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## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From: DK   
RPO  
Sobat (NASIR) 31 December 1994

To: PN  
Programme Coordinator

Info: POB/UNA/TVL/DH/TL/SB/~~W~~/JFD/~~WFP~~/DJ/WL

Subject: Situation Report Nasir (Sobat) - December 1994

### 1. Security:

There is relative calm in the region from Baliet to Jokou with no clan conflict reported throughout the month.

OLS assisted on peace rallies organized by RASS through the Chiefs along the river to avoid another Lou and jekany conflict. Security level remained at 2 by the end of the year. Only one incident of family conflict occurred in Nasir and authorities are sorting out the issue. Peace conference held in Akobo is expected to promote peace in the region.

### 2. General Situation:

Weekly coordination meetings were started in November involving NGOs, RASS counterparts, UNICEF and WFP when on ground. Progress and constraints are discussed and solutions agreed for improvement on programmes in the region.

RASS have reported population movement from Ulang, Malakal and down river villages towards Nasir. There was also reports of displaced people in Nasir looking for food but reports remain to be confirmed. RASS reported severe shortage of food in the region by the end of December and plans are underway to send WFP and UNICEF team to assess food situation in the region. So far population general status looks fair but situation expected to change during the lean period of dry season in January/February and March.

Displaced population expected to be identified and nutritional status confirmed. Vulnerable population currently in the feeding center in Nasir approximately 300 including elderly. WFP/UNICEF team expected to identify and confirm food situation needs in the area. Repair and extension work of the UN compound still in progress but lack of construction material still a major constraint.

3. Health (IRC)

a) E.P.I.:

Plans for 1995 EPI acceleration to be completed by mid January as soon as IRC team leader is back on ground. Discussions underway to identify areas for substations for cold chain if peace in the area holds. Two EPI teams already trained to operate from Nasir cold chain and expected to cover Sobat region upstream to Jokou and down stream to Baliet. Target population is:-

120,000 people

Under 1 year	5000 children
Under 5 years	20,400 children

EPI statistics figures expected to be submitted to Nairobi by IRC end of December. The programme coverage was low due to lack of expatriate on ground in the month of December.

b) PHC:

PHCU kits delivered to 22 units and 4 PHCC kits to Nasir hospital in December. 7 units are operating in Ulang District and 12 units in Nasir District excluding Nasir hospital.

c) Training (CHW):

21 students are expected to start 9 month course in Nasir by January 1995. IRC have finalized training facilities and most of the students have arrived on location. WFP have already delivered food to start training.

d) Nasir Hospital:

An average of 140 patients reported to be attending out-patient department by RASS medical Coordinator in the month of December. An average of 20 in-patients admitted for treatment on daily basis. One RASS/IRC employed doctor left and only one nurse and lab technician employed by IRC remained working together with counterparts. UNICEF assisting to feed in-patients with unimix, CSB and BP-5 for underfive in-patients on weekly supplies.

e) Feeding Center:

SSWA/RASS reported the feeding center in Nasir operational but lacking supplementary food. UNICEF agreed to support the programme on short term basis while exploring the solution for proper nutritional survey and identified trained team to manage the center.

Current statistics:

No. of children	200
No. of elderly	78

Weekly supply of unimix, BP5 super and WFP oil to be supplied during the month of January. DH/Una requested to advice on Management of the feeding center including the role of SSWA or possibility of any NGO to assist in the hospital and feeding center.

4. Agriculture Programme:

HHFS expected to start training in upper Nile and Jonglei regions on community based demonstration projects with extension workers in the areas. The main objective is to reach the community with a technological component that will create an impact on agricultural activities in the area.

Short-term goals:

- i) Sensitize the communities to undertake and pursue their own agricultural methods.
- ii) To demonstrate high returns of agricultural activities.
- iii) To increase household food security.
- iv) To increase crop production per unit land area.

