

KEY FIGURES

7.5M People in Need of Humanitarian Assistance	2.24M South Sudanese Refugees
1.67M Internally Displaced	1.3M Malnourished Children
188K Persons living in PoC ¹	352K Malnourished Women
64 Stabilization Centers	6.48M Severely Food Insecure

COVID-19 SITUATION

2211 confirmed cases	45 deaths	1180 recoveries
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HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of 2 211 COVID-19 cases and 45 deaths (case fatality rate of 2.0%) reported as of 20 July 2020.
- Some 94 019 (91% coverage) children aged 6 to 59 months have been vaccinated against measles to interrupt the disease transmission in Aweil East County.
- MoH with support from WHO conducted an after-action review (AAR) for 2019 floods response that affected nearly one million individuals.

121 066 (20%)	Children under one year vaccinated with oral polio vaccine
962 158	Initial numbers of children vaccinated against measles
5	Counties with confirmed measles outbreaks in 2020
1	PoC ¹ s sites with confirmed measles outbreaks in 2020
2	Counties with malaria cases surpassing their set thresholds



WHO and partners in Kuajok supporting the State Ministry of health to conduct a training for rapid response teams and contact tracers, 29-30 June 2020

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Overview of the Humanitarian Crisis

- **Progress in South Sudan peace process:** Encouraging developments in South Sudan's peace process including the agreement between the parties to the Revitalized Agreement on the allocation of states and the recent announcement of state Governors has been lauded by UN Security Council on 13 July 2020. The UN Security Council encouraged the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity (R-TGoNU) to finalize the appointment of the remaining state governors and establish state and county administrations without delay. The council also recognized the efforts of the R-TGoNU to address the COVID-19 pandemic and continued cooperation with the humanitarian community while encouraging the government to address the increasing armed violence in Jonglei Unity and Central Equatoria States.
- **Update on insecurity in Jongle State and Greater Pibor Administrative Area (GPAA):** New IDPs estimated at 3,000 persons have been displaced from Patio Village in Twic East County and are now sheltering in Bor Town as per RRC report on 6 July 2020. There are 13 821 IDPs in Bor Town after the arrival of additional IDPs on 7-8 July 2020. In GPAA youth mobilization, violence and displacement continue as an attack on Murle communities in Verteth was reported on 9 July 2020 with youth from Pibor and Gumuruk departing on 10 July 2020 to pursue the attackers. An unknown number of casualties have been reported from both sides. The number of IDPs in the UNMISS AA site was at 400 as of 13 July 2020. Since the onset of the current violence in the Pibor area in early June, it is estimated that 60 000 to 70 000 people were displaced from Manyabol, Gumuruk, Pibor, and Likuangole and are now sheltering in Verthet and other far locations like Labrab and the Maruwa hills. Efforts to stop the increasing intercommunal violence in Jonglei is ongoing as an advance team of the High-Level Presidential Committee tasked with investigating the ongoing intercommunal violence between Murle, Nuer and Dinka arrived in several parts of Jonglei State on 11 July 2020.
- **Inter-agency rapid assessment mission in Koch County:** Between 30 June and 2 July 2020, humanitarian partners conducted a fact-finding mission to Koch County where spontaneous refugee and IDP returnees were seen settling on their lands or being hosted by relatives. The returnees were from Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Bentiu PoC, Juba PoC, Malakal PoC site, and Fangak County in Jonglei. Out of an estimated 5,000 people reported to have returned to Mirmir, 2,481 people returned to Bentiu or Rubkona due to a shortage of food and other basic services while the remaining 2,519 returnees have integrated with the community in Mirmir center, Patit, Gany, Buok and Ngony in overcrowded tukuls.
- **Reducing IDP population in Bentiu PoC site, Rubkona County.** The number of IDPs in the Bentiu PoC site stands at 99 052 as of June 2020, compared to 117 727 reported during the previous count in May 2020. This is the lowest population reported in the PoC since June 2016 and is attributed to many factors including exiting by IDPs to do farming/cultivation activities and the closure of schools following COVID-19 risk prevention measures.

