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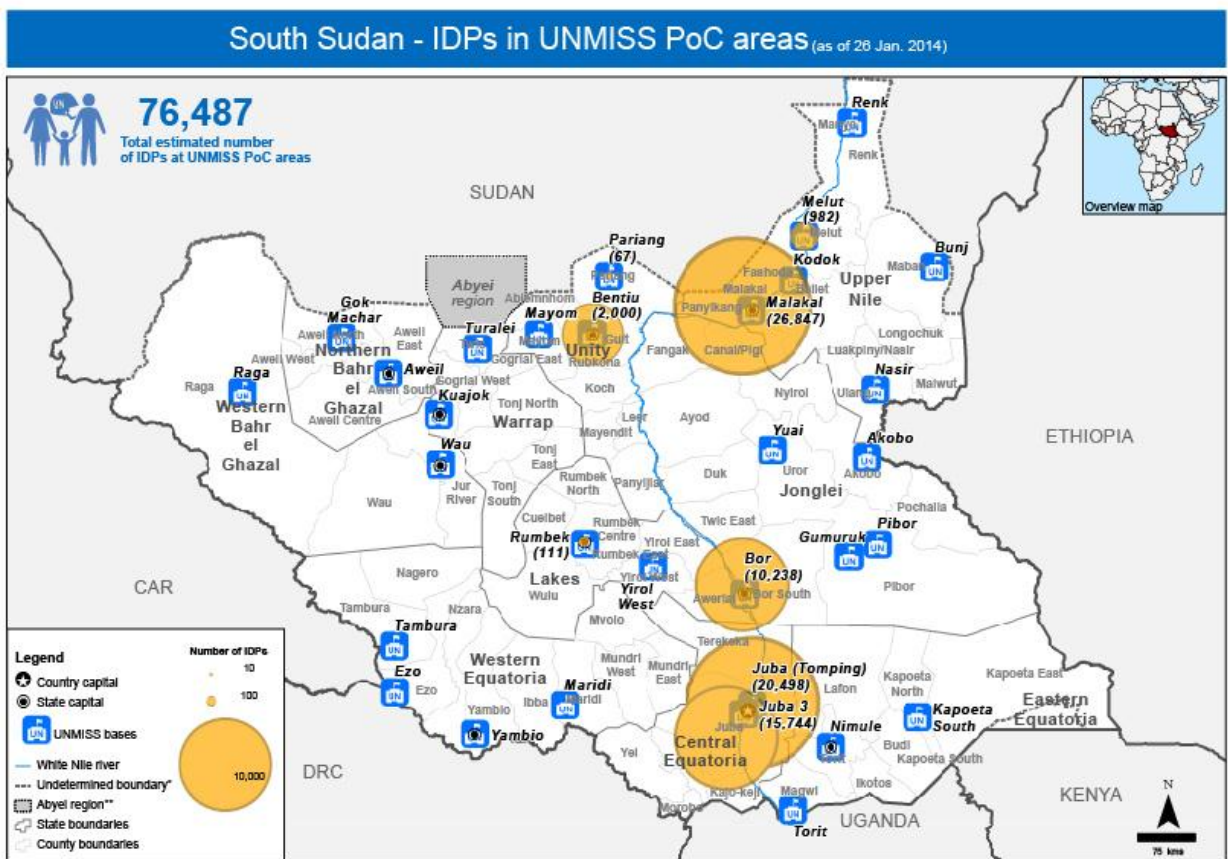
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## UPDATE

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### UNMISS "PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS" (POC) SITES

- As of 26 January 2014, **76,487** civilians are seeking protection in 8 UNMISS protection of civilians sites including **36,242** in Juba; **26,847** in Malakal; **10,238** in Bor and **2,000** in Bentiu
- **76,487** is the highest numbers of civilians sheltered on UNMISS protection of civilians sites since the crisis started on 15 December



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<i>STATE</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>Number of civilians seeking protection</i>
<i>Central Equatoria, Juba</i>	<i>Tomping</i>	20,498
	<i>UN House</i>	15,744
<i>Jonglei</i>	<i>Bor</i>	10,238
<i>Lakes</i>	<i>Rumbek</i>	111
<i>Upper Nile</i>	<i>Malakal</i>	26,847
	<i>Melut</i>	982
<i>Unity</i>	<i>Pariang</i>	67
	<i>Bentiu</i>	2,000
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>		<b>76,487</b>

## BENTIU

- The Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (DSRSG) in South Sudan, Raisedon Zenenga, traveled to Bentiu, Unity State, on 24 January where he met with UNMISS staff as well as the Deputy Governor and other members of the State Government. He also visited the three protection of civilians sites in the UNMISS compound.
- The DSRSG recognized the effective protection provided by UNMISS to civilians from all communities. Civilians have been seeking shelter in the Mission's compound throughout the series of incidents of fighting during which Bentiu changed hands between Government and anti-Government forces. The DSRSG also acknowledged that enormous amount of work has been undertaken by UNMISS and humanitarian stakeholders in providing for the displaced civilians in the protection sites.
- The DSRSG noted that more than 8,000 out of the 10,000 civilians that were in UNMISS protection sites had returned to their villages when Government forces regained control of Bentiu.
- During his meeting with the DSRSG, the Deputy Governor of Unity State acknowledged that UNMISS had saved the lives of tens of thousands of civilians from all communities and thanked the Mission for its work.

## MEASLES OUTBREAK IN BOR AND JUBA

- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) warned over the week-end of a humanitarian crisis unfolding in Bor (Jonglei State) due to an outbreak of measles among children in the protection of civilians site at UNMISS compound which caused at least 30 child deaths. In a statement issued on Sunday, UNICEF indicated it had rushed in supplies to vaccinate 4,000 children against measles and polio, and supplied Vitamin A to boost children's immune system.

- A team of five health officials overnighted in the UNMISS compound to distribute vaccines and train 10 teams of local vaccinators to immunize at least 4,000 children in the protection site. The immunization campaign kicked off after two plane loads of urgently needed medical supplies were chartered by UNICEF and flew into Juba last week, carrying 70 tons of urgently needed supplies for children and women.
- A second vaccination campaign against measles has just been completed in UNMISS protection site in Topping compound in Juba. The campaign was meant to respond to an outbreak of measles among children living in the site. Some 4,500 children had been immunized at the UNMISS Topping protection site during the first campaign in December. The new campaign has targeted an additional 6,900 children.

### **SRSG HILDE JOHNSON VISITED PRESIDENT OF SOUTH SUDAN**

- On 24 January, President Salva Kiir Mayardit met with the Special Representative of Secretary-General Hilde F. Johnson and assured her that the Government of South Sudan considered the United Nations as an important partner. The minister of foreign affairs, Barnaba Marial Benjamin said the meeting between the President and the SRSG focused on ways to “amicably” resolve issues between both sides, so to avoid further misunderstandings.

### **UN HUMANITARIAN CHIEF VALERIE AMOS VISITS SOUTH SUDAN**

- UN Humanitarian Chief Valerie Amos is scheduled to visit South Sudan from 27 to 29 January 2014 to draw attention to the humanitarian consequences of the current crisis and to mobilize further support for vital aid efforts.
- During her 3-day visit, Under Secretary General Amos is expected to meet with representatives of the Government, and humanitarian partners, and discuss ways to scale up relief assistance and improve access to communities in need. She will underscore the importance of ensuring the protection of civilians, and of aid workers.
- Over the past six weeks, since the violence began in December 2013, more than half a million people have been displaced from their homes, including over 112,000 people who have fled to neighbouring countries including Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya and Sudan.
- UN agencies and humanitarian partners have provided more than 291,000 people with life-saving assistance, including an estimated 76,500 people sheltering at UN bases across the country. Ms. Amos is expected to travel to Upper Nile State, where hundreds of thousands of people remain displaced.
- On 29 January, Ms. Amos is scheduled to hold a press conference in Juba at the conclusion of her mission.

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