Long term goals:

- i) To increase land productivity and resource conservation.
- ii) Increase area under agricultural and agroforestry.
- iii) Reduce vulnerability of population to future food shortages.

Target Training groups:

180	Schools
38	Village leaders
78	Women groups
15	Church representatives
10	Hospital representatives
12	Minors representatives

Time frame for training expected from January to June 1995.

5. Veterinary:

Vet programmes expected to be integrated with V.S.F Swizerland starting January 1995 in the Sobat region. New agency expected in Nasir in the course of January. A team of 12 vaccinators operational in Nasir district.

6. Fishery:

a) UNICEF/PISCES fishing equipment planned for distribution in January as follows:-

- i) Nasir 150,000 hooks - UNICEF  
10,000 spools - PISCES
- ii) Note: Pisces unable to supply the spools and UNICEF to assist up River villages Nasir - Jokou  
  
160,000 hooks - UNICEF  
10,000 spools - UNICEF
- iii) Ulang District (Down stream to Bariet)  
  
216,000 hooks  
144,400 spools - all UNICEF

Current target population for the distribution estimated at 92,000 to be done through the Chiefs. Pisces and HHFS staff to start the exercise early January. Major constraints remains logistics to cover the Sobat region.

b) Pisces Programme:

Two programmes are operational within Nasir vicinity:-

- i) Fish bush shop.
- ii) Tailoring project.

i) Fish bush shop:

Pisces reported 3 MT of fish delivered per day in the bush shop. The fish is dried and supplied to:

- Nasir Hospital.
- Nasir feeding center.
- K - Minors.
- Nasir disabled association.

Additional periodic supplies of dried fish sent to:

- Nasir primary school.
- Ulang feeding center.
- Wanding feeding center.

ii) Tailoring Project:

SSWA are involved with making mosquito nets, shirts, skirts, underwears and full kanga dresses. The items are on exchange in the bush shop but is not clear who are the beneficiaries.

7. K - Minors:

RASS records indicate figures of 800 minors currently in Nasir. TVL requested to send Shitta Kassa to identify the minors and advice on UNICEF support for 1995 programme.

Currently, the minors school operational and pisces are supplying dried fish to the school. RASS reported food shortage for the minors and claimed 5 children to have died on 27/12/94. UNICEF and WFP have dispatched a team to investigate the issue. Meanwhile, preparing to supply food if situation confirmed.

8. SSWA:

UNICEF have delivered cloth material for school uniforms. Previous supply resulted in making 661 uniforms for Nasir Primary school. SSWA are to make more uniforms in their tailoring project in liaison with the education programme.

9. Education Programme:

RASS reported 46 schools operational in:

i) Nasir District: with 8,883 boys, 1,820 and 151 teachers.

ii) Wading County:

11 Primary schools.

969 boys  
351 girls  
36 teachers

iii) Ulang District:

24 primary school  
5,575 boys  
1,459 girls  
80 teachers

iv) Abwong County:

8 primary schools  
726 boys  
180 girls  
25 teachers

Education kits for the current season have been supplied. School uniform project with SSWA to be reinforced in the month of January.

10. Priority needs for January 1995:

1. WFP/HHFS assessment of food needs during the lean period of January, February and March dry season - DH/WFP/RPO.
2. UNICEF/PISCES team up for fishing equipment distribution in the Sobat region in January - DH/RPO/Pisces.
3. Possibility of nutritional survey in Nasir and Ulang and assistance in feeding centers in Nasir/Ulang - Una/DH/RPO.
4. E.P.I. acceleration workplan including measles campaign for 1995 in Sobat region - IRC/RPO/UM.
5. Logistical support from Nairobi - extra boats, boat engines and fuel - AO/RA/UM/PN.
6. Integration of VET program with VSF Switzerland in Sobat region - TL/RPO.
7. Opening of MCH in Nasir hospital and one PHCU within Nasir - IRC/UM/RPO.

Regards.

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