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First UN Team is Sent to Yei to Assess Food Needs For Thousands of Displaced and Returning Southern Sudanese

Nairobi, 24 March 1997 -- The United Nations World Food Programme today dispatched an emergency assessment team to Yei County in southern Sudan, to look into reports that food is desperately needed by thousands of displaced Sudanese now returning to their homes. Large groups of southern Sudanese families are reported to be returning not only to the area of Yei, but also Morobo and Kaya in Sudan's Eastern Equatoria region, after the SPLA (Sudan People's Liberation Army) recaptured these towns over the past few weeks.

At the same time, WFP staff working in northern Uganda report that two of the largest Sudanese refugee camps - Koboko Camp (26,516) and Ikafe Camp (55,162) - in the West Nile area of Uganda, have virtually emptied over the last week with thousands of Sudanese heading back to their homes in southern Sudan. Reports indicate that possibly as many as 60,000 returnees from Uganda have already arrived in the areas of Yei, Kaya, and in three existing displaced camps, located just across the border from Uganda - which already host an estimated 40,000 displaced people.

This emergency comes at a time when WFP's food stocks for displaced populations in southern Sudan and refugees in northern Uganda are at critically low levels. WFP is currently in discussions with donors in an effort to secure emergency assistance. Up to now, northern Uganda has been host to some 225,000 southern Sudanese refugees - all relying on WFP for their daily food needs. Food supplies for these refugees are expected to run out by the end of this month. WFP has managed to provide a reduced ration over the last few months by borrowing from its other emergency programmes in the region, but even these stocks are quickly being depleted. Although new food shipments for the refugees are expected in May this year, this food will have to be used to payback other programmes.

The WFP team heading for Yei, left by road this morning from Equatoria and is expected to arrive in Yei this afternoon. An OLS (Operation Lifeline Sudan) Security Officer traveling with the team will proceed on to Morobo and Kaya to evaluate the security situation on the ground as well as road conditions. WFP staff will remain behind in Yei to assess food needs and begin organizing the communities for food distributions which WFP hopes to begin later this week.

Many of the families now returning to Yei left the area in 1989 when fighting in Eastern Equatoria between Government forces and the SPLA escalated - resulting in most of the area around Yei coming under SPLA control, while the town itself remained in Government hands. As a result of the fighting, tens of thousands of southern Sudanese fled to outlying areas within southern Sudan and more than 200,000 Sudanese crossed over into northern Uganda where they have been living in refugee camps. In 1993 fighting flared-up again in these areas displacing more families and resulting in the Government retaking the towns of Morobo and Kaya.

Aid agencies working under Operation Lifeline Sudan, will be looking at providing seeds and tools over the coming weeks to help internally displaced populations, and returnees from Uganda, take advantage of southern Sudan's current planting season. Cultivation for this season has just started and will continue through April. Crops from this season can begin to be harvested as early as August.

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SEEDS AND TOOLS UPDATE...

OLS seeds and tools activities continued this week despite ongoing logistical constraints. UNICEF chartered the WFP-contracted Buffalo aircraft and made four flights to deliver seeds, tools and garden kits totaling 12,562kg to Akoc and Mapel in Bahr el Ghazal and Duar and Leer in Upper Nile. Flights scheduled for Ganyliel and Nyal were delayed due to unlandable airstrips. Agaigai and Thiek Thou, Bahr el Ghazal, are targeted for deliveries in the coming week.

COMMUNITY HEALTH TRAINEES GRADUATE...

Twenty-four students of the OLS NGO International Rescue Committee (IRC) graduated on 30 June from a community health workers training in Ganyliel, Upper Nile, having completed nine months of classroom and clinical instruction. The new graduates will return to their home areas of Mading, Motot, Yuai, Wanding, and Manajang to begin health work. The students were sponsored by OLS NGOs Medecins du Monde (MDM), the Coordinating Committee for Voluntary Services (COSV), Christian Mission Aid (CMA) and IRC.

MEDAIR STAFF RELOCATE FROM ATAR...

Three staff of the OLS NGO MEDAIR temporarily relocated from Atar, Jonglei, to Lokichokio on 26 June due to insecurity. The staff were flown to Lokichokio after having moved into the bush by foot in the early hours of the morning on the advice of local counterparts. The OLS Security Officer plans to visit the town to assess its security and will advise MEDAIR when it is safe to resume programme activities.

BOMBS DROPPED ON PANYAGOR...

