



Saving Mothers and Newborns in Emergency Settings

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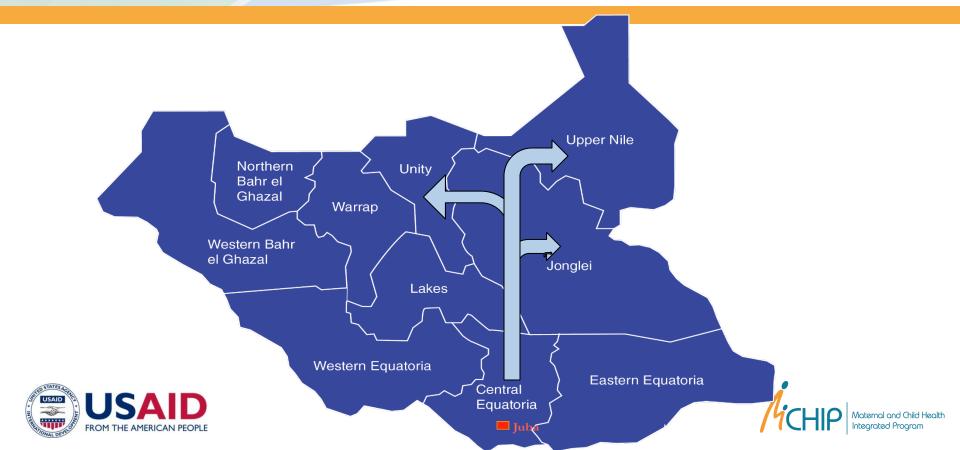
Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program/Jhpiego, South Sudan

South Sudan Integrated Service Delivery Program

South Sudan Independence July 9, 2011



Fighting Erupted on December 15, 2013



Effects of the Crisis

- South Sudan's estimated population is 12 million
- 6.2 million people need humanitarian assistance
- 1.95 million Internally Displaced Persons
- 293,000 Refugees in neighboring countries (Ethiopia, Uganda and Kenya)
- South Sudan is hosting 260,000 refugees
- Disrupted/Limited availability of health services







Background Indicators

- MMR = 2054/100,000 live births
- Infant mortality rate = 84/1000
- U5 Mortality rate = 105/1000
- Facility delivery 12%
- TFR 6.7%
- HIV 2.6%
- 70% access to health
- services
- Very low numbers SBA



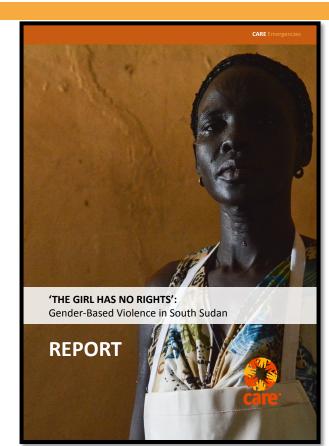




Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV)

Women in South Sudan especially vulnerable:

- Only 7% of victims surveyed immediately reported it to the police
- Only 37% received any psychological support
- 43% of GBV survivors kept quiet out of fear
- 57% felt there was no point in reporting





MINIMUM INITIAL SERVICE PACKAGE (MISP) FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Additional Priorities

- Take in account Youth and Adolescent Reproductive Health into all objectives
- Continue family planning
- Manage symptoms of sexually transmitted infections
- Continue HIV care and treatment
- Distribute hygiene kits and menstrual protection materials

Objective 5

Plan for COMPREHENSIVE RH services, integrated into primary health care

- Background data collected
- Sites identified for future delivery of comprehensive RH
- Staff capacity assessed and trainings provided
- RH equipment and supplies ordered

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Objective 4

Prevent excess MATERNAL & NEONATAL mortality & morbidity

- EmONC services available
- 24/7 referral system established
- Clean delivery kits provided to birth attendants and visibly pregnant women
- Community awareness of services
- Contraceptive to meet demand

Objective 1

Ensure health cluster/sector identifies agency to LEAD implementation of MISP

- RH Officer in place
- Meetings to discuss RH implementation held
- RH Officer reports back to health cluster/sector
- RH kits and supplies available and used



