



Epidemiological Bulletin Week 44, 2023 (October 30– 05 November)

Major epidemiological highlights in week 44 of 2023

- ■In week 44, 2023, the IDSR reporting timeliness and completeness were at 78% and 89%, while EWARN sites were at 83% and 100% respectively
- ■Percentage of reporting for IDSR at private Health facilities in Juba and Wau stands at 90%
- •A total of 189 alerts were triggered in week 44, 2023, and the majority were for AWD 26% (35/189), measles 15.8% (30/189), malaria, 14.2% (27/189), Guinea 13%(25/189)
- •Measles cases continue to be reported in South Sudan with 116 suspected cases reported in the last 4 weeks (41-44) and 08 out of 14 samples confirmed measles with a 56% positivity rate





SURVEILLANCE PERFORMANCE



For the Integrated Disease Surveillance (IDSR) network and Early warning alert and response network (EWARN)





Timeliness of IDSR health facility reporting for week 44 & 43 by admin area

States/Admin area	# of implementing partners	# of reporting health facilities	% of Timeliness in Week 44	% of Timeliness in Week 43			
WES	6	183	100%	100%			
CES	12	124	99%	95%			
GPAA	2	15	93%	53%			
NBGZ	5	89	91%	92%			
WBGZ	6	83	83%	65%			
Warrap	9	111	81%	86%			
Jonglei	16	114	81%	83%			
Lakes	4	112	75%	99%			
Unity	12	88	69%	72%			
EES	6	107	57%	80%			
Upper Nile	14	136	48%	60%			
RAA	1	16	44%	56%			
AAA	2	17	35%	41%			
National	95	1195	78%	83%			

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Timeliness of IDSR mobile clinic reporting for week 44 & 43

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SP	4	100%	100%				
HFO	3	100%	100%				
IMC	4	100%	100%				
SSHCO	1	100%	100%				
SMC	1	100%	100%				
TRI-SS	2	100%	50%				
SCI	2	0%	100%				
WVI	1	0%	0%				
TOTAL	18	83%	89%				

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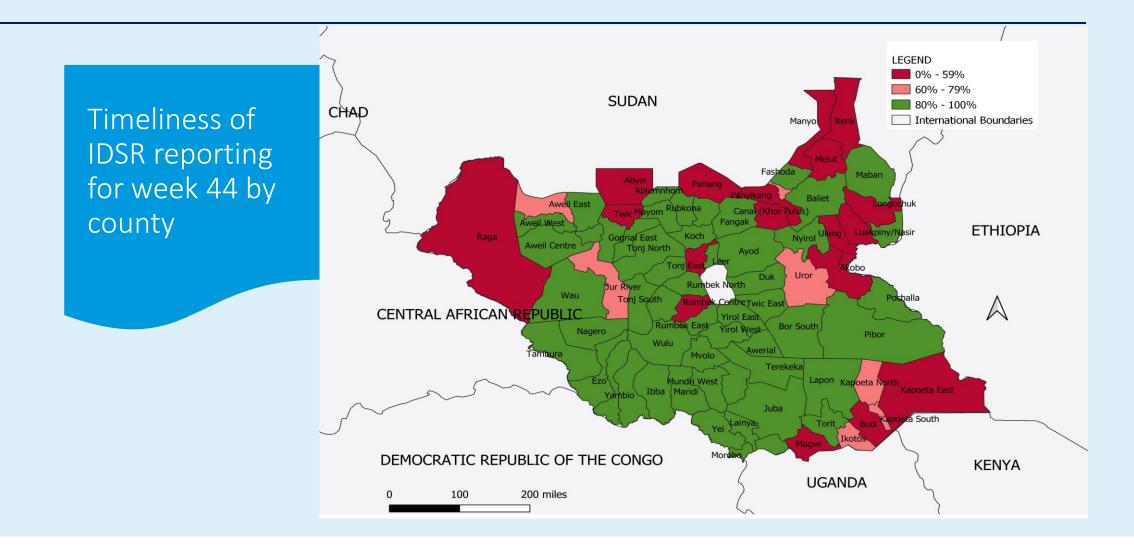


