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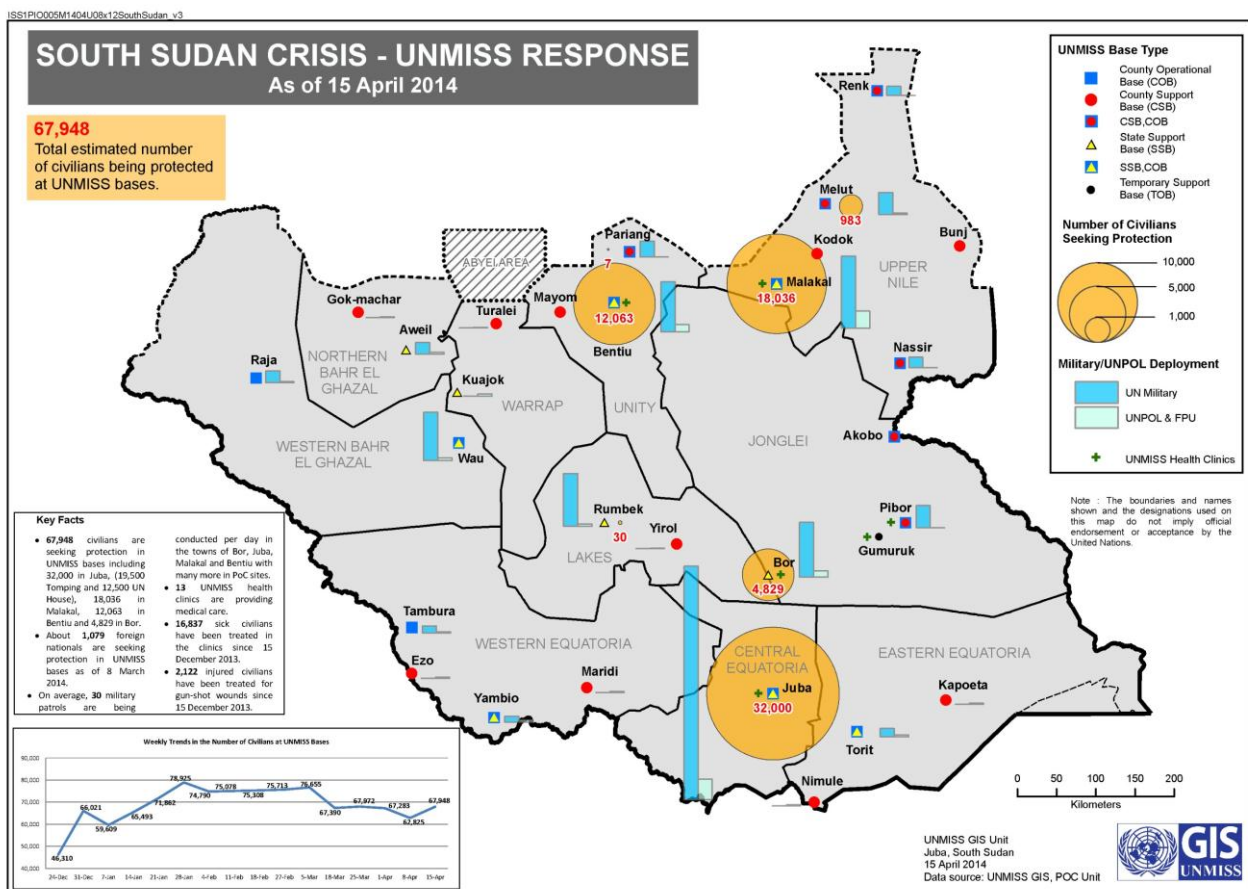
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UPDATE

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UNMISS "PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS" (PoC) SITES I

- As of 16 April March, the estimated number of civilians seeking safety in 8 Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites located on UNMISS bases is 67,948. As of April 16 numbers of registered civilians seeking protection in UNMISS PoC sites are 32,000 in Juba (Tompson and UN House), 18,036 in Malakal, 4,829 in Bor and 12,063 in Bentiu.