Staff of OLS NGO Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF)-Holland reported that five bombs were dropped on Panyagor, Jonglei, on 26 June. Bombs were also reportedly dropped on nearby Kongor. There were no injuries reported.

OLS STAFF RELOCATE TO PANYAGOR...

Staff of OLS NGO CARE together with four WFP airfield construction workers relocated temporarily from Wiernyol to Panyagor on 28 June as a precautionary measure on the advice of SRRA counterparts. They returned to Wiernyol the following morning.

WFP-CONTRACTED BUFFALO AIRCRAFT TEMPORARILY GROUNDED IN AGAIGAI...

The WFP-contracted Buffalo aircraft (call sign B5) was temporarily grounded in Agaigai, Bahr el Ghazal, on 1 July when its ground power unit (GPU) failed to work during an attempted take-off. The crew was flown to Lokichokio the same day. The aircraft was flown to Lokichokio on 2 July and is currently operational.

WFP UPDATE...

WFP continued food deliveries during 21-30 June to locations in southern Sudan by air and road, with a total of 465 metric tonnes (mt) delivered to about 110,000 beneficiaries. The following was delivered on behalf of WFP-Khartoum: 16.2mt was delivered to 1,850 beneficiaries in Kapoeta, 16.2mt was delivered to 1,500 beneficiaries in Torit, 32.4mt was delivered to 8,000 beneficiaries in Gogrial and 48.5mt was delivered to 7,500 beneficiaries in Nasir.

In Bahr el Ghazal, a distribution in Ayein resumed following a disruption due to reports of insecurity. A total 144mt was delivered to 42,760 targeted beneficiaries. Deliveries to Akoc began with a supply of 37mt. In Jonglei/Upper Nile, delivery of 48mt took place to Leer for 18,000 beneficiaries. In Equatoria, the final deliveries to Lopit arrived and distribution to 38,000 beneficiaries is ongoing. In Yei County, 117mt were delivered to Kaya and Bazi to be distributed in the coming week. In Yei town, 76.2mt have been delivered for use in food-for-work projects. Finally 2,181 beneficiaries in Lacha Camp, Mundri County, received approximately 9mt of food.

During 22-28 June, WFP delivered 68.02mt of food to 4,859 beneficiaries in support of NGO programmes in southern Sudan. Long-term training programmes were supported with 168 beneficiaries receiving 1.55mt of food for programmes of the IRC, CMA, Action Contre la Faim and Veterinaires sans Frontieres-Belgium in Langken, Billing, Nimule and Ayod. In-patient feeding was supplied to 271 patients of MSF-Holland, MDM, MSF-Belgium and Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) in Langken, Mankien, Akobo and Yei. Food-for-work was supported with 45mt issued to 3,018 beneficiaries of MDM, Medic and NPA in Mankien, Ayod and Yei. Some 262 beneficiaries of MEDAIR received 0.35mt of food in Atar.

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SEPTEMBER FLIGHT CLEARANCE RECEIVED...

Clearance for OLS flights for the month of September was received on 4 September. The following locations were not approved: Ajiep, Akak, Thiekthou, Akon, Wunrok, Mayen Abun, Warrap, Panyagor, and Yomciir.

REUNIFICATION PLANNED...

UNICEF and Radda Barnen, with support from SCF-UK, are planning a reunification of unaccompanied minors during the third week of September. The group is made up of 33 girls aged between 12-14 years and 38 boys aged between 16-18 year. All the children are from Bor county. The boys, who mainly came from Kakuma camp (Kenya) have been trained as primary school teachers by Radda Barnen in New Cush. The boys have all completed either grade 7 or 8 of primary education at Kakuma camp. All the boys expressed a desire to go back to their home areas and to contribute to education programmes. ACROSS will take the group through phase II of the teacher training course in their home areas.

RADDA BARNEN BEGINS TEACHER TRAINING COURSE... A three-week teacher training course for 69 students from Rumbek and Yirol began on 8 September in Akot. The course, overseen by Radda Barnen with support from UNICEF, provides intensive English training for the students. Radda Barnen is involved in education programmes as well as programmes in psychosocial support for reunified minors.

UNICEF DISTRIBUTES SCHOOL GARDEN KITS ... UNICEF has completed the planned distribution of school garden kits throughout southern Sudan with the exception of Old Fangak, due to flight restrictions. The garden are used to establish agricultural demonstration

plots for children, teachers and their parents. On average 200 children in each school benefit through each kit. A total of 407 schools received the garden kits.