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GOAL

Decrease mortality. morbidity & disability in crisis-affected populations (refugees or IDPs or populations hosting them)

Objective 2

Prevent SEXUAL VIOLENCE & assist survivors

- Protection system in place especially for women & girls
- Medical services & psychological support available
- Community awareness of services



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Objective 3

Reduce transmission of HIV

- Safe and rational blood transfusion in place
- Standard precautions practiced
- Free condoms available
- Safe and blood transfusion in place
- ARVS for continuing users
- Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT)
- Meet the needs of individuals with STIs

RH Kit

Standard Precautions through Kits 1-2

RH Kit 12





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1. Coordination

- Formation of the RH Technical Working Group in Emergency to lead the implementation of the Minimal Initial Service Package
- Led by MoH
- Supported by USAID, UNFPA
- Other partners





Scope of the Working Group

Support

Advocacy

- Fund mobilization
- Information sharing
- Technical support

Services

- Assessments / Analysis
- Training

- MISP
 - Rational use of medicines
 - RH Commodities
 - BEMONC / CEMONC
 - Clinical care for survivors of SGBV
 - Referral system

Running of clinics/ services



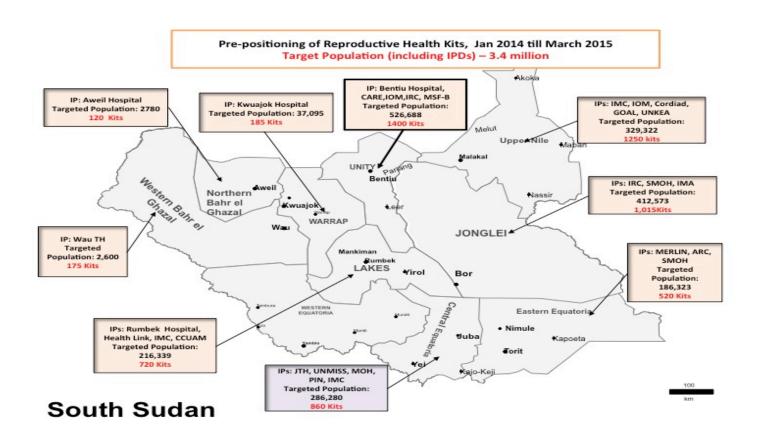


1. Coordination Cont.

- Recruitment of 4 State RH Coordinators for Upper Nile, Unity, Jonglie and Central Equatoria States
- A total of 6,245 RH Kits distributed around the country







2. Prevention of Sexual Violence

 230,289 people reached with GBV messaging through community meetings and focus group discussions





3. Reduce Transmission of HIV

- Free condoms distributed
- Blood transfusion capacity in Juba III POC, Malakal and Pariang





4. Prevent Excess Maternal & Newborn Morbidity and Mortality

- Antenatal care services provided to 247,799 pregnant women
- 32,789 women delivered assisted by a Skilled Birth Attendant (SBA)
- C-Sections = 2,875 (Juba and POCs mainly)
- 119,512 dignity kits distributed
- Mobile Clinics
- Ambulances (Minkaman, Malakal, and Juba)





5. Comprehensive RH Services

- Over 300 trained in MISP, Clinical Management of Rape, rational medicine use, and PPH
- RH equipment and supplies distributed





PPH at the Community Level



- Is a promising practice and being scaled up nationally in South Sudan by MOH
- Advanced distribution and selfadministration misoprostol after birth
- Health worker from Juba PoC trained in PPH prevention using Miso



Challenges

- Funding limitations
- Barriers to access
- Human resources (high turnover)
- Logistics barriers (storage, transportation)





Lessons Learned

- Fragmentation MISP implementation
- Availability of ARVs for conflict-affected areas
- Coordination is key





Way Forward

- Need to scale up integrated SRH interventions in conflict-affected areas
- Need to increase funding for SGBV programming
- Commodities security should be prioritize
- Building Resilience





