Republic of South Sudan (RoSS)

ETC Situation Report #39

Reporting period 17/03/14 to 24/03/14

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Highlights

- The ETC conducted a security telecommunications maintenance mission in Aweil to ensure the equipment was running properly.

Cluster Responsibilities

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

Achievements

- From 19/03/2014 to 21/03/2014, the ETC conducted a security telecommunications maintenance mission in Aweil.

- An assessment was conducted in Bor on 19/03/2014 to determine the internet connectivity needs of partners as organizations are starting to plan the relocation from the UNMISS base. However, it was found that partners are planning to stay within the UNMISS base for the foreseeable future (the ETC has already estabilshed internet connectivity in this location). The ETC will conduct a follow-up mission in the near future as the situation develops.

- The ETC continues to programme radios and allocate call signs to all NGOs and UN Agencies in South Sudan. This week, the ETC programmed 34 radios for both NGOs and UN Agencies. This makes it easier for humanitarian workers to communicate and improves security in the field.

- Radio training was provided to one NGO partner during this reporting period.

- Currently, there are seven sites in South Sudan being provided with ETC internet connectivity.

Challenges and Gaps

- Insecurity and access constraints continue to impede the re-establishment of a VHF radio network in Malakal. VHF radio is essential to ensure the safety of humanitarian staff in the field.

Planned Activities

- The ETC will travel to Mingkaman during the week of 24/03/2014 to explore options to extend internet connectivity beyond the humanitarian hub.

- The ETC continues to work on the SMS broadcasting platform, a tool that would allow the humanitarian community to disseminate important messages via SMS.

Meetings

- The next Local ETC meeting will be held on 27/03/14.

- The next Global ETC teleconference will be held on 07/04/14.

All information related to ETC operations can be found on the ICT Emergency website:
www.ETCluster.org

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Acronyms

ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
RoSS	Republic of South Sudan
SMS	Short Message Service
UN	United Nations
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	• Internet connectivity • Radio communications	14
Aweil	Northern Bahr el Ghazal	WFP	WFP	• Internet connectivity • Radio communications • ICT Help Desk	11, 13
Bentiu (Rubkona)	Unity	WFP	WFP	• Internet connectivity	
Bor	Jonglei	UNMISS	WFP	• Internet connectivity	
Juba	Central Equatoria	UNMISS - Tomping, UN House	WFP	• 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	• Internet connectivity • Radio communications • ICT Help Desk	10,13
Kaya	Upper Nile	UNHCR	UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP	• Radio communications	13
Kwajok	Warrap	UNHCR	UNHCR	• Radio communications	3, 14
Maban	Upper Nile	UNHCR	UNHCR, WFP	• Internet connectivity • Radio communications	3, 9
Malakal	Upper Nile	UNMISS	WFP	• Internet connectivity • ICT Help Desk	
Mingkaman	Lakes	ACTED	Emergency.lu, Ericsson Response, WFP	• Internet connectivity • Radio Communications	9
Nimule	Eastern Equatoria	UNHCR	UNHCR	• Internet Connectivity • Radio Communications	
Rumbek	Lakes	WFP	WFP	• Internet connectivity • Radio communications	10, 11, 13
Torit	Eastern Equatoria	UNMISS	WFP	• Internet connectivity • Radio communications	10, 12

Wau	Western Bahr El Ghazal	WFP	WFP	• Internet connectivity • Radio communications • ICT Help Desk	3, 6, 11, 15
Wunrok	Warrap	WFP	WFP	• Internet connectivity • Radio communications	8, 15
Yambio	Western Equatoria	UNICEF	UNICEF/WFP	• Radio communications	6, 7, 9
Yida	Unity State	UNHCR	UNHCR	• Radio communications	3, 13