WFP UPDATE...

During the period between 1-6 September, WFP delivered a total of 353.26 metric tonnes of food commodities to 80,824 beneficiaries in southern Sudan.

Of this total, 9.2 metric tonnes of food commodities were delivered in support of 646 beneficiaries involved in NGO programmes. The NGO activities included training programmes conducted by Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Coordinating Committee for Voluntary Service (COSV), Radda Barnen and Veterinaires Sans Frontieres - Switzerland (VSF - CH). In-patient feeding programmes operated by Medecins Sans Frontieres - Holland (MSF - H) and COSV were also supported.

WFP delivered a total of 121.26 metric tonnes of food commodities to two sites in Yei County.

A total of 88.2 metric tonnes of food were delivered to a GOS location (Pariang) serving 3,500 beneficiaries.

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SEVERE MALNUTRITION ALERT AT LUGWARE...

Following reports of civilians needing assistance along the Yei-Lainya-Jambo road (Western Equatoria), a WFP team undertook an assessment between 2-3 October. The team reported the status of the populations of Lugware and Wonduruba to be poor and recommended emergency assistance. A joint WFP/UNICEF team returned to the location on 8 October to administer the nutrition assistance. UNICEF will oversee a rapid nutritional assessment to further establish the status of the beneficiaries. The intervention should be complete by 14 October.

RETURNEES IN MADING...

On 3 October, International Rescue Committee (IRC) reported an influx of returnees to Mading (Upper Nile). Of the 650 returnees identified, 242 were from Khartoum and 408 from Ethiopia. Some of the returnees indicated that there had been several deaths along their journey to Mading. Possible interventions to assist this group are being investigated.

NIDs PLANNING UNDERWAY...

Planning for National Immunisation Days (NIDs) activities in southern Sudan have begun. Meetings have been held between the Centres for Disease Control representative (CDC) and the medical coordinators of RASS, SRRA and NGOs implementing health programmes. The goal of the NIDs is to vaccinate all children in southern Sudan against polio within a short period. The vaccination will consist of two rounds, four to six weeks apart. Logistical and programmatic obstacles are being identified as part of the process.

GUINEA WORM ERADICATION MEETING HELD...

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WFP UPDATE...

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Of this total, 2.44 metric tonnes of cereals, pulses, oil, DSM, and CSB were delivered in support of 855 beneficiaries through programs conducted by the following NGOs: Veterinaires Sans Frontieres-Belgium, Diocese of Torit, Medecins Sans Frontieres- Belgium, Norwegian Church Aid, and Radda Barnen.

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FARMERS TRAINED IN AKOC...

On 3 October, a total of 118 farmers held a graduation ceremony after successfully completing a one month ox-plough training in Akoc, Twic County of Bahr el Ghazal conducted by Sudan Production Aid (SUPRAID). The ceremony was attended by among others the Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Association (SRRA) secretary for Twic County as well as the Christian Aid Sudan Programme Officer. This project has been considered a success given the initial reluctance of the plough due to the cultural value placed on cattle. During the ceremony, the farmers sang songs of praise and encouraged the use of bulls in farming, an indication that SUPRAID's sensitizing efforts within the community have been received well.

TEACHER TRAINING UNDERWAY...

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) began a three-week level 1 and 2 teacher training course in Yambio with a total of 80 students. The students, who come from around the area were selected in conjunction with SRRA officers in charge of education. The students will be recruited into local schools upon completion of the course.

CHW/MCH WORKERS TRAINED IN GANYIEL...

In Ganyiel, 32 students graduated from a 9-month Community Health Worker (CHW) and Maternal and Child Health (MCH) worker training course conducted by International Rescue Committee (IRC) in close liaison with the Relief Association of South Sudan (RASS). The students have been selected by IRC, Christian Mission Aid (CMA), Medecins du Monde (MDM), Coordinating Committee of the Organisation of Voluntary Services (COSV), and Medicins Sans Frontieres-Belgium (MSF-B) from their various areas of operation including Mading, Ganyiel, Manajang, Wichok, Mankien, Nyal, Akobo and Nyal. These NGOs will be responsible for monitoring the progress of the students.

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WFP UPDATE...

During the period between 5-11 October, WFP delivered a total of 577.42 metric tonnes of food commodities to 85,472 beneficiaries in southern Sudan.