Emergency Response Activities

Provision of the Essential Supplies for Health Facilities

- The distribution of mosquito nets is ongoing in Bentiu PoC with the support of health partners. This is following a seasonal increase in malaria cases reported in the health facilities in Bentiu PoC beginning in week 24 of 2020. Similar malaria cases upsurge has also been reported in Bentiu and health partners are expected to update and activate their contingency plans for malaria as flooding begins in the state.

Preparedness activities for floods in 2020

- Monitoring floods forecast continues with partners working in the flood-prone counties providing regular flood update to the humanitarian coordination forums.
- Panyijiar County in Unity state; Rumbek Centre and Yirol East Counties in Lakes state; Mundri East, Mundri West, and Mvolo Counties in Western Equatoria state are expected to receive above-average

Surveillance, Epidemiological Update, and Response for Disease Outbreaks

rainfall in the second half of July 2020.

- Bor South and Panyijjar experienced floods and displacement population in the second half of July 2020.
- Ministry of Health with support from WHO and partners conducted an After Action Review (AAR) of the 2019 floods response that affected almost one million individuals across 32 Counties in South Sudan. The exercise aimed at documenting best practices, lessons learned, and challenges; this with the view of improving 2020 floods preparedness and response activities.
- The AAR was partly virtual due to restrictions caused by public health measures instituted to curb the spread of SARS-COV-2, over 30 technical officers attended the AAR from the National Ministry of Health, WHO South Sudan, WHO AFRO, and WHO HQ.

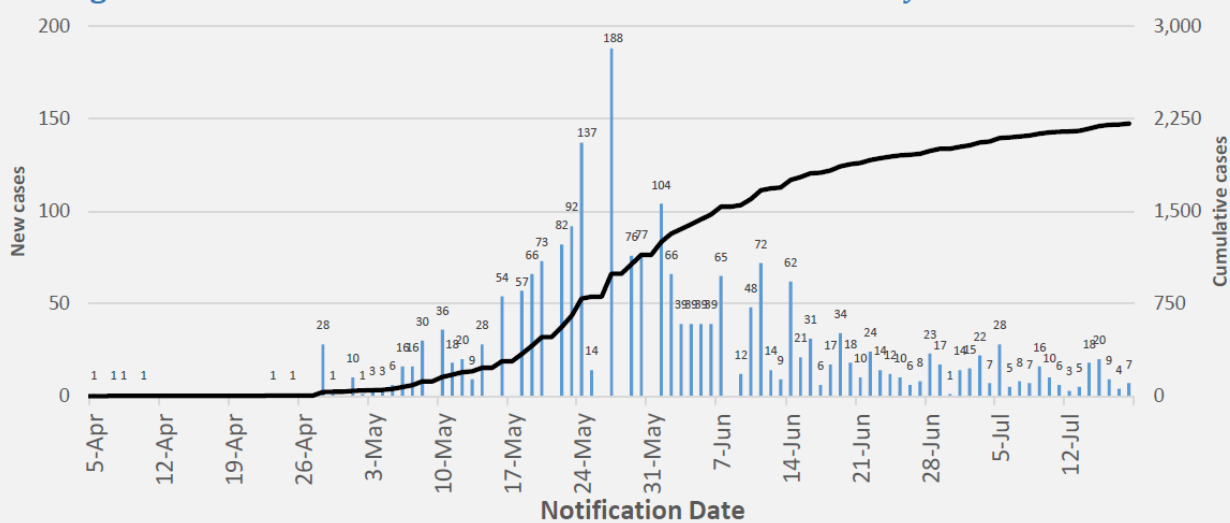
Performance of the Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR)