Completeness of IDSR reporting from Private Health Facilities in weeks 44 & 43

Payams	# of reporting private health facilities	% of Completeness in week 44	% of Completeness in week 43
Muniki	12	100%	100%
Rajaf	4	100%	100%
Juba	10	100%	100%
Kator	3	100%	100%
Northern Bari	1	100%	100%
Wau South	12	83%	0%
Wau North	7	71%	0%
Marial Baai	1	0%	0%
TOTAL	50	90%	60%



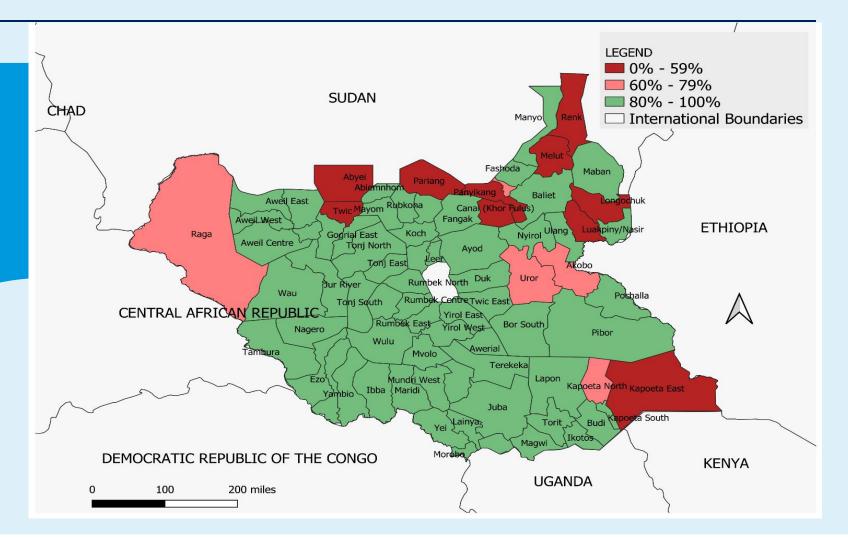








Completeness of IDSR reporting for week 44 by county







INDICATOR-BASED SURVEILLANCE



Alert management including detection; reporting; verification; risk assessment; & risk characterization





Alerts reported and verified by state for week 44

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- A total of 189 alerts were reported in week 44 through the EWARS
- Only (77) 40.7% verified in the system
- AWD, measles, and Guinea worm were among the highest number of alerts reported



Influenza sentinel Surveillance updates



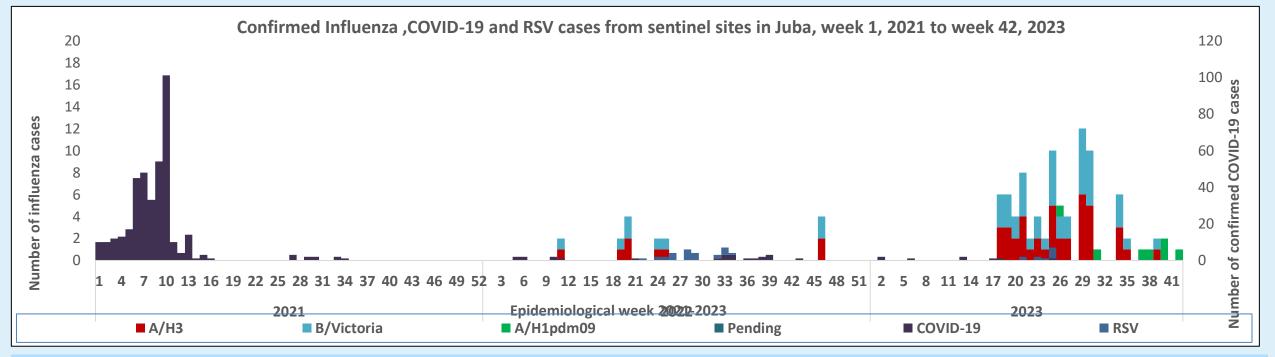








Routine Sentinel Surveillance | Human Influenza & other Respiratory Pathogens



- There are currently Four designated Influenza sentinel surveillance sites in Juba (Juba Teaching Hospital and Al Sabah Children's Hospital Rumbek State Hospital & Juba Military Hospital) that are collecting epidemiological data and samples from ILI/SARI cases.
- By the end of week **52,2022**; a total of **594 ILI/SARI** samples were collected, **529** samples tested negative, and Cumulatively, **21** tested positive for covid-19,8 positive for Influenza B (Victoria), and **6** were positive for influenza A(H3).26 RSV was confirmed in Week 52
- From weeks 1-42 2023, a total of 754 ILI/SARI were collected all 676 tested negative, 7 positives for Covid-19, (38)Influenza types A (H3), (10) B (Victoria), (7) for A/H1pdm09 and 13 for RSV in weeks 42,2023