Of this total, 4.52 metric tonnes of cereals, pulses, oil, DSM, and CSB were delivered in support of 411 beneficiaries through programmes conducted by the following NGOs: Veterinaires Sans Frontieres-Switzerland, COSV, CMA, Diocese of Torit, IRC, Norwegian Church Aid, and MSF-Holland.

ADRA STAFF MEMBER DEATH...

On behalf of the Operation Lifeline Sudan consortium, the OLS Coordinator would like to extend his condolences to the family, colleagues, and friends of Narie Capilitan, an ADRA staff member who died in Maridi (Western Equatoria), on 6 October. Ms. Capilitan died from a short illness.

CORRECTION...

The last sentence of item three in the OLS Update of 8 October was incomplete. The sentence should read as follows: logistical and programmatic obstacles are being identified as part of the process.

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OLS SOUTHERN SECTOR UPDATE 97/42 29 OCTOBER - 5 NOVEMBER 1997

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OLS TO BRING CONTINUED ASSISTANCE TO EQUATORIA DISPLACED...
Following assessments conducted by UNICEF, OLS NGOs and WFP, relief assistance will continue to displaced populations in four locations in Eastern Equatoria. The displaced groups have reportedly moved to four general areas: Katigiri, Tulyang, Lugware and Wonduruba with a total population estimated at over 13,500.

A UNICEF Health field officer visited Lugware and Wonduruba on 8-10 October and reported that 200 of 500 children assessed showed signs of moderate malnutrition. An additional 20 children were reported to be severely malnourished. The Health Officer distributed 524kg of High Protein Biscuits to those in need, including 48 pregnant women who showed signs of malnutrition. Another 3mt of CSB/UNIMIX has been positioned in Yei for use if needed.

WFP has conducted an assessment of food needs and will be distributing some 128mt of cereals during the week. Two additional distribution sites have also been recommended, as some people have long distances to walk to access food in Wonduruba or Lugware. An indigenous NGO called Sudan Service International (SSI) working under OLS NGO International Aid Sweden (IAS) distributed tools in July and IAS distributed blankets during October.

Identified needs include health services, food assistance and repairs to local water pumps. Each of these needs will be addressed by OLS in the coming weeks.

UNICEF/OLS PLANNING RETREAT COMPLETE..

UNICEF/OLS southern sector held a planning retreat with the aim of identifying strategic issues that will form the basis for 1998 plans of action. The retreat participants, including representatives from OLS NGOs and WFP, were divided into several working groups which

dealt with different issues relevant to OLS activities in the coming year. Towards the end of the retreat, donors were invited for a summary and dialogue on the retreat's conclusions on priorities and strategies to address areas of need in 1998.

CCM TO HOST VISITING SURGEON...

Dr Tom Raasen of AMREF will visit the Billing hospital on behalf of Comitato Collaborazione Medica (CCM) from 17-22 November to perform surgery on women suffering from Vescico Vaginal Fistulae (VVF). VVF is found in women of child bearing age and causes severe complications during and after labour. CCM has run medical and surgical programmes in Rumbek County since 1992 and supervises the Billing hospital.

SLEEPING SICKNESS MEETING HELD...

Agencies involved in the control and treatment of sleeping sickness met at the International Medical Corps (IMC) offices on 28 October to discuss a joint strategy to combat the sleeping sickness disease. Separate strategies are being developed for each county of Western Equatoria and a strategy outline document will be distributed to OLS donors and NGOs at the beginning of November. IMC is coordinating the sleeping sickness intervention on behalf of OLS agencies.

WFP UPDATE...

During the period between 19-25 October, WFP delivered a total of 492.5 metric tonnes of food commodities to 101,308 beneficiaries in southern Sudan from Lokichokio and Koboko. Assessments are underway in Koch, Duar and Chotbora.

58.75 metric tonnes of cereals, pulses, oil, DSM, and CSB were delivered in support of 9,990 beneficiaries through programmes conducted by the following NGOs: Comitato Collaborazione Medica, SCF-UK, Adventist Development Relief Agency, UNICEF, Norwegian People's Aid and Medecins Sans Frontieres - Belgium. These programmes were implemented in Mapel, Billing, Adior, Chukudum, Lugware, Manajang, and Yei.

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OLS SOUTHERN SECTOR UPDATE 97/43 13 NOVEMBER 1997

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FLIGHT CLEARANCE LIST FOR NOVEMBER...

