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Final Report

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Provision of essential supplies to support lifesaving humanitarian assistance for conflict affected and displaced populations in Upper Nile State, South Sudan



A supply delivery in Ulang County



Introduction

Humanitarian needs in South Sudan are at their highest since the December 2013 conflict that led three million to flee their homes as IDPs or refugees to neighbouring countries. The conflict in South Sudan is showing little sign of abating. In 2016, the humanitarian crisis in South Sudan deepened and spread, affecting people in areas previously considered stable and exhausting the coping capacity of those already impacted. The Humanitarian Needs Overview estimated that nearly 7.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance and protection across the country as per the end of 2016, as a result of armed conflict, inter-communal violence, economic crisis, disease outbreaks and climatic shocks.

The government of the Isle of Man supported GOAL with a £20,000 grant to provide vital and life-saving health and nutrition programming to vulnerable and conflict-affected populations of Melut, Maiwut and Ulang Counties, Upper Nile State.

Project Aim

This project aimed at providing lifesaving humanitarian assistance to conflict-affected and displaced populations in Upper Nile State, South Sudan.

Project Objectives

This project intended to deliver supplies to GOAL field sites in Upper Nile State. Programmatic and operational supplies stored in GOAL warehouse in Juba needed to be urgently airlifted to Melut, Maiwut and Ulang Counties in order to avoid any supply chain rupture, especially for drugs and food commodities needed for primary health care facilities and nutrition services.

Project Location

GOAL South Sudan's main office and main warehouse are located in Juba, the capital of South Sudan. Maiwut, Melut and Ulang Counties are situated in Upper Nile State, in the north east of the country, at the border with Ethiopia and Sudan. Maiwut and Ulang are territories controlled by the opposition (SPLA-IO) while Melut is a government-led area.



With less support from the central government, Maiwut and Ulang Counties rely even more on humanitarian assistance: almost nothing but staple crops can be procured locally while all necessary supplies for programmes and operations have to be transported from Juba.

South Sudan is one of the most challenging places in the world when it comes to logistics. Roads are under-developed and not maintained; during the rainy season (July-December), flooding makes them totally impassable in 60% of the country while during the dry season, insecurity and recurrent conflict also impedes movements along key roads. While Upper Nile State is situated 500 kilometres from the capital city, there is little choice but by air for moving supplies and people. Moreover, it is not possible to use the road or river transport between different locations in Upper Nile State as there is either no road or security issues. Each of the three GOAL locations have either a dirt air-strip in their main town (Pagak, Maiwut County and Ulang, Ulang County) or a tarmac airstrip (Paloich, Melut County) so both small fixed wing planes and helicopters can land there.

Funding Amount

20,000 GBP



Main Activities

The Isle of Man Government's grant enabled GOAL to ship operational and programme supplies from Juba to Pagak, Melut (via Paloich) and Ulang. Some supplies were funded by GOAL donors while others were received as donations in kind DIK from UNICEF or WHO. Four cargo flights were organised in November and December 2016. However, there was underspent of £1,636.78 after shipping the supplies to Pagak, Melut and Ulang field sites. Therefore in May 2017 we sought for approval to use a remaining underspend of £1,636.78 to send medical and nutrition supplies that are in our warehouse in Juba to Melut and also to Ulang. We used the flight operator UNHAS to transport approximately 600kg supplies.

A total of 5636.7 kg of supplies were flown to Melut (via Paloich airstrip), Pagak and Ulang project sites.

Supplies included:

- Hygiene kits (containing basic hygiene items such as soap, tooth brushes, sanitary pads, etc.)
- Hand washing tanks for clinics
- Soap for the clinic patients
- Emergency blankets for the healthcare clinics
- First aid kits
- Health facility registrar books
- MUAC (mid upper arm circumference) tapes necessary to screen children for malnutrition

Shipment Schedule

Date	Destination	Freight
18 th November 2016	Juba – Paloich (Melut)	Allied Service Ltd
06 th December 2016	Juba – Pagak (Maiwut)	Kasas Ltd
08 th December 2016	Juba – Ulang	Kasas Ltd
12 th December 2016	Juba – Paloich (Melut)	Western Ltd
8th, 15th, 22 nd , 29th May 2017	Juba- Ulang	UNHAS
11th, 23rd and 25th May 2017	Juba- Paloich (Melut)	UNHAS
15th June 2017	Juba -Ulang	UNHAS

Supplies transported to Melut:

- Interagency Emergency Health Kit and malaria kits (IEHK) containing sufficient basic drugs and supplies for 10,000 patients for three months.
- 600kg of plumpy nuts, a high-energy peanut based paste containing skimmed milk powder, sugar, vegetable fat and vitamins and minerals used as a treatment for emergency malnutrition cases in children by supporting rapid weight gain derived from broad nutrient intake which can alleviate a starving child from impending illness or death. Plumpy nuts are received from UNICEF in Juba.
- First Aid Kit for GOAL staff.
- Operational supplies including desks, chairs and stationeries.



Supplies transported to Maiwut:

- Interagency Emergency Health Kit and malaria kits (IEHK) containing sufficient basic drugs and supplies for 10,000 patients for three months;
- Kala-Azar test kits to detect among visiting patients cases of visceral Leishmaniosis, more commonly known as Kala-Azar in South Sudan. This neglected parasitic tropical disease is endemic in the Upper Nile region. The only way to prevent this disease is to protect from sand fly bites, its main vector, is to limit outdoor activities, minimize the amount of exposed skin by wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, socks and sleeping under a mosquito net. The current outbreak in Upper Nile is likely related to conflict displacement, as uninformed populations move into endemic areas, as well as to the low uptake of mosquito nets. Kala-azar is almost always fatal without prompt appropriate treatment; the disease is, after malaria, the second-largest parasitic killer in the world;
- Medical equipment: stethoscopes, blood pressure machines, thermometers, hospital mattresses and bed sheet, mosquito nets
- Medical stationeries: registers for the different medical and nutrition services
- Nutrition supplies: mats for caregivers of sick children
- Other operational supplies: basic food commodities for GOAL staff and solar panel for GOAL compound

Supplies transported to Ulang:

- 600kg of plumpy nut for GOAL nutrition programmes
- 7 barrels of fuel (1,400 Litres of petrol and diesel) for use for one GOAL programme boat and one programme car as well as fuel for GOAL compound generator. GOAL boat and car are used to supervise programmes (health and nutrition services in eight clinics situated along the river), to refer patient to a higher level of care or to respond to any emergency. For instance, in January, we transported 54 gun-wounded patients from Runlet and Kuich Primary Health Care Units, to Ulang Primary Health Care Clinic where they were stabilized for a few days before ICRC organised their transfer to ICRC operated hospital in Maiwut, via the use of helicopter.

All supplies were received in GOAL field offices and distributed to their relevant location: health facilities or GOAL compound.

Target Groups

The funding provided by the Isle of Man was used to transport programme and operational supplies to support:

- Children suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition
- Patients receiving treatment in GOAL primary health care facilities
- Caregivers of sick children
- All other programme beneficiaries
- GOAL staff

Number of Beneficiaries

In Maiwut, Melut and Ulang, GOAL is providing health and nutrition assistance to an average of 18,935 direct beneficiaries per month, including 5,484 children U5-years.

Budget Summary

REF	NARRATION	Euros	GBP
NS20/1612/TT404	Western Airways - shipping program supplies to Ulang	6418.3	5443.7
NS20/1612/TT403	Kasas Ltd - shipping program supplies to Melut	7261.7	6159.0
NS20/1612/TT402	Kasas Ltd - shipping program supplies to Pagak	6268.9	5317.0
NS20/1612/TT401	Allied Services - Shipping plumpy nuts to Melut	1702.0	1443.5
JL1706-008b	UNHAS Flight-shipping program supplies to Ulang, Melut	1726.5	1460.3
JL1708-024	UNHAS Flight-shipping program supplies to Ulang	196.5	176.5



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