STATE	LOCATION	Number of civilians seeking protection
Central Equatoria, Juba	Tomping	21,000
	UN House	11,000
Jonglei	Bor	4,829
Lakes	Rumbek	30
Upper Nile	Malakal	18,036
	Melut	983
Unity	Pariang	7
	Bentiu	12,063
TOTAL		67,948

RELOCATION IN JUBA

1,500 civilians relocated from Tomping to UN House protection site **since 12 March 2014**

With the expected closure in May of the UNMISS protection of civilians' site of Tomping, weather permitting,, operations to relocate some 21,000 civilians to the UN House protection site continue.

Simultaneously with relocation of civilians, emergency work on the main drainage system to allow for improved hygiene conditions, as well as work on sanitation and latrines is also ongoing.

"As the new PoC 3 site nears completion, the first group of IDPs is to be relocated there on 28 April. Large scale relocation begins in early May. We are working closely with the IDP community and we are seeing increasing support for relocation to UN House" the Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in South Sudan and UN Humanitarian Coordinator, Toby Lanzer said.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN PROTECTION SITES

Bor

- Indian Battalion 2 (INDBATT) soldiers visited the hospital in Bor and repaired solar panels that were installed in the maternity ward. This has allowed for electricity to be restored in the ward, where many IDP women are being treated during pregnancy.
- Approximately 600 plastic sheeting has been distributed to families, and 6000 mosquito nets are being distributed, priority being given to pregnant women, in the PoC site

Bentiu

- Approximately 106,000 litres of water is being trucked daily from Bentiu water treatment plant to the PoC site. However, as of April 14, due to insecurity and on-going fighting only 40,000 litres of water was delivered.
- Latrines in the PoC site are 132, with 40 allocated in PoC1, and 92 in PoC2, in addition there are 86 showers, 24 in PoC1, and 62 in PoC2. In addition the PoC received 4 truck of bamboo to reinforce 1,200 shelters.
- A new community leadership has been formed in PoC1 comprised of 35 members representing all groups (Shiluk, Equatoria, Dinka, Nuer, Funj, Nubian and Darfurian) with 27 male members, and 8 female members.

Malakal

- A patrol from UNMISS Indian Battalion 1 accompanied United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to assist in the relocation of civilians from Malakal to Juba on a World Food Programme (WFP) flight.

SECURITY AND PATROLS

Security measures continue to be maintained in the PoC sites country wide. Since 10 April, UNMISS police have conducted 300 patrols in PoC sites, this is in addition to their routine day and night patrols throughout the states and towns each day. The patrols heighten safety measures with check points at entrance and exit sites at the PoC sites, provide security coverage during food distribution to IDPs, and protection during relocation efforts.

ADDITIONAL LINKS

WEBSITE

Partners provide special help for most vulnerable in Bentiu

<http://www.unmiss.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3465&ctl=Details&mid=6047&ItemID=3547375&language=en-US>

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Violence in Bentiu leaves thousands displaced

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Bentiu residents flee violence, arrive at UNMISS

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VIDEO FOOTAGE

South Sudan/Toby Lanzer Press Briefing

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/unifeed/2014/04/south-sudan-toby-lanzer-presser/>

Following renewal of fighting in Bentiu, capital of the Unity State of South Sudan, the anti-government forces have taken control of the city, doubling the number of people seeking shelter at the UNMISS base in Bentiu to about 9 000, UN Humanitarian Coordinator Toby Lanzer said in Juba.

UNMISS / Car Wash Female Facility

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/unifeed/2014/04/unmiss-car-wash/>

In a bid to empower local NGOs, the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) has awarded a contract for operating a carwash facility within its compound, to the South Sudan Women Empowerment Network (SSWEN). According to SSWEN Program Coordinator, the contract will help breaking with traditional mindset where women were supposed to only do housework and were denied paid jobs.

UN / South Sudan Topping Camp

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/unifeed/2014/04/un-south-sudan-topping-camp/>

A UN spokesperson said that, "we are very much aware" of the health risks posed by the upcoming rainy season in South Sudan and that it was a "huge logistical challenge" to run a peacekeeping mission and "also take care of these thousands and thousands of people." The comments came after a news report which criticized the UN Mission in South Sudan for not moving 21,000 displaced people fast enough from a UN base to safer grounds before the rainy season.

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