ACTIVE OUTBREAKS AND PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS



Tungaisis in Magwi County





Alert of unknown disease in school, in Torit county

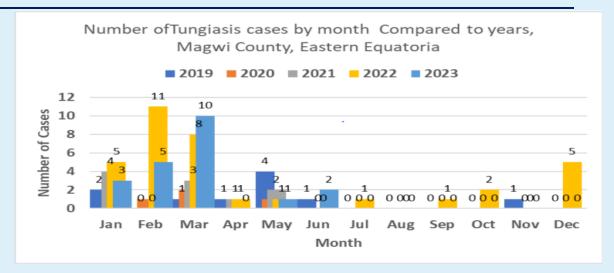
- On Nov 2, 2023, the WHO Eastern Equatoria hub was informed by CHD about an outbreak of an unknown disease that affected 27 schoolgirls aged 7 to 23 years from Murahatiha Primary School, Torit County, Eastern Equatoria State.
- The initial symptoms included headache, mental confusion, visual hallucination, neck pain, and lower limb weakness.
- Out of the 27 cases, six tested positive for malaria using rapid diagnostic testing at Torit Civil Hospital.
- The CSF results sent to the NPHL were cultured and all samples showed no growth. The school is in Murahatiha village, 20 km East of Torit Town.
- On Nov 13, 2023 a national team of experts including an Epidemiologist, Psychiatrist, psychologist, and risk communication officer was deployed to investigate this event





Tungaisis outbreak in Lobone, Magwi county.

- In September 2023, the state ministry of health reported the increase of Tunga penetrants in Magwi Payam
- State team conducted a verification mission in Magwi County and line listed a total of 78 cases from way back to 2019
- Of the total number of Confirmed cases 48 males (62%) and 31 females (40%) have been registered all from the community.
- The rate of infestation is high among children aged 1-10yrs about 41% followed by the age group 50-59 years, 12.8% and it is very low among the teenager's group 3.8%.
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- On 18 October, the Ministry of Health declared the outbreak on Tungaisis in Magwi to pave the way for the national response
- Coordination by the ministry and multisectoral team to be deployed on 7 November to Magwi to initiate response and conduct further investigation



Tungiasis Case by Age group, Magwi County, 2023									
Age Group	# of Cases								
> 1	0								
110	32								
11 19	7								
20 29	3								
30 39	10								
40 49	6								
50 59	10								
60 69	3								
70 <	7								
Total Cases	78								