The Government of Sudan has approved the November flight clearance lists for Lokichokio-based flights into southern Sudan with the following exceptions:

-Ajiep, Akak, Theik Thou, Akon, Mayen Abun, Agaigai, Panyagor, Yomciir and the Nuba Mountains.

Clearances were received on Friday, 31 October. OLS Southern Sector welcomes the timely notification of flight clearances as a significant and positive contribution to ongoing humanitarian efforts.

NUTRITION STUDY IN LABONE...

A team comprised of staff from UNICEF, SRRA, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) traveled to Labone on 12 November to carry out a nutrition study of the area. The team will also assess the Nimule and Aswa areas on 15 November. Results of the survey will determine if there is a need for nutritional assistance to the areas.

NGO STAFF TEMPORARILY RELOCATE FROM AYEIN... Two OLS staff were temporarily relocated by road from Ayein on 10 November due to reports of insecurity. The reports proved to be unfounded and they have returned to the area to resume relief activities.

FRRA/UNICEF WORKSHOP UNDERWAY...

A five-day organizational assessment workshop is currently taking place in Aburoc with a total of 30 people participating. The workshop, a joint FRRA/UNICEF initiative with

MEDAIR participation, aims to look at FRRA's vision, mission and structure. The recommendations from the workshop will form the basis of an FRRA plan of action.

WORKSHOP IN MAPEL TARGETS ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES... A soap-making and blacksmith workshop, initiated by Save the Children Fund (SCF)-UK and the SRRA, is taking place in Mapel, with 30 participants from the Kwajina and Wau County communities. The course aims to encourage self-sustaining projects through skills training. Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF)-Belgium personnel are also attending the workshop.

WFP UPDATE...

-During 1-8 November, a total of 638mt was delivered to 125,810 beneficiaries in various locations in southern Sudan. In Bahr el Ghazal, 318mt were delivered to 63,650 beneficiaries in Lunyaker and Turalei. In Jonglei and Upper Nile, 35mt were delivered to 18,850 beneficiaries in Duar. In Equatoria, 288mt were distributed to 45,420 beneficiaries in Yei, Morobo, Wonduruba, Luware and Tulyang. Ongoing distributions in Boma were also completed.

-During 1-8 November, cereals, pulses, CSB and dry skim milk was provided to 701 beneficiaries through the programmes of Comitato Collaborazione Medica, IRC, MSF-Belgium, MSF-Holland, SCF-UK, Adventist Development and Relief Association, Christian Mission Aid, MEDAIR and Aktion Afrika Hilfe.

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YEI/KAJO KEJI ASSESSMENT UNDERWAY...

A combined SRRA-UNICEF/OLS assessment is currently underway of the Mundri/Yei/Kajo Keji areas for Juba and Torit emergency preparedness contingency planning. The assessment, comprised mainly of SRRA and UNICEF/OLS staff, but with cooperation from WFP and NGOs on the ground, will target at least seven locations in Yei and Mundri and at least two locations in Kajo Keji County. The objective of the mission is to examine and put into place mechanisms to respond rapidly to emergency in order to save lives and preserve well being, within the coordination framework already established by the SRRA. Among other things, the assessment will look at population sizes, water sources, available shelter materials, arable land, possible assistance from local communities, health infrastructure and facilities, regional demographics, access to communities, and non-food needs. The team aims to conclude the assessment by 26 November.

AMBASSADOR VAN SCHAİK TO VISIT OLS...

The Secretary General's Special Envoy for Humanitarian Affairs for the Sudan is currently in the region to continue meetings with Government officials, OLS, and all parties concerned with humanitarian issues in Sudan. This is his second visit to the region having assumed the position earlier this year.

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAYS TEAM PREPARING IN NAIROBI... Staff from the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization have arrived in Nairobi and are preparing to visit Lokichokio and southern Sudan as part of the worldwide campaign to eradicate polio. The team, comprised of a public health practitioner, a public health physician and an expert in cold chain logistics, will lead the advocacy, education and immunization programme over a four-month period in areas around southern Sudan.

WFP UPDATE...

-During 9-15 November, a total of 627mt was delivered to 95,288 beneficiaries in various locations in southern Sudan. Targeted distributions took place in Kalok, Kalacha, Lochoriangmop, Kaludo, Mogos, Lachua, Morurengen, Narus, Kolmerek, Duar, Natinga, Wullu, Lainya and Pakula.

