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POC UPDATE

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

As of 14th March 2019, the total number of civilians seeking safety in six Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites located on UNMISS bases is **181,891**. This includes 105,202 in Bentiu, 29,190 in Malakal, 31,599 in Juba UN House, 2,155 in Bor, and 115 in the UNMISS base and 13,630 in the area adjacent to UNMISS in Wau.

Region	Location	Number of Civilians Seeking Protection
Central Equatoria	UN House PoC I & PoC III	31,599
Unity	Bentiu	105,202
Upper Nile	Malakal	29,190
Jonglei	Bor	2,155
Western Bahr el Ghazal	Wau	115
	AA	13,630
TOTAL		181,891

**The figures reported are based on Biometric Registration conducted by IOM in Bor (November 2018), UN House (October 2018), and the headcounts conducted in Wau POC 1 and Wau Adjacent Area (February 2019), in Bentiu (February 2019) and DRC headcount for Malakal (October 2018). The change in numbers (e.g Bor PoC, Juba PoC1, Juba PoC3) from the previous weeks reflects deactivation exercises undertaken in the context of a joint WFP-IOM collaboration, whereby beneficiary households who do not show up for three consecutive food distributions are marked as no longer present/eligible for assistance. As such, the significant reduction in numbers does not reflect a recent outflow from the PoC sites, but rather people who moved away a considerable time ago. Deactivations will henceforth continue on a monthly basis for any beneficiary household that has not shown up for three consecutive food distribution rounds. Whereas increase in numbers may be a result of IDPs presenting themselves during a general food registration but may reside outside the POC sites.*

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