ACTIVE OUTBREAKS AND PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS



Hepatitis E outbreak in Fangak

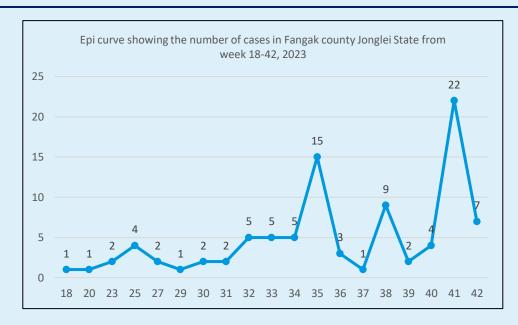


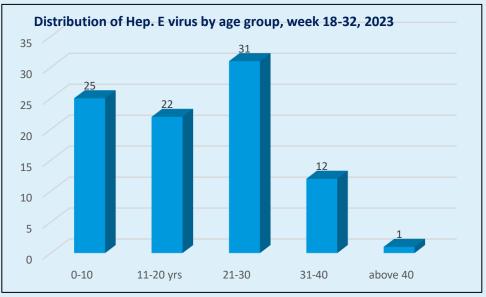


Hepatitis E updates in Fangak

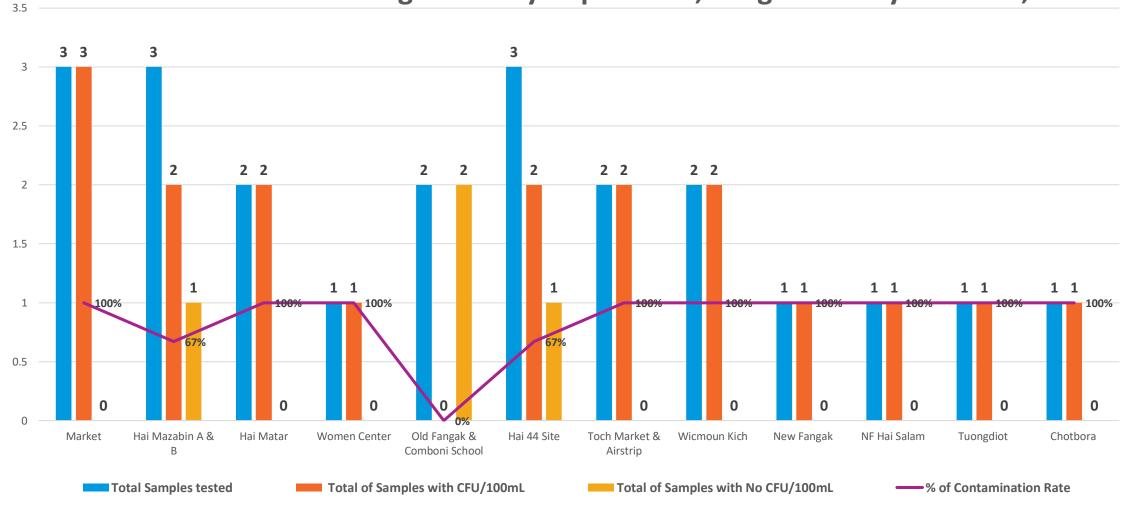
- On Sep 25, 2023, World Relief notified the Ministry of Health of the increase in HEV cases.
- Out of the 13 samples collected 3 samples tested positive by PCR giving a positivity rate of 23.1%
- MSF is conducting case management and WHO supported MSF with More than 500 RDT for case detection
- Multisectoral and disciplinary RRT was deployed on 11 October 2023 to conduct in-depth epidemiological investigation
- A total of 93 cases with 14 deaths line listed CFR 15%. Of all the 14 deaths only one was male and 3 were in pregnant women
- All cases are in ages below 40 years of age except for one with mean age of 20yrs
- Water quality testing was conducted and out of 28 samples, 82% (23) contamination rate, meaning only 18% showing no fecal coliform (CFU/100ml)
- Ongoing coordination of response through the CHD office and the RRC







Microbiological Analysis per Sites, Fangak county. October, 2023





Hepatitis E Outbreak Updates in Fangak County

Conclusion

- Hepatitis E is a serious public health problem in Fangak county
- Old Fangak Payam is the most affected area
- Adults are the most affected group
- Drinking water is the source and the mode of transmission of HEV infection
- Open defecation and presence of another sick person at home remain as risk factors
- Malaria remain a leading cause of morbidity in Fangak

Challenges

- Insufficient capacity of the isolation unit
- Inaccessibility of most of the areas due to floods
- Most of health care workers haven't been trained on detection and management of HEV cases
- Poor personal hygiene practice
- Lack of Handwashing facilities, Case definition and IEC materials
- Insufficient number of latrines

Recommendations

- MoH and partners should conduct HEV vaccination campaign using lessons learnt from Bentiu
- WASH interventions through increasing latrines
- Continue RCCE on the risk of open defecation and personal hygiene
- Encourage boiling drinking water and chlorination
- IEC materials to be translated into local languages
- There is a need for further systematic epidemiological study (case-control) to determine the actual risk factors

