



IUNV midwife helps swaddle a newborn in the Kiir Mayardiit Women's Hospital in Rumbek.

Overall Humanitarian Needs in South Sudan





1. Situation overview

The reporting period has been relatively calm though the situation remains unpredictable, especially in the Juba PoCs, Malakal and Bentiu.

Working in the camps is becoming increasingly tense for humanitarian actors. During the reporting period, crowds of disgruntled youths entered the UN compound at UN House, armed with sticks and ready to fight. It is reported that the youth were angry about a dispute over camp leadership. The dispute started inside the camp but eventually the youths pushed their way through the gates into the UN compound and made their way towards offices. Security was able to contain the situation after all staff were advised to stay inside locked offices for approximately 2 hours.

Clashes continue inside the Malakal PoC, and currently there are no UNFPA staff on the ground. Two midwives should be back on duty by next week.

In Bentiu, the situation is calm for the time being, but it is likely that violence could break out at any time. There are currently no UNFPA staff on the ground.

Protection of women and girls continues to pose a challenge not only in the PoCs but throughout the country. Ad hoc checkpoints, violence and rape continue to occur.

In many locations outside of the PoCs, and especially in state hospitals, IUNV midwives have reported the challenge of working with health staff who hold on to traditional beliefs. Community midwives are often swayed by the influence of Traditional Birth Attendants who often discourage caesarean sections, family planning methods and delivering in the hospital. IUNV midwives say that it is impossible to know if the correct information is getting to beneficiaries, as TBAs and other health workers are the ones who do the translating.

In Rumbek, the Kiir Mayadiit womens hospital is operating successfully, serving women in labour and those in need of surgery, however challenges remain. Many of the women in need of caesarean sections refuse to accept them, for fear of not being able to bear many children in the future. Uptake of family planning supplies is also extremely low. Contraceptives provided by UNFPA are all likely to expire before they are used.

Also in Rumbek and other field locations women refuse to be examined by male midwives.

A reported shortage of beds and drugs impede maternal health services in both Rumbek and Mingkaman.

The political situation remains unstable, with both the government and opposition accusing each other of instigating the most recent rounds of clashes in Jonglei and Upper Nile States.



2. Highlights of UNFPA Emergency Response

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence was launched in Juba, led by the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare with technical and financial support from UNFPA. The Commissioner of Police gave an address affirming the commitment to respond to reports of domestic violence and extend their services when they receive. A petition calling on the government and parents to stop child marriage was handed to the invited dignitaries by girls and boys on behalf of schools. Marches were held in all 4 Juba PoCs and were well attended by both women and young people. All protection and GBV partners such as IRC, SOWA, UNFPA, UNHCR, UN Women, Non-Violent Peace Force, UNPOL participated with the IDP communities.

In Awerial, the 16 Days of Activism was launched on the 25th and well attended by women from Mingkaman, Marik and Bunagok. The women presented a petition to the Commissioner and traditional leaders on three key issues of concern to women in Mingkaman: the right to own property, the right to education and the right to family and marriage, including the definition of a “marriageable age” to prevent early/child marriage. UNFPA together with women leaders and UNHCR accompanied the women during the distribution of dignity kits in Marik. A total of 800 (300 girls and 500 women) received the dignity kits.

In Rumbek, a training was conducted on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. The training reached 71 youths and was intended to begin interventions for the steadily rising number of HIV cases in the area. Almost all of the youth in the training did not know what HIV was or how to use a condom.

UNFPA together with UNAIDS and partners organized the commemoration of World AIDS Day in POC3 in Juba to raise awareness within the IDP communities about the issues surrounding HIV and AIDS and show support for people living with HIV. Many young people have been mobilized through awareness raising campaign, voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) and sports activities. A team of young internally displaced girls supported by UNFPA played a volleyball match to mark the event.