-During 9-15 November, cereals, pulses, CSB and dry skim milk was provided to 1,265 beneficiaries through the food-for-work and supplementary feeding programmes of NGOs in Mapel, Langken, Paluer, Chukudum, Pakor, Akobo, Narus, Billing, Leer, Manajang, Lokutok and Ikotos.

CORRECTION...

The 13 November weekly report included the SRRA in the composition of an OLS team currently running a food security assessment in Labone. The SRRA, while facilitating and supporting the assessment, is not an actual member of the team.

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GENDER/NUTRITION WORKSHOP UNDERWAY...

UNICEF and NGOs involved in nutrition activities are holding their quarterly coordination workshop in Nairobi from 25-28 November. Unlike previous meetings, this workshop will bring a gender perspective into programme planning. The meeting will look at ways to make nutrition interventions more gender responsive with the objective of identifying gender issues and concerns that have an impact on effective malnutrition identification and nutritional interventions. The workshop will also develop guidelines for OLS agencies in gender responsive interventions.

Among issues to be discussed, will be the outcome of a recent nutritional study on traditional weaning practices in South Sudan. Also of importance will be the women's role in food production and processing practices in southern Sudan.

All of the NGOs participating in the workshop are currently involved in nutritional interventions in southern Sudan.

HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES... The Humanitarian Principles programme hosted a two-day Ground Rules workshop this week in Ikotos. The workshop, a joint SRRA/OLS venture, is part of the ongoing effort to disseminate information about the OLS Ground Rules around southern Sudan. The Humanitarian Principles programme is also hosting a legal aid clinic for women in grass roots settings. This workshop aims to sensitize women to international legal norms as found in the Convention on the elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

WFP UPDATE...

-During 16-22 November, a total of 1,857mt was delivered to 108,914 beneficiaries in various locations in southern Sudan. Targeted distributions took place in: Wullu and Lunyaker, Bahr el Ghazal; Kolmerek, Wiernyol and Paluer, Upper Nile/Jonglei; and Napotpot, Kalacha, Katigiri, Rubeke, Logo, Tore and Lolim, Equatoria.

-During 16-22 November, 120mt of cereals, pulses, CSB and dry skim milk was provided to 5,774 beneficiaries through the food-for-work and supplementary feeding programmes of OLS NGOs Medecins sans Frontieres-Holland, International Rescue Committee, the Diocese of Torit/Sudan Medical Care, MEDAIR, Christian Mission Aid, Medecins sans Frontieres-Belgium, Save the Children Fund-UK, UNICEF, Medecins du Monde and MEDIC.

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UPDATE ON SLEEPING SICKNESS INTERVENTIONS... The International Medical Corps (IMC) have begun treatment of Stage II sleeping sickness patients at the Tambura County Hospital. Planning for Stage I treatment is ongoing in the Ezo centre, which will include selection and training of staff. IMC's team of two doctors, two nurses and one site manager are also in the process of designing active case detection forms, staging forms and the initiation of a computerized data programme to improve the efficiency of identifying priority patients and treatment. Thus far, 31 patients have been treated in Tambura while another 73 are either in the treatment process or expected for treatment. Finally, a prevalence survey was conducted in Mabia on 24 November and surveys in Mupoi and Moso areas will be conducted soon.

IRC STAFF RELOCATED FROM MARIAL BAI...

Staff of the OLS NGO International Rescue Committee (IRC) relocated from Marial Bai to an area 40 minutes away 30 December following reports of cattle raiding. They returned to Marial Bai on 1 December.

WFP STAFF RELOCATE FROM AYEIN...

On 27 November, WFP staff in Ayein were advised to evacuate due to reports of possible insecurity nearby. The two-person team flew to Lokichokio on 28 November.

IKOTOS ROAD ASSESSED...

A consultancy team, comprised of staff from the Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and UNICEF, is currently undertaking a road rehabilitation assessment on the road between New Cush and Ikotos. The assessment is taking place in response to a proposal submitted by the SRRA inviting NGOs to assist with repairs to the road that services all of the organizations operating in Chukudum, Ikotos, Lotukei and other areas in Eastern Equatoria.

EDUCATION WORKSHOP HELD IN KOTOB...

The Mundri Relief and Development Association (MRDA) has been facilitating a two-week Supervisors Review workshop in Kotobi, with a total of 50 participants from Maridi, Mundri, Yambio and Yei areas. The workshop, which ended on 30 November, focused on identifying new teacher Supervisors, evaluating the performance of existing Supervisors and planning for a second Supervisors course. The workshop was supported by Christian Aid and SRRA Education Coordinators from the areas involved.

