

Republic of South Sudan (RoSS)

ETC Situation Report #33

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Highlights

- ETC Response Solution equipment was successfully retrieved from Ajoung Thok and redeployed in Mingkaman to provide internet connectivity to the humanitarian community operating there.

Cluster Responsibilities

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

Achievements

- ETC Response Solution equipment - comprising technologies from emergency.lu and Ericsson Response - was recovered from Ajoung Thok (Unity state) and has now been set up in the humanitarian hub in Mingkaman (Lakes state). Over 30 humanitarians are now using internet connectivity provided by this system to support their operations.
- The ETC is providing internet connectivity to the humanitarian community in Bentiu (Unity state) from the UNMISS compound.
- A small VSAT terminal has been installed in the UNMISS compound in Malakal (Upper Nile state) to provide internet services to the humanitarian community there. Over 50 humanitarians are now accessing these services.
- The ETC is collaborating with the Logistics Cluster and the camp managers in Mingkaman to set up solar power solutions for security lights, water filtration purifying plants and power stations to recharge ICT equipment.
- A Local ETC Working Group meeting was held in Juba on 06 February. Participants from seven different humanitarian organisations attended this meeting to share updates and information about the ICT response to this emergency.



Challenges and Gaps

- Security telecommunications infrastructure in Bor (Jonglei state), Malakal and Bentiu has been damaged during the conflict. Due to persisting insecurity, ETC staff have been unable to reenter these sites and as such these locations are not currently covered by security communications.
- The volatile security situation in key areas in South Sudan is the major challenge for all humanitarian operations, impeding the ability of the relief community to respond to the needs of the population.

Planned Activities

- The ETC is installing a security communications tower in Yambio (Western Equatoria state) to increase the coverage area of security communications.
- Additional internet connectivity equipment has been procured to support increasing humanitarian activities in the country. Surge staff have also been requested to support operations and installation of equipment.
- The ETC is planning an assessment to Bor to retrieve ETC Response Solution equipment for redeployment to other locations.
- An additional VSAT terminal is planned for installation in Juba 3.

Meetings

- The next Local ETC meeting will be held on 20 February 2014.
- The next Global ETC teleconference will be held 17 February 2014

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
IDP	Internally Displaced Persons
NGO	Non-governmental organization
RoSS	Republic of South Sudan
UN	United Nations
UNHCR	UN High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	UN Children's Fund
UNMISS	UN Mission in South Sudan
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal
WFP	World Food Programme