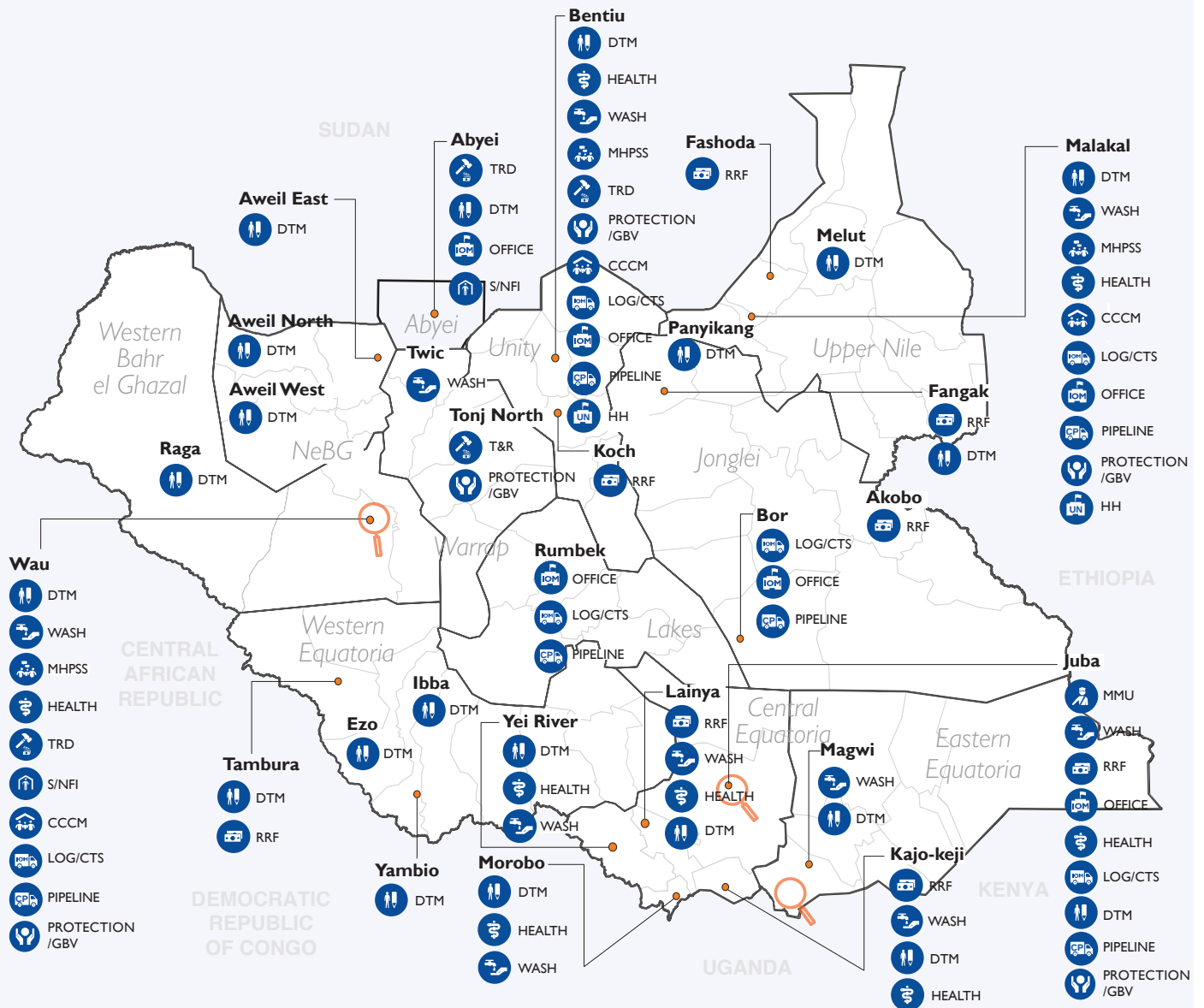
The funding will enable IOM to focus on three interlinked and mutually reinforcing areas of intervention; 1) camps and camp-like settings; 2) underserved and hard-to-reach areas facing great severity of humanitarian needs; and 3) humanitarian coordination. IOM will continue responding to the needs of vulnerable people in PoC sites and collective settlements as well as to communities outside of camp settings suffering similar shocks to ensure equitable access.

IOM will also ensure the effective delivery of support by promoting the involvement of a wide range of actors and humanitarian partners to reach a greater portion of the affected population and to better respond to new emergencies within the communities.

"Though the intensity of the conflict has reduced since the signing of the peace agreement, the country is still facing devastating human and financial costs as a result of the protracted crisis. This is why we must make available the much-needed support to enable the most vulnerable people find their way to transition and recovery," Chauzy added.

Read the full press release [here](#).

IOM FIELD OPERATIONS



Programme Activities

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|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|----------|
| WASH | HEALTH | S/NFI | DTM | CCCM |
| MHPSS | T&R | PIPELINE | RRF | LOGS/CTS |
| OFFICES/STATIC PRESENCE | PROTECTION /GBV | HUMANITARIAN HUB (HH) | INFECTIOUS DISEASE PoE SCREENING SITES | MMU |

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