SHOOTING IN YAMBIO...

On 27 November, an armed man shot and killed the wife of the Anglican Bishop of Yambio and at least one other person before killing himself in what appeared to be a family related matter. OLS NGOs in the area, while shocked by the incident, were not endangered and activities continue as normal.

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OLS STAFF RELOCATE FROM NABAGOK ...

Staff of OLS NGOs World Vision International (WVI) and Veterinaries sans Frontieres (VSF) - Belgium were relocated from Nabagok to Lokichokio on 13 January as a result of increased tension between WVI staff and local authorities. Efforts will be made to resolve the situation before staff return to the area to continue programmes.

OLS STAFF RELOCATE FROM DUAR...

Staff of the OLS NGO Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF)-Holland were evacuated from Duar to Lokichokio on 15 January due to insecurity. The security situation will be monitored by the OLS Security Officers before relief personnel are authorized to return and resume activities.

OLS SECURITY WORKSHOP IN NAIROBI...

On 15-16 January, the OLS Security Officer will conduct a security workshop at the UN complex in Nairobi for heads of NGOs and donors. The workshop will cover most of the topics included in the Lokichokio-based workshops regularly held for field-based relief personnel. Issues discussed will include: evacuation plans, security levels/terminology, mine awareness, hostage situations and survival techniques. This workshop is part of an ongoing effort to maintain a high level of understanding within the OLS consortium regarding all matters related to the security of relief personnel working in a war zone.

WFP UPDATE...

During the period between 4-10 January 1998, WFP delivered a total of 105 metric tonnes of food commodities to 51,500 beneficiaries in southern Sudan. Of that total, 16 metric tonnes was delivered to 11,000 beneficiaries in Keyala, 54 metric tonnes to 20,000 beneficiaries in

Agaigai and 22 metric tonnes to 18,500 beneficiaries in Koch. Some 13 metric tonnes were also distributed to 2,000 beneficiaries through food-for-work programmes.

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Geneva, February 6, 1998

Attached please find a press release from New Sudan Council of Churches concerning the Sudan government's ban on relief flights to parts of Southern Sudan. The ban includes areas severely affected by fighting between government troops and forces of the Sudan People's Liberation Front (SPLA).

Fighting in Sudan's more than 14 year long civil war has flared up over the last weeks. >From around towns like Wau, Aweil and Gogrial in Barh al Ghazal more than 90,000 people are said to have taken to the bush and scrub lands for safety while fighting for control of the towns continue between the government army and the SPLA. WFP-OLS air drops of food to these displaced had hardly started when they had to be canceled February 4, because of the ban on relief flights by the government of Sudan.

Fighting has also been reported to the far east, not far from Kassala on the Eritrean border, but from this part of Sudan there has so far been no reports of major population movements.

The ACT Coordination Office is in touch with ACT members in the region and they are monitoring the situation. So far there are no concrete plans for humanitarian actions by the ACT Network. Air drops seem the best option for delivering timely assistance to the displaced of Bahr al Ghazal as fighting and poor roads and tracks make overland delivery unlikely to succeed.

For further details and NSCC's suggestion on advocacy actions please see the attached press release.

For further information please contact: ACT Communications Officer, Nils Carstensen (phone +41 22 791 6039 or mobile phone +41 079 358 3171) ACT Web Site address: <http://www.wcc-coe.org/act/>

Press release from the New Sudan
Council of Churches

Nairobi, February 5, 1998

A major humanitarian disaster is unfolding in the Southern Sudan region of Bahr el Ghazal and we are appealing to the international community to put pressure on the Government of Sudan (GOS) to allow Operation Lifeline Sudan (OLS) and other NGOs to fly in food aid to that region. We believe the decision of the GOS to ban all relief flights to Bahr el Ghazal on 4th February is unjustified and is in violation of international law and other Geneva Conventions relating to the rights of civilians to humanitarian assistance.

According to our member churches on the ground, 22 people, majority of whom are children and the elderly, have already died of hunger, and over 90,000 have been forced from their homes due to the fierce fighting going on between GOS and SPLA forces in and around the Southern Sudan second largest town of Wau.

Reports from our field officers speak of a possible re-run of 1986 when half a million southern Sudanese were consumed by hunger as a result of GOS food denial policy. In the area of Mapel alone, more than 45,000 displaced people are on the move, and thousands of others are reported to be roaming in the bushes in search of wild fruits and shelter.

