

10 January 2023 - FSLC's response in GPAA

Context:

After weeks of progressive mobilization in Jonglei of armed Lou Nuer and Bor Dinka towards the Greater Pibor Administrative Area (GPAA), the weekend of 24 – 27 December saw an escalation of violence in Lekuongole and Gumuruk payams in the GPAA.

Attacks have taken place in three main locations:

- Gumuruk from 24 – 27 December.
 - o The attackers have since left Gumuruk town. However, as the attack against Gumuruk reportedly resulted in relatively few cattle being captured, it is expected that these groups will likely return to the GPAA in the short term with some still staying in nearby areas (including Manyabol) to continue raiding, while others are moving south of Pibor to Verteth.
- Nanaam, Kariak, Kongor and around Lekuongole from 21 – 28 December, and again since 4 January.
 - o Fighting is ongoing in these locations.
- Lokomarch and Malual in the first week of January 2023. Fighting is ongoing in Malual

Reportedly, some 17,000 IDPs have already arrived in Pibor Town. It is likely that more intense violence will take place over the coming weeks, potentially resulting in a higher number of IDPs. Humanitarian response remains constrained by access difficulties as attackers are likely to use the Bor – Pibor road to access Manyabol and Maloktoch and continue raiding in the GPAA.

1. FSL Response planned:

- FSLC partners participated in December 31 IRNA and assessed that around 17,000 IDPs were in need of immediate food assistance.
- WFP&CRS responded from Jan. 7 onwards by distributing a one-off 15-day in-kind food rations to 17,000 estimated IDPs (subject to verification from WFP's SCOPE list at point of distribution).
- Nutrition treatment (TSFP) to MAM cases in children under 5 and PLW.
- Started Saturday 07/01/2023

2. What has been delivered so far (as of Jan 10)

- Since 7 January 2023, WFP/CRS have managed to distribute 96mt of food (cereal, pulses, oil) to **10,990 beneficiaries out of 17,000 (65%)**.
 - o Distribution to Gumuruk IDPs has been completed
 - o Distribution to Lekuongole IDPs has started on Jan 10 and will continue on Jan 11 (the distribution is included in the agenda for the high-level visit).
- Treatment of MAM cases is also ongoing (no figures so far)

3. What's the situation now

- Ability to resupply is impossible at the moment – when we run out of stock we do not have a means to deliver.
- The number of people arriving on a daily basis is increasing, and this is likely to overwhelm partners.
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4. What is the plan going forward?

- GFD will finish this week and MAM treatment will continue as required
- Any further assistance will be based on the re-assessment of the situation