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UPDATE

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UNMISS “PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS” (PoC) SITES

- As of 29 July, the estimated number of civilians seeking safety in ten Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites located on UNMISS bases is 95,319, including 31,940 in Juba (Tomping, UN House and PoC3), 16,850 in Malakal, 4,123 in Bor, 40,574 in Bentiu, 563 in Wau, 1,193 in Melut, 65 in Nasser, and 11 in Rumbek.
### Activities in Protection Sites

UNMISS continues to remain concerned about the number of IDPs in its military bases, particularly in Bentiu where the numbers continue to remain high. The bases were not prepared or established to house so many IDPs for such a lengthy period of time, as a result a number of IDPs live in congested conditions, with serious sanitary and health concerns; all of which are exacerbated further with the rainy season. Despite ongoing improvements, flooding occurs regularly in all protection sites.

Given uncertainties surrounding the cessation of hostilities and the projected deterioration of the food security situation in conflict affected states, numbers of IDPs in UNMISS bases are expected to remain high over the coming months.

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**STATE** | **LOCATION** | **Number of civilians seeking protection**
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Central Equatoria, Juba | Tomping | 10,703
UN House | 17,347
PoC 3 | Adjacent to UN House | 3,890
Jonglei | Bor | 4,123
Lakes | Rumbek | 11
Upper Nile | Malakal | 16,850
Melut | 1,193
Nasser | 65
Unity | Bentiu | 40,574
Western Bahr El Ghazal | Wau | 563
TOTAL | | 95,319

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**Weekly Trends in the Number of Civilians at UNMISS Bases**

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Juba, UN House and Tomping sites

- In Juba, relocation of IDPs from Tomping to PoC 3 continues, and as of the 31 July, a total number of 4563 IDPs have relocated. This exercise is likely to take some months before relocation out of the Tomping PoC site is complete.
- In UN house PoC sites 1 and 2; general food distribution together with charcoal voucher allocation has been completed for the month of July. In addition a supply of vegetable and fruits has been distributed to vulnerable IDPs in PoC sites 1 and 2.

Bor

- Preliminary tracking indicates some IDPs are leaving the PoC for Juba, and in the reporting period 25 individuals have been tracked as leaving for Juba. For those leaving for Juba, protection to the Airport is being provided.
- A cooling facility for female IDPs has been established with a provision of two meals at day at the facility.
- Former Archbishop of Canterbury visited the PoC site during the reporting period, and held discussions with community leaders and UNMISS representatives.

Malakal

- Relocation of 1500 IDPs from the old PoC (3,4,5) to the new site continues; approximately 5000 still remain, and the process is ongoing.
- Space reconfiguration in sector 1 and 3 of the new PoC site continues, where 20 additional tents have been assembled to accommodate 60 individuals.
- Travel facilitation for eight students to fly on UNMISS air assets to Juba in order to sit school examinations end of July were arranged.

Melut

- A one day training for partners working in providing services to IDPs conducted in the County Support Base; training delivered by UNMISS PoC Advisor from Malakal.

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¹ Update on UNMISS figures in PoC sites are produced once a week