

## **United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)**

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# UPDATE

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

• As of 12 February, the estimated number of civilians seeking safety in seven Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites located on UNMISS bases is 112,840 including 34,674 in Juba UN House, 21,368 in Malakal, 2,649 in Bor, 52,908 in Bentiu, 337 in Wau and 904 in Melut.

STATE	LOCATION	Number of civilians seeking protection
Central	UN House PoC I and II	15,380
Equatoria Juba	UN House PoC III	19,294
Jonglei	Bor	2,649
Upper Nile	Malakal	21,368
	Melut	904
Unity	Bentiu	52,908
Western Bahr El Ghazal	Wau	337
TOTAL		112,840

The UNMISS Rwandan Battalion has handed over newly constructed buildings for the Kapuri Primary School to local authorities in Central Equatoria. During a routine patrol in May 2014, Rwandan soldiers observed pupils at the school studying under trees and in make-shift classrooms with no sanitation facilities. Returning to the mission's base, they recommended assisting the community with a new school building. The battalion began construction in September 2014, in partnership with UNICEF, members of the Rwandan community in South Sudan and local Kapuri residents.

Handing over eight classrooms, two staff offices and washrooms, Rwandan Battalion Col. Mutara Nkangura said the estimated cost of constructing the school was reduced to 36 per cent of its original estimate because of voluntary participation by different stakeholders.



Pupils at Kapuri newly constructed school buildings UNMISS Photo / JC Mcilwaine

During the hand-over ceremony, Juba County Commissioner Stephen Wani said South Sudanese should emulate the voluntary work done by the Rwandan Battalion. He added that it was time for South Sudan to embark on development rather than fighting. "Let's make South Sudan a home for everybody," said Mr. Wani. "Let us forgive one another for us to go ahead. Let us forget our differences so that peace comes back to our country."



Kapuri new school buildings UNMISS Photo / JC Mcilwaine

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Handover of Kapuri School

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#### SOUTH SUDAN / AMOS, WHITAKER PRESSER

The United Nations humanitarian coordinator appealed to "those engaging in the conflict in South Sudan" to end the violence. Otherwise, "we will see a generation of South Sudan's children who are lost." UNMISS

## SOUTH SUDAN / AMOS, WHITAKER ARRIVAL

http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/unifeed/2015/02/south-sudan-valerie-whitaker-arrival/

Valerie Amos, the UN humanitarian chief and Forest Whitaker, UNESCO's Special Envoy for Peace and Reconciliation arrived in South Sudan to assess the humanitarian situation faced by people affected by the conflict and highlight the urgent need for peace and stability. UNMISS



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Update on UNMISS figures in PoC sites are produced once a week