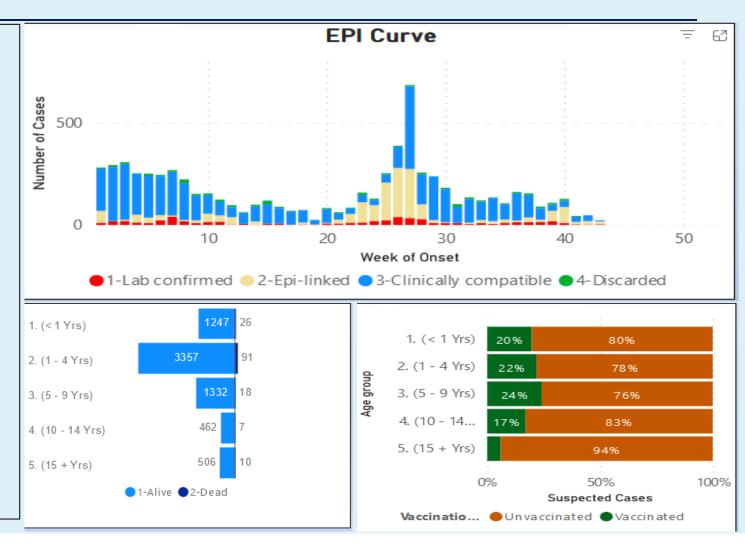


Measles outbreak situation update

- In 2023, A total of 7056 with 152 related deaths have been reported with a CFR of 2.1%
- 65% of cases are in children less than 5 years of age with
 77% of all related deaths

In the last four weeks:

- 116 suspected cases with 01 death and 08 out of 14 samples confirmed measles with a 47% positivity rate
- No new case was reported this week from Kapoeta East. Additionally, 89 cases from Tonj North (56) and Kapoeta East (33) from weeks 40-42 have been reported. No newly confirmed outbreaks,
- Suspected or confirmed cases have been reported in 9 counties but Juba, Abyei, Kapoeta East, Lafon, Nyirol, Pibor, Fangak, Pigi-Canal (Khor Fulus), and Renk.
- Samples are needed for testing as per the revised SOP.









Phase II Measles Reactive/Mop Up vaccination Data from 13 counties

County			Measle	S			Status				
	Target	Host	Returnee	Total	Coverage	Target	Host	Returnee	Total	Coverage	
Rubkona	158,970	80,862	15,141	96,003	60%	166,035	88,989	16,505	105,494	64%	Complete
Leer	22,515	20,231	4,837	25,068	111%	24,885	21,012	4,860	25,872	104%	Complete
Abeyi	22,761	19,276	2,242	21,518	95%	-	-	-	-		Complete
Juba	96,015	75,756	22,312	98,068	102%	104,851	68,742	10,471	79,213	76%	Complete
Gogrial West	81,376	105,198	1,401	106,599	131%	89,942	112,685	1,216	113,901	127%	Complete
Twic	66,070	51,765	3,702	55,467	84%	73,025	61,283	4,998	66,281	91%	Complete
Ayod	42,997	10,136	<u>.</u>	10,136	24%		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-		Complete
Malakal	29,291	25,654	3,328	28,982	99%	30,592	25,298	3,422	28,720	94%	Complete
Melut	30,470	31,177	652	31,829	104%	31,824	27,795	1,595	29,390	92%	Complete
Longechuk	50,289	33,942	7,189	41,131	82%	52,524	30,331	7,496	37,827	72%	Partially complete
Awerial	33,410	28,536	1	28,536	85%	36,927	20,072	-	20,072	54%	Complete
Yirol East	28,049	35,423	512	35,935	128%	31,001	30,916	597	31,513	102%	Complete
Fangak	29585	25,973	573	26,546	90%	32,700	25,014	923	25,937	79%	Complete
Total	691,798	553,423	61,889	61 5,312	89%	674,307	512,137	52,083	564,220	84%	





Summary of Measles Reactive/Mop Up vaccination (Phase I and Phase II)

- In Phase I; over 65,000 children under 15 years were vaccinated in five counties (Renk, Aweil East, Aweil North, Aweil West, and Rubkona)
- Phase II targeted 15 counties for reactive vaccination and 14 counties for point of Entry/Transit Post-vaccination activities.
 - As of week 44, in the second phase of the reactive campaign, a total of 13 counties have vaccinated over 615,312 (89%) children under 15 years of age,
 - Of which 61,889 (10%) are returnees. Akobo county started the campaign on November 12th in 4 Payams, and the remaining Payams will receive their vaccine and supplies tentatively on November 15th.
 - Maban and Maiwut counties are pending implementation due to vaccine stockouts.
 - However, Akobo county was prioritized for outbreak response with the available vaccine.
 - On November 12th, the country received the first consignment of 90,000 doses of measles vaccine (Maiwut will be supplied from this consignment).
 - The second installment of 900,000 doses will be received in the country by the end of this week to cover the remaining counties and new outbreak counties.