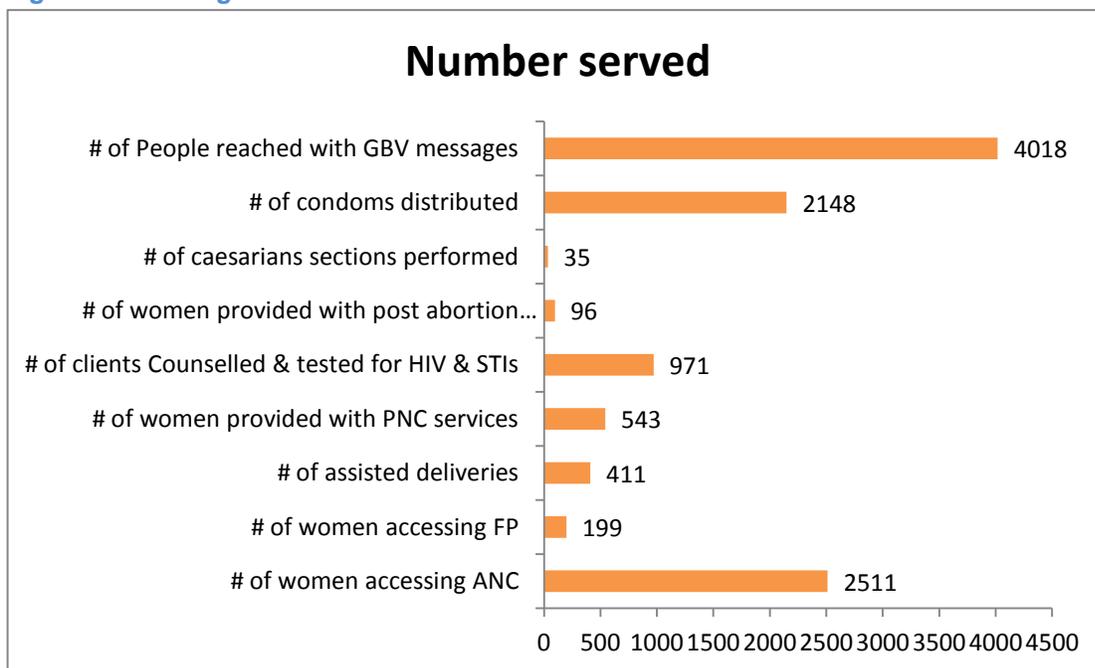


Young girls from IDP communities in Juba POCs played volleyball to commemorate the World AIDS Day 2014

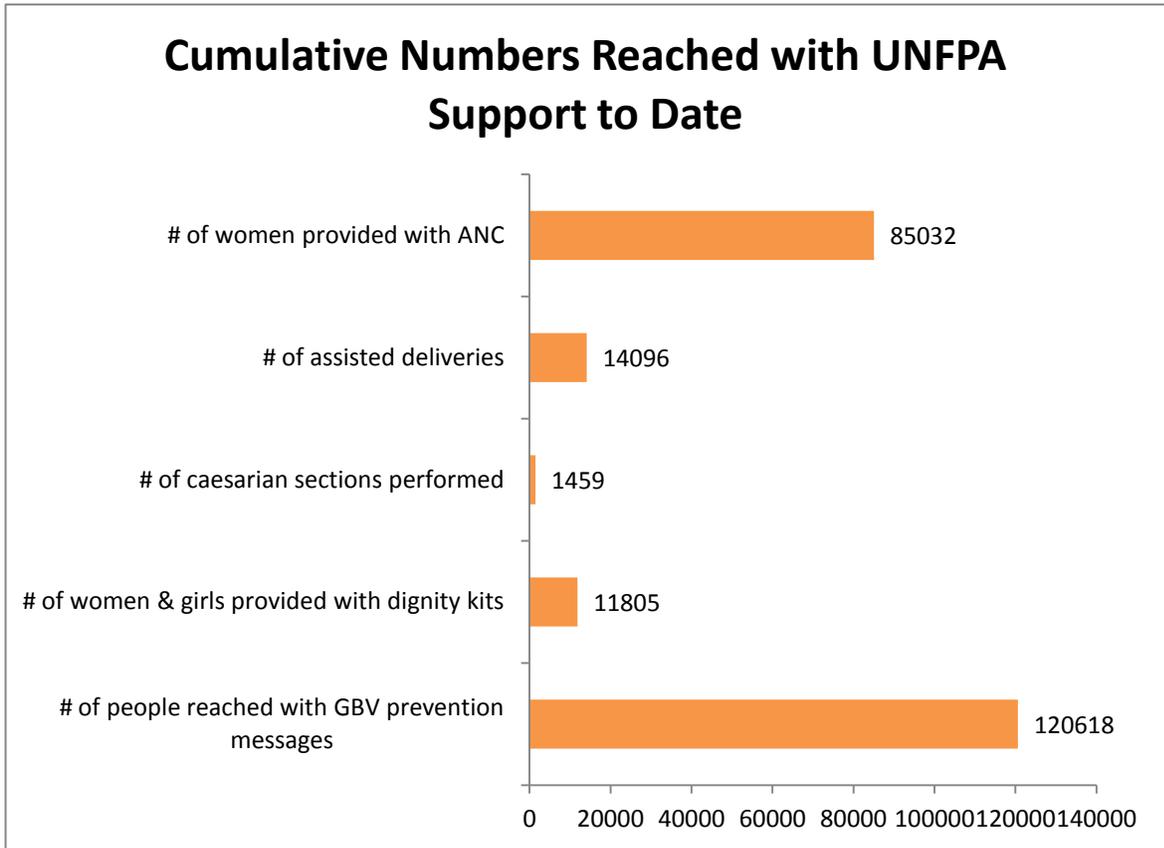
3. RH and GBV Service Delivery

The table below summarizes selected indicators of service delivery for the reporting week.

Figure 1: showing indicators and numbers of individuals served



Cumulatively, using selected core indicators, the status since 15 December 2013 is as summarized in Figure 2 below:



4. Resource Mobilization

The CO has mobilised and invested US \$ 6,413,333. The funding is from the following sources CHF US \$1,400,000; Emergency Fund US \$ 850,000; Japan Government US \$ 1,200,000; CERF US \$ 887,000; Denmark Government US \$ 500,000. Additionally, the CO has also allocated slightly over US \$ 1,5 million from the core resources to respond to the humanitarian emergency. Over 85% of these funds are already utilised or committed. We have a gap of nearly US \$11 millions out of the US \$17 million

5. Communication and Advocacy

A radio talk show was aired in Mingkaman, stressing on the importance of delivering at health facilities. Alos during the reporting period, UNFPA received 2 radios from INTERNEWS on behalf of the women in Marik. The radios will help the women to access information including



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programmes on protection. The radios were handed over to the women's leader during the distribution of dignity kits.

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