The United Nations will celebrate worldwide the 70th anniversary of its birth on UN Day, 24 October. As the newest country in the world, and the 193rd Member State of the UN, South Sudan will join to celebrate the Day. The theme of this year’s anniversary — “Strong UN. Better World.” — captures the importance of multilateralism and the essential role of the UN. The UN system has supported South Sudan for nearly 50 years. Currently, 22 UN agencies, funds and programs make up the UN Country Team (UNCT) working to address humanitarian and development needs in the country. Today, the UN family remains committed to the people of South Sudan so they can realize their dreams of a democratic, peaceful and prosperous South Sudan.
UN System provides and supports education in South Sudan

With the launch of a “Back to Learning Campaign”, the UN system has promoted education within communities as well as in the UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites where over 180,000 internally displaced persons have fled violence to be under UN protection. Providing schools meals has increased students’ enrolment in schools: 40 to 93% for boys and 30 to 86% for girls. In addition, thanks to its Quick Impact Projects, the UN has built 20 schools and 2 health facilities from 2011 to 2015. The UN has also facilitated trainings and capacity-building for university students, police officers, journalists as well as literacy trainings for adults, and vocational training for local communities.
United Nations Mission in South Sudan – Communications & Public Information Office

In 2015, over 96,000 children were admitted to outpatient therapeutic programs services for the treatment of severe acute malnutrition.

In an effort to eradicate polio from South Sudan, over 973,000 children under 15 years have been vaccinated in 2015 and some 261,000 against measles, while over 300,000 long-lasting insecticide-treated nets have been distributed as protection against malaria.

The UN System has also provided food assistance to inaccessible areas. Since January 2014, 6,000 aircraft rotations have airdropped 100,000 metric tons of food, in what is the largest ongoing humanitarian air operation in the world.

In 2014, in an effort to end the scourge of malnutrition, nutritious food was distributed to over 400,000 children under age 5.

United Nations supports medical care, food assistance and nutrition surveys

Livelihood and food security

In an effort to build resilient livelihoods, the UN has combined short-term emergencies response activities, such as the distribution of livelihood kits, with longer term development initiatives including providing solar-powered water pumps giving access to safe drinking water, training veterinarians and agricultural extension workers.

Gathering reliable data is key in making decision and preventing famine. UN teams and the Government work together to conduct crop assessments, food security and nutrition surveys to inform early warning systems.
**UNMISS NEWS**

**Photos of the month**

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**Military Liaison Officers**

- 187

**Staff Officers**

- 312

**GRAND TOTAL**

- 10984

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**UNMISS “Protection of Civilians” (PoC) Sites**

**STATE**

- **Central Equatoria**
  - UN House PoC I
  - Number of civilians seeking protection: 7,434

- **UN House PoC III
  - Number of civilians seeking protection: 20,516

**Unity**

- **Bentiu**
  - Number of civilians seeking protection: 99,930*

**Upper Nile**

- **Malakal**
  - Number of civilians seeking protection: 45,462

- **Melut**
  - Number of civilians seeking protection: 700

**Jonglei**

- **Bor**
  - Number of civilians seeking protection: 2,289

**Western Bahr El Ghazal**

- **Wau**
  - Number of civilians seeking protection: 234

**TOTAL**

- Number of civilians seeking protection: 176,565

*This constitutes a 7% decrease from 2 weeks ago.

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**WEBSITE**

- Global Handwashing Day observed in Unity State
  - [http://bit.ly/1KxqEm0](http://bit.ly/1KxqEm0)

- IDPs voluntarily leave UNMISS protection site in Malakal

- IGAD delegation arrives in Juba

- UNMISS upgrades Yambio airstrip

- UN Security Council extends UNMISS mandate

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