Phase II Measles Reactive/Mop-Up Vaccination Activities

Counties included for Mop up/Reactive campaign based on

- ■Low performance of last MFUP campaign both admin and PCE coverage taken as a reference
- Active Measles transmission from Epi week 25 forward (4 weeks after the MFUP campaign)
- ■Border with Sudan and have registered point of entry (reference IOM population tracking dashboard)
- Counties with temporary transit camps







HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

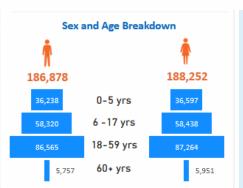


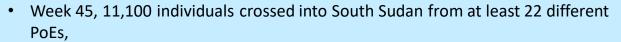
Sudan Crises response in South Sudan



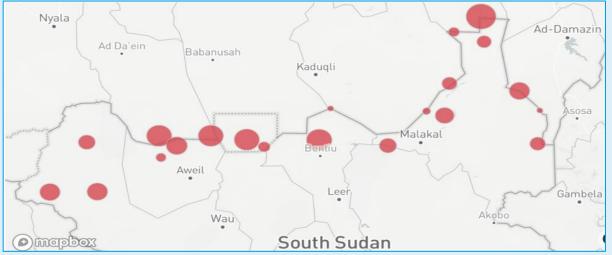








- Cumulatively 375,585 individuals have crossed from at least 19 nationalities
- 83% (301,360) of the influx are South Sudanese returnees.



22 PoEs are currently being monitored, with Joda-Renk accounting for 83%t of the reported influx figures



Onwards Transportation & Movements

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150,486

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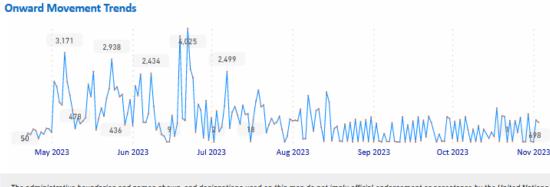
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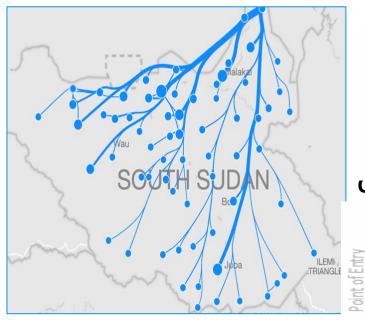
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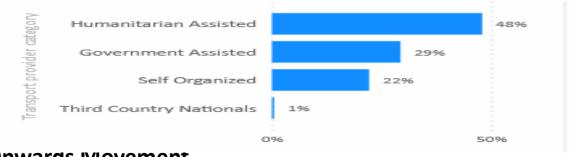
No. Total returnees in Renk Town



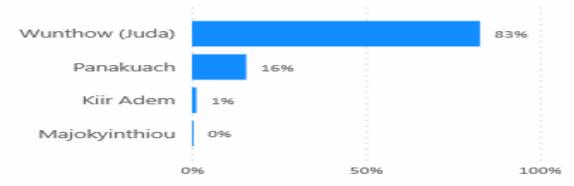
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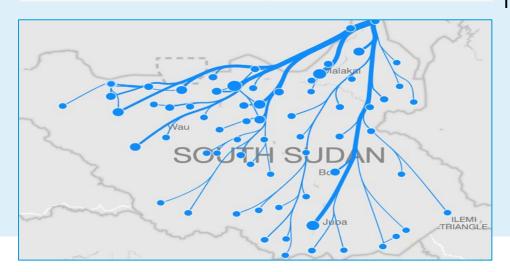
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No. of people moved to areas of return (SSD)

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No. Total population tracked at Wunthow (Juda) PoE 53,677