We call on the international community to take bold and decisive action, which combine stronger political pressure and more effective legal safeguards to the humanitarian situation in the south. More pressure should be exerted on the government to reverse its decision, and allow OLS and other humanitarian agencies to airlift relief food to the affected civilians.

New Sudan Council of Churches Nairobi, Kenya

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POTENTIAL 'TRAGEDY' LOOMS IN SOUTHERN SUDAN WITH GOVERNMENT SUSPENSION OF RELIEF FLIGHTS, WARNS HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS OFFICE

NEW YORK, 6 February -- The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs announced today that as of 4 February, the Government of the Sudan had denied humanitarian agencies access to recently displaced populations by suspending all flights into the Bahr el Ghazal region of southern Sudan. An estimated 100,000 displaced -- mainly women and children -- were reported to be fleeing the civil conflict that flared up in and around the towns of Wau, Aweil and Gogrial over the past week. The displaced people were said to be gathering in a number of locations in Bahr el Ghazal, but were reported to be weak, hungry and in urgent need of assistance in the form of food, medicines and shelter materials.

These flight suspensions are putting the lives of vulnerable civilians at great risk. The people displaced have been walking for several days without food and with little water and are exhausted. The Operation Lifeline Sudan is collecting emergency supplies and has positioned them in Lokichokio, ready to be flown to the areas where the displaced have been gathering. However, Operation Lifeline Sudan cannot reach the people without flight clearances from the Government.

An Operation Lifeline Sudan emergency response team has already been established in Lokichokio, with representatives from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme, Save the Children-United Kingdom, Medecins Sans Frontieres-Belgium, World Vision International, MEDAIR, Oxfam-United Kingdom and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Food, medicines and shelter materials were flown to the area prior to the flight suspensions, but according to Operation Lifeline Sudan assessment teams on the ground, much more is needed to avert a potential humanitarian tragedy.

The flights ban covers almost half of the population of southern Sudan and has a serious impact, not only on the war-affected population, but also on hundreds of thousands of women and children living in Bahr el Ghazal, one of the most deprived areas in the South, which was already experiencing a severe food deficit before the current crisis. With little or no medicines on the ground, wounded civilians caught in the conflict have no chance of receiving medical care. Cases of diarrhoeal diseases are already reported among children on the move. Operation Lifeline Sudan is in close contact with government authorities in order to resolve this issue.

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FIRST TRUCKS ARRIVE IN BAHR EL GHAZAL WITH FOOD FOR THOUSANDS OF DISPLACED PEOPLE

NAIROBI - The United Nations World Food Programme announced today that the agency has just succeeded in delivering urgently needed food by road to northern Bahr El Ghazal, marking the first time that the United Nations has managed to send food so far north by road from Uganda.

The first 120 tons of sorghum from a WFP convoy of 400 tons arrived in Mapel area on Sunday, enduring 900 kilometers of extremely rough and broken roads during a three-week journey. This 120 tons of food will sustain 51,000 people for six days.

"This first road convoy is a great achievement, especially considering our extreme difficulties in delivering food to Bahr El Ghazal by air," said David Fletcher, Head of WFP's Southern Sudan operation and Deputy Coordinator for Operation Lifeline Sudan (OLS). "Unfortunately the situation is still serious because only one-quarter of the population in northern Bahr El Ghazal can be reached by road."

On February 4, the Government of Sudan suspended flights by OLS relief agencies to Bahr El Ghazal where 100,000 people have been displaced by recent fighting in the areas, and are in urgent need of food and other types of assistance.

Given the difficulty in accessing those in need, WFP has been making every possible effort to increase food deliveries by road to southern Sudan. Greater use of road transport will also help to reduce the high costs of food airlifts and airdrops, but according to Fletcher, air operations will still be necessary to deliver food to many inaccessible areas, especially during the rainy season.

WFP plans to take advantage of the remaining four to five weeks of dry season weather to send more road convoys with food to needy areas of Bahr El Ghazal, and is currently bolstering its food stocks in Koboko, Uganda in preparation.

As part of the 1998 UN appeal for Sudan launched last week, WFP has requested US\$59.4 million for food aid and transport which includes airlifting and airdropping operations. WFP estimates that 75,350 tons of emergency food aid will be required in 1998 for 2.4 million war and drought-affected civilians, mainly women, children and the elderly.

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