

Republic of South Sudan (RoSS)

ETC Situation Report #47

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Highlights

- The ETC successfully completed a mission to the new humanitarian hub in Malakal. Following an assessment and discussions with partners, preparations are now underway for the installation of a new internet connectivity kit as well as wireless coverage for humanitarian workers based in Malakal.

Cluster Responsibilities

- WFP is leading ETC activities in RoSS with responsibility for coordination, implementation and overall operational support for common ICT services.

Achievements

- Between 12-16/05/14, the ETC evaluated viable options for establishing wireless internet coverage at the new humanitarian hub in Malakal. Following discussions with partners and the provision of space inside the humanitarian hub, preparations are now underway to start building a base needed for the new internet connectivity kit which will be provided by the ETC for humanitarian workers based in Malakal.
- The ETC continues to programme radios and allocate call signs to NGOs and UN Agencies in South Sudan. Last week, the ETC programmed 89 radios for UN Agencies and NGOs to make it easier for humanitarian workers to communicate in the field. This makes it easier for humanitarian workers to communicate and improves security in the field.
- Currently, there are eight sites in South Sudan being provided with ETC internet connectivity.

Challenges and Gaps

- Due to on-going clashes and high levels of insecurity in Upper Nile State, the planned shipment of a new internet connectivity kit to Nassir remains on hold. Procurement of ICT equipment continues to be challenging as lengthy import procedures and the volatile security situation frequently lead to substantial delays. Moreover, the availability of suitable supplies, such as internet connectivity kits and solar kits, remains very limited in-country.



Planned Activities

- An ETC mission to Mingkaman is planned to carry out maintenance works, replace malfunctioning ICT equipment and programme radios for NGOs. Furthermore, a solar power charger will be installed inside the humanitarian hub to ensure uninterrupted functionality of radio equipment in order to increase security in the field.
- An assessment mission to Melut, Upper Nile State, is scheduled to take place in the week of 19/05/14 to assess needs on the ground and determine whether an ETC intervention is needed.

Meetings

- The next Local ETC meeting will be held on 22/05/14.
- The next Global ETC teleconference will be held on 19/05/14.

All information related to ETC operations can be found on the ICT Emergency website:

www.ETCluster.org

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Acronyms

ACTED	Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
UN	United Nations
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNMISS	United Nations Mission in South Sudan
VHF	Very High Frequency
WFP	World Food Programme



ETC Services in South Sudan

CITY	STATE	LOCATION	ETC PARTNERS	SERVICES	REPEATER CHANNELS
Abyei	Abyei	WFP	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity Radio communications 	14
Aweil	Northern Bahr el Ghazal	WFP	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity Radio communications ICT Help Desk 	11, 13
Bentiu (Rubkona)	Unity	WFP	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity Radio Communications 	9
Bor	Jonglei	UNMISS, WFP	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity Radio connectivity 	3, 10, 14
Juba	Central Equatoria	UNMISS - Tomping, UN House	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity Radio communications Coordination & Logistics Hub ICT Help Desk Information Management Radio Training 	1,2,6,7,8,9,12,13,14,15
Kapoeta	Eastern Equatoria	WFP	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity Radio communications ICT Help Desk 	10,13
Kaya	Upper Nile	UNHCR	UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radio communications 	13
Kwajok	Warrap	UNHCR	UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radio communications 	3, 14
Maban	Upper Nile	UNHCR	UNHCR, WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity Radio communications 	3, 9
Malakal	Upper Nile	UNMISS	WFP, UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity ICT Help Desk Radio communications 	3
Mingkaman	Lakes	ACTED, Save the Children	Emergency.lu, Ericsson Response, WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity Radio Communications 	9
Nimule	Eastern Equatoria	UNHCR	UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet Connectivity Radio Communications 	
Rumbek	Lakes	WFP	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity Radio communications 	10, 11, 13



Torit	Eastern Equatoria	UNMISS	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internet connectivity• Radio communications	10, 12
Wau	Western Bahr El Ghazal	WFP	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internet connectivity• Radio communications• ICT Help Desk	3, 6, 11, 15
Wunrok	Warrap	WFP	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internet connectivity• Radio communications	8, 15
Yambio	Western Equatoria	UNICEF	UNICEF/WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio communications	6, 7, 9
Yida	Unity State	UNHCR	UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio communications	3, 13