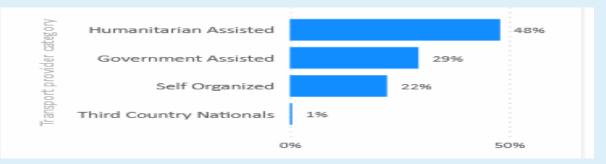
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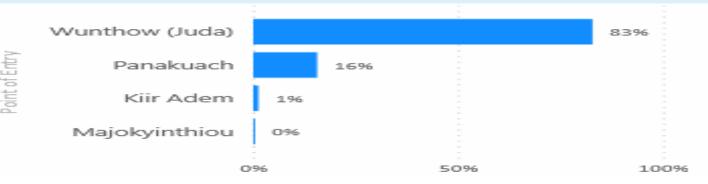


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Summary of Morbidity & Mortality/Renk

- During the week, a total of 7,930 new consultations were conducted at Wunthou / Joda PoE, TC,
 Renk Hospital.
- Malaria is the leading cause of morbidity cause in Week 44, with 2,348 cases (28.7%) of all consultations. This represents a decrease of 821 malaria cases a 25.9% decrease in cases compared with Week 43.
- Conversely, ARTI cases have increased by 14.1% (1,977 cases; 24.2% of consultations).
- The number of reported cases of AWD has remained stable compared to Week 43. AWD accounted for 441 cases 5.4% of all consultations.
- There were four reported measles cases all detected at Wunthou PoE and the cases were admitted to Renk Hospital.
- All four were South Sudanese returnee children. Two had been vaccinated (both three-year-old children) whilst the two other children were only six and eight months old).





Malnutrition Update for Week 44 in Renk

- 1,597 Under-5s were screened for malnutrition during Week 44.
- 90 (5.6%) were either moderate (3.5%) or severely malnourished (2.1%) by MUAC measurements.
- Increase of 0.6% in SAM prevalence 15 additional cases (six returnees, nine refugees compared to Week 43. MAM prevalence was reduced by 0.2%.
- Three SAM cases with medical complications (0.19%) were admitted to Renk Hospital Stabilisation Centre, which is an increase of two cases of newly admitted children compared to Week 43.
- 321 PLWs were screened; 31 (9.7%) <210mm (prevalence increase by 1.2% compared to Week 43.
- 12 PLWs (3.7%) <230mm MUAC which represents a decrease of 1.6% compared to the previous week.
- At Reception Center:
 - 1,444 (721 M, 723 F children aged 6 to 59 months were given Vitamin A supplements.
 - 1,355 (676 M, 679 F) children aged 12 to 59 months were administered Albendazole.
 - 6,411 (2,432 M, 3,979 F) individuals aged ≥5 years received High Energy Biscuits.





Health / WASH Cluster Cholera Preparedness in Renk

- Joint visit to Wunthou conducted by WHO and CHD to identify the site for the CTU at the PoE. An adequate site for the temporary facility available adjacent to the health facility under construction by UNOPS was identified on Wednesday.
- WHO and CHD to visit the UNOPS Co-ordinator in Renk to discuss preparing the site for a CTU.
- Reduction of an estimated 5,000 individuals in the past week, mainly refugees, in the TC, which has led to an increase of water supply (at least 11.5L/person/day).
- Cholera training of CHWs on social messaging about cholera prevention, case definition and surveillance; to clinicians on case management and to hygiene promoters and cleaners for IPC. MSF-B, Oxfam, ADA, and the main health partners have conducted training on AWD / cholera.





Joint Health / WASH Cluster Cholera Preparedness

- WHO identified the locations for oral rehydration points to be positioned in the TC. Training of health workers on provision of ORS to take place, prioritising in and around the TC.
- NPHL Laboratory Scientist deployment supported by WHO for water quality testing at all sites, including water production facilities (SWATs).
- Chlorine residual testing in Abukadra and Zero were 0.0 mg/L on Monday. Coliform level upon culture was very high. The agency was visited by the WASH Cluster Lead and the NPHL specialist.
 The agency indicated that they did not have any chlorine or pH testing tabs.
- All health agencies informed that cholera testing kits will be supplied to their facilities in line with training on stool specimen collection, RDT and Cary-Blair medium use.





Challenges & Recommendations/Action taken

Challenge	Recommendation/Action taken
1) Stock-out of measles vaccine in Wunthou PoE. Ten vials only remain in the CHD Cold Chain.	1) UNICEF confirmed that 900,000 doses are being deployed to South Sudan on 10 th November. Renk will receive vaccines by next week.
2) Lack of vaccination cards and registers at Wunthou PoE to record vaccines.	2) At Health Cluster meeting, UNICEF communicated with Juba Office for supplies to be sent. <u>Still pending.</u>
3) Cholera outbreak in four States in Sudan (Gedaref, Khartoum, South Kordofan and Al Jazirah).	3) Refresher training to health care providers delivered. Daily AWD surveillance in TC and host community being conducted. ORP network in TC has been mapped. Training on
Surveillance of AWD at Wunthou PoE, TC and in Renk Town.	ORS administration to health workers at HFs and for CHWs to be provided. Site for CTU in Wunthou identified by WHO and CHD.
4) Lack of 24-hour healthcare partner at the Wunthou PoE for detecting suspected cases of cholera.	4) Recommendation of small-scale health staff presence in Wunthou (two persons) for surveillance, triage and isolation measures rather than a full PHC service during the evening / night hours.





Key Interventions and ongoing activities for the Sudan Crises

- WHO/MoH is coordinating the overall emergency health response through the existing structures.
- Cholera Contingency Plan have been developed and cholera preparedness coordination meetings are ongoing between the Health and the WASH Cluster.
- WCO preposition a total of 269 Health Emergency Health kits to six locations that can benefit around 101,555 for three months at the cost of \$ 142,710.
- Kits issued were mainly IEHK, Pneumonia, Cholera Investigation & treatment Kits (Including Cholera Investigation Test kits to strengthen Cholera Surveillance - Nine large WHO tents arrived to Renk this week including the V-Sat equipment). SAM/MC kits, and Field Sample Collection Kits. Others include Snake Venom antisera & SARS COV-2 Ag RDT.
- Strengthening Early Warning Alerts and Response Systems (EWARS) for timely detection and investigate priority diseases under active surveillance



A Joint WASH / Health Cluster Cholera Preparedness

- A cholera contingency plan has been developed and endorsed by WASH, Health Cluster, and local response teams. Action point of further discussions between WHO and the CHD.
- Three Cholera Preparedness Task Force meetings were held between 24 October and 2nd November with participation from WASH Cluster, WHO, MSF-B, IOM, UNICEF, OCHA, UNHCR, WVI, Solidarities International, other health and WASH agencies).
- Gaps in the provision of sufficient water for present needs in the Reception Centre and TC. A noted challenge with the water storage capacity in TC presently which requires addressing in preparing for potential cholera outbreak.
- Increased population of ~5,000 individuals in the past week, mainly refugees, in the TC which has led to increased water needs which are note being adequately met.
- MSF-B has commenced preparing site for CTU on the grounds of Renk Hospital. Laying of marram gravel completed this week.
- Site identified for Isolation Unit / CTU in Wunthou, pending approval from authorities. Marram gravel being sourced and WHO tents to be pre-positioned to commence CTU development.
- WHO mapping the TC, Wunthou and Renk Town for oral rehydration points.
- 20 L buckets sourced in local market for use at ORPs.
- Training planned for next week of CHWs and health partner staff on ORS provision.
- All partners confirmed to have cholera kits donated by WHO.





Challenges & Recommendations/Action taken in Renk

Challenges	Recommendation/Action taken
1) Stock-out of measles vaccine in Wunthou PoE.	1) WHO Juba RI informed and to follow up on sourcing vaccine.
2) Lack of vaccination cards and registers at Wunthou PoE to record vaccines.	2) At Health Cluster meeting, UNICEF communicated with Juba Office for supplies to be sent.
3) Cholera outbreak in four States in Sudan. Surveillance of AWD at Wunthou PoE, TC and in Renk Town.	3) Refresher training to health care providers delivered. Daily AWD surveillance in TC and host community being conducted. ORP network in TC, Wunthou and host community HFs to be set up and the CTU in Wunthou preparation to start next week.
4) Lack of 24-hour healthcare partner at the Wunthou PoE for detecting suspected cases of cholera.	4) Follow up with MEDAIR as to starting date for deployment of a team to Renk
5) 300,000 LLINs with the CHD though not being distributed.	5) WHO raised issue with CHD in the Health Cluster meeting about draft distribution plan for the LLINs (TC and in Renk area). Malaria Consortium consultant arriving soon according to UNICEF Malakal staff.





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