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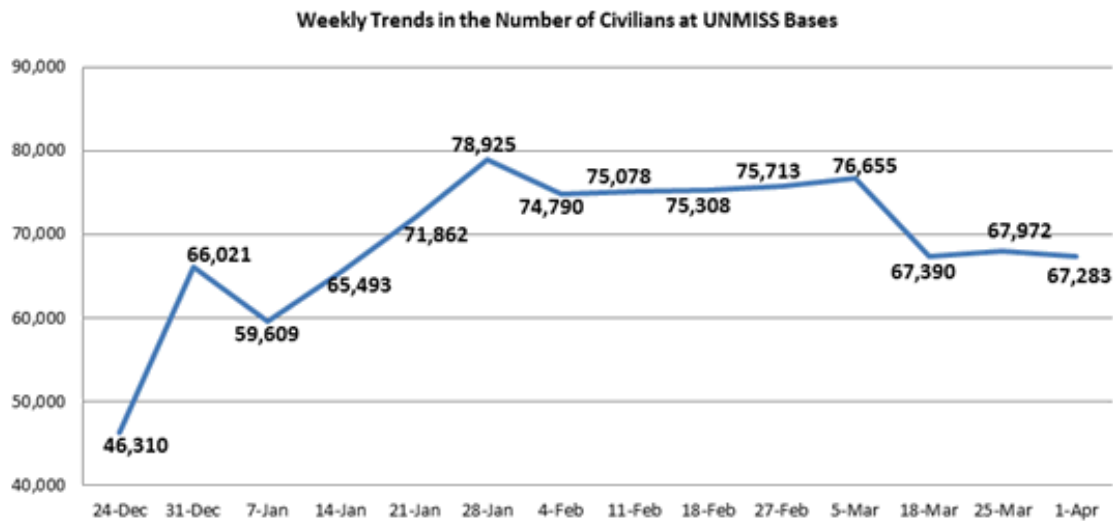
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UNMISS “PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS” (POC) SITES ¹

- As of 1 April, the estimated number of civilians seeking safety in 8 Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites located on UNMISS bases is estimated **67,379**. As of 1 April, numbers of registered civilians seeking protection in UNMISS PoC sites are 32,000 in Juba (Tompson and UN House), 21,500 in Malakal, 5,036 in Bor and 7,407 in Bentiu.

STATE	LOCATION	Number of civilians seeking protection
Central Equatoria, Juba	Tompson	21,000
	UN House	11,000
Jonglei	Bor	5,036
Lakes	Rumbek	33
Upper Nile	Malakal	21,500
	Melut	1,300
Unity	Pariang	7
	Bentiu	7,503
TOTAL		67,379

- The United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) is currently conducting survey and clearance of UNMISS protection of civilians sites and their expansions in order to remove any unexploded ordnance.
- **13** UNMISS health clinics (level I and II) are providing medical care for civilians, especially in UNMISS protections sites. Almost **16,500** patients have been treated since 15 December 2013.



PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS SITES AND DECONGESTION

- **The UNMISS protection site in Juba/ Tomping will be closed in May.** The site, which is currently hosting 21,000 civilians, is not suitable for long-term occupation due to its low-lying location and associated risks of flooding and outbreaks of water-borne diseases during the rainy season. In the interim, emergency operations to improve hygiene, latrines and water sanitation are underway.
- Operations to move civilians from UNMISS Tomping to UN House protection site continue, and will be scaled up significantly in the coming weeks. In a first phase, 3,000 civilians will be relocated to the extension of UN House protection site within UNMISS compound. Remaining civilians will be further moved when the new protection site, adjacent to UNMISS UN House compound and currently under construction will be ready - end of April
- Civilians in UNMISS protection sites are free to relocate voluntarily wherever they feel safe. However, UNMISS **will not facilitate** movement of people either to other locations than that of origin in South Sudan or to third countries.
- Sensitization campaigns with community leaders and civilians are taking place in Tomping protection site. The objective is to inform and facilitate the decision of displaced persons to move to UN House protection site, where they will enjoy the same level of protection with enhanced basic services.

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS IN PROTECTION SITES

Juba

- Milling machines have been installed at the UN House protection site for displaced civilians
- UNMSS Japanese engineering contingent provides assistance to the protection site in Tomping, with 1500 tons of water delivered per day, and latrine construction over 61 areas within the site

Bor

- UNMISS Child Protection is currently carrying out family tracing for 13 children registered at the protection site
- Displaced children in Bor have been given the opportunity to study with the establishment of an emergency school in the PoC site. 1,117 children of primary school age will benefit from the school with lessons being taught by 38 volunteers.



Emergency School in Bor PoC site
UNMISS/ Ivana Moussa

- UNMISS provided assets to assist in a four-person evacuation operation, to Juba. Two patients came from the protection site, and two from the Bor Hospital
- The Korean engineering contingent has completed repairs in the extended current protection site. Commencing this week, civilians will be relocated to the newly rehabilitated site.
- UNMAS team found an RPG rocket in the area where the protection site is to be expanded. The item has been safely moved and will be destroyed later this week.

Malakal

- Displaced children in the protection site in Malakal have been given the opportunity to study with the establishment of an emergency school in the PoC site that will be attended by around 500 children.
- 118 children and their caretakers have been relocated from the UN protection of civilians' site in Malakal to be relocated in relocated to the SOS children's village in Juba.
- UNMISS is creating space for 5 grinding machines
- 185,000 litres of water are trucked weekly to the protection site
- 288 function latrines have been constructed within the protection site.
- A mental health counselling programme commenced last week with a counsellor providing psychosocial education every afternoon at the Indian clinic.

For video footage please check the link below:

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/unifeed/2014/03/south-sudan-malakal-orphans/index.html>

Bentiu

- 100,000 litres of water are trucked weekly to the site.
- 112 functional latrines were built, with hygiene promotion
- One month food rations were delivered to civilians living on the site
- UN police and the Mongolian Battalion continue to conduct daily patrols

SECURITY AND PATROLS

- From 27 to 31 March, UNPOL conducted 295 patrols country-wide covering all of UNMISS protection sites.
- UNPOL also ensured security over check-points at the entrance and exit gates of UNMISS protection sites.
- On 30 March, UNPOL assisted the distribution of food items to civilians in Melut protection of civilians through maintaining of law and order.

JAPANESE DONATION

- On behalf of the government of Japan, Ambassador Takeshi Akamatsu has handed over to UNMISS an in-kind donation of 200 tents and 4,000 plastic sheeting, which amount to approximately US\$470,000. The ceremony was attended by UNMISS Chief of Staff, Paul Egunsola.

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UNMAS

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR LANDMINE AWARENESS AND ASSISTANCE IN MINE ACTION

On Friday 4 April, UNMAS will celebrate the International Day for Landmine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

On this occasion, UNMAS will:

- Focus on risk education messages to affected populations through radio Public Service Announcements, radio interviews and billboards
- UNMISS will promote the work of UNMAS by producing a video on the sniffer dogs.
- Advocate and visit local schools in Juba to conduct small risk education quizzes to further spread life-saving messages

Juba/Bor road

- UNMAS teams will support the Korean engineering contingent in Bor in the maintenance of parts of the Juba-Bor road. UNMAS will send an explosive ordnance disposal team to ensure the area is safe and free from unexploded items. The road between Juba and Bor was badly affected by the fighting; the area the Korean engineering contingent will work is close to where cluster ammunition was found to have been used.

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