

Republic of South Sudan (RoSS)

ETC Situation Report #35

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Highlights

- VHF and HF radio equipment has been installed in Mingkaman to strengthen and expand security communications services for the humanitarian community operating there.
- Shared internet connectivity was setup for the humanitarian community at a second location in Juba - UN House.

Cluster Responsibilities

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

Achievements

- The ETC has installed equipment to provide internet connectivity to the humanitarian community working at UN House in Juba. The ETC is also providing connectivity in the UNMISS compound in Tomping.
- ETC Response Solution equipment – comprising technologies from emergency.lu and Ericsson Response – which was retrieved from Bor (Jonglei state) is being tested in Juba to determine if it can be re-deployed.
- A VHF repeater and HF base radio were installed in Mingkaman (Lakes state). Radio training was also conducted for 22 participants from 14 humanitarian organizations.
- ETC continues to assist NGOs and UN agencies in programming radios. Use of radios has significantly increased during the reporting period due to ongoing insecurity and need for stable security communications systems.

Challenges and Gaps

- Security telecommunications infrastructure in Bor, Malakal (Upper Nile state) and Bentiu (Unity state) was 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.



- Insecurity and access constraints continue to impede the re-establishment of a VHF radio network in many key locations.
- Equipment is needed to provide internet connectivity in at least 2 additional sites.

Planned Activities

- ETC plans to extend access to internet connectivity services in Mingkaman to reach the offices of Save the Children, Oxfam and OCHA.
- Assessment missions are planned for Pibor (Jonglei state) and Nasir (Upper Nile state).
- An assessment mission to re-establish security telecommunications in Bentiu is planned for the coming week.

Meetings

- The next Local ETC meeting will be held on 6 March 2014.
- The next Global ETC teleconference will be held on 24 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
IT	Information Technology
NGO	Non-governmental organization
RoSS	Republic of South Sudan
UN	United Nations
UNMISS	UN Mission in South Sudan
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal
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 	
Bor	Jonglei	UNMISS	WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity 	
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	Emergency.lu, Ericsson Response, UNHCR, WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity ICT Help Desk 	
Mingkaman	Lakes	ACTED	Emergency.lu, Ericsson Response, WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet connectivity Radio Communications 	9
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