- In epidemiological week 29 of 2020, the timeliness and completeness for weekly IDSR reporting by health facilities was 69%. The Early Warning and Response System (EWARS) reporting sites supported by partners had completeness and timeliness of 72% for week 28.
- Out of the 130 alerts generated through EWARS in week 29; 47 (36%) alerts were due to malaria; 26 (20%) bloody diarrhea; 25 (19%) for acute watery diarrhea; 12 (9%) for acute respiratory infections.
- The routine surveillance data indicated that acute respiratory infections are a significant cause of morbidity in the PoCs across the country and the need for their epidemiological and laboratory investigations to ascertain their etiology has been highlighted.
- A suspect yellow fever sample received from Magwi county in week 29, 2020 is being shipped to UVRI for testing.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Outbreak in South Sudan

- Cumulatively, 2 211 COVID-19 cases, 1180 recoveries, and 45 deaths (case fatality rate of 2.0%) have been reported as of 20 July 2020. A total of 115 healthcare workers have been infected since the beginning of the outbreak.
- The majority of the cases are asymptomatic with only 506 (23%) cases manifesting with COVID-19 signs and symptoms.
- Of the 5 067 cumulative contacts registered since 5 April 2020, 4 662 (92%) have completed the 14-day quarantine while 405 (9%) contacts are under follow up. Some 686 contacts had converted to cases.
- Juba is experiencing community transmission whereas sporadic and clustered transmission persists outside the capital requiring a range of response strategies for the country. Decentralization of testing capacity is ongoing

Figure 1. New and cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases by notification date



For more information on the COVID-19 outbreak and public health response measures, please refer to the national weekly situation update.

Ebola Virus Disease in Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

- 11th Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in Équateur Province, The Democratic Republic of the Congo:** As of 11 July 2020, there are a total of 49 cases (46 confirmed and three probable) including 20 deaths (case fatality ratio 40.8%). The case fatality ratio among confirmed cases is 37% (17 deaths/46 confirmed cases). Two health workers are among the confirmed cases since the start of the outbreak, making up 4.1% of all cases. To date, six out of 18 health zones and 18 out of 281 health areas in Équateur Province have reported at least one confirmed or probable case of EVD. In the past 21 days (from 21 June 2020 to 11 July 2020), 26 confirmed cases of EVD have been reported in 14 health areas in five health zones.
- The outbreak of EVD in Equateur Province continues to evolve in the context of the continued monitoring of the recently ended outbreak in North Kivu and Ituri provinces, the COVID-19 outbreak, a long-standing measles outbreak and a complex humanitarian crisis in the country
- South Sudan is conducting preparedness and readiness assessments and continuing with intensified preparedness activities on the border and other high-risk areas. South Sudan has a level 2 risk of introduction of EVD.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.afro.who.int/health-topics/disease-outbreaks/outbreaks-and-other-emergencies-updates>

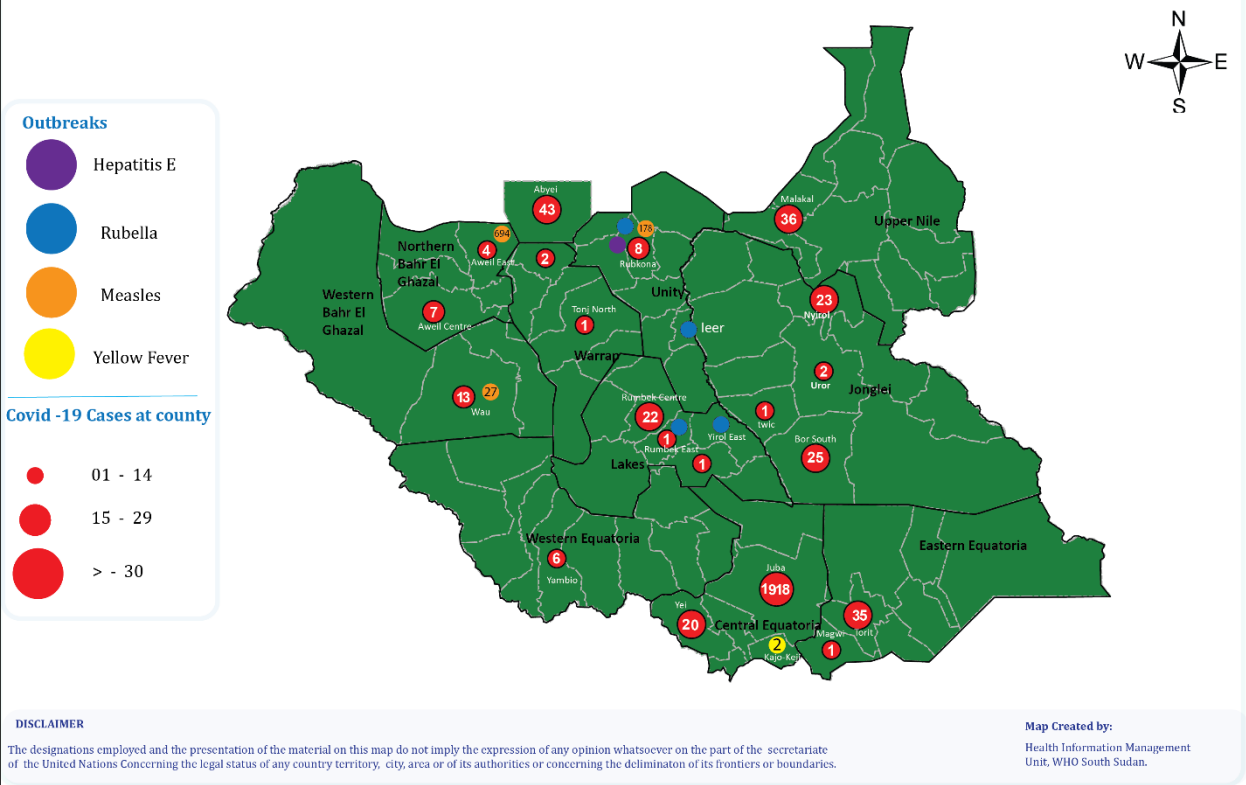
Measles and Othe Disease Outbreaks

- Measles in Aweil East County:** Following the confirmation of the outbreak in January 2020 with a caseload of 694 cases and 7 deaths(CFR 1%), a twelve-day campaign from 22 June to 3 July 2020 was organized and led by the Ministry of Health with support from WHO and UNICEF using facility-based services to reach all eligible children. Some 94019 (91% coverage) children aged 6 to 59 months were vaccinated against measles to interrupt the transmission. The campaign was conducted per the national and WHO guidelines for implementing mass vaccination campaigns in the context of COVID-

19.

- **Measles in Wau County:** No new cases reported in week 29 of 2020. The cumulative caseload is 27 cases.
- **Measles in Bentiu PoC:** No new measles cases were reported in week 28 and 29 of 2020. At least 178 measles cases including five deaths (CFR 2.9%) have been reported in Bentiu PoC since the beginning of 2020. Cases have been reported from both outside and inside the PoC with sector 5 having the most cases. Enhancement of routine immunization with the PoC and vaccination of all new entrants by the implementing partners is recommended.

Active Disease Outbreaks in South Sudan, as of July 20, 2020



For more details, visit: <https://www.afro.who.int/publications/south-sudan-weekly-disease-surveillance-bulletin-2020>

Operational gaps and challenges

- Limited resources to cover all the affected counties.
- Weak coordination mechanisms at the sub-national level.
- Insecurity and inaccessibility in conflict-affected counties.
- Huge operational costs measured against available donor funds
- Inadequate human resources for health at subnational levels

Resource Mobilization

Name of appeal	Required US \$\$	Secured in US \$	A gap in US \$
WHE Operations	22 million	2 million	20 million

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