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UNMISS “PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS” (PoC) SITES ¹

- As of February 28 the estimated number of civilians seeking safety in 8 Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites located on UNMISS bases is 77,423. Approximate figures of civilians seeking protection as of 5 March in PoC sites are as follows; 43,324 in Juba (Tompson and UN House), 21,568 in Malakal, 5,694 in Bor, 5,428 in Bentiu, 1,249 in Melut, 101 in Rumbek and 59 in Pariang.

STATE	LOCATION	Number of civilians seeking protection
Central Equatoria, Juba	Tompson	27,580
	UN House	15,744
Jonglei	Bor	5,694
Lakes	Rumbek	101
Upper Nile	Malakal	21,568
	Melut	1,249
Unity	Pariang	59
	Bentiu	5,428
TOTAL		77,423

SECURITY AND PATROLS

- On March 3, UN Police (UNPOL) assisted the South Sudan National Police Service (SSNPS) with a clearing and search operation outside of the main gate of the UN House protection site in Juba.
- The objective of the operation was to clear groups involved in criminality on the protection site and its immediate surroundings, and check for weapons and military items, as well as drugs and other contraband smuggled on the site.
- UNMISS is currently protecting some 16,000 civilians at its UN House protection site.

NEW PoC SITES

- On March 4, the South Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNMISS and the Chinese Government signed a tripartite letter of endorsement on the construction project of a new PoC site next to UN house in Juba.
- The site will be constructed on 600 sq. meters of land made available earlier in the year by the government.
- Work on the PoC site commenced two weeks ago (12 Feb) with leveling and drainage undertaken by Chinese workers and the United Nations Project Services (UNOPS). Emergency funding was also made available by the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).
- Within the framework of the letter of endorsement, Chinese companies including the China National Petroleum Company (CNPC) have announced they will fund US\$1.6 million to support construction and improve conditions so over 10,000 civilians can move to the new site.
- Chinese military engineers from the UNMISS Chinese Engineering Company will also participate in the project.
- For more information,
<http://www.unmiss.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3465&ctl=Details&mid=6047&ItemID=3276886&language=en-US>



Visit to the new PoC site in Juba after signing of the MOU.
UNMISS/Isaac Billy

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ACTIVITIES ON POC SITE

- **In Bor**

UNMISS Child Protection activities have commenced in the PoC site with the registration of separated children in order to facilitate family tracing.

- **In Bentiu**

- Between February 28 and March 2, the Mongolian Battalion has trucked an average of 90,000 litres of water to the PoC site
- Medical and health screening for malnutrition as well as hygiene promotion are ongoing. An antenatal care tent has been set up.
- The UN Police and the Mongolian battalion continue conducting patrols to ensure safety in and outside the Bentiu PoC areas.

- **In Malakal**

The World Health Organization (WHO) has provided 28 cartons of drugs to UNMISS clinics



UNMISS fills the water trucks in Bentiu PoC site.
UNMISS/Anna Adhikari

ⁱ Update on UNMISS figures in PoC sites are produced once a week