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## **Request for Emergency Assistance for Displaced Persons in Wau**

### **SITUATION**

Following sporadic violent incidents over the previous two days, fighting erupted in Wau on 25<sup>th</sup> June. The fighting involved SPLA and an unnamed armed group mainly in the south of the town (Busari entrance) and on Kalbaria side as well as some other areas. Many people fled to seek shelter wherever they could – some to the bush, some to Church compounds, some to the International Red Cross and some to the UN base.

One early report stated:

*Shops of traders in Souk Jou were looted. A Sudanese trader was killed in the street and his motorcycle stolen, he said. Some other civilians have been killed as well, including a young man yesterday evening and a three year old girl and a woman this morning, a source said. Some civilians say that SPLA soldiers robbed them as they were going to UNMISS for protection.*

Another report on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June stated:

*Multiple eyewitnesses confirm reports of looting, civilian casualties and mass displacement, though the extent of it is not yet clear.... a lot of people within the town have been killed or fled, leaving Wau a ghost town since Friday evening.*

Soldiers and local Dinka youth took advantage of the situation to loot the homes of other tribal groups. Of the fourteen local workers employed by Solidarity with South Sudan, the five Dinka workers were able to keep their homes intact. Of the other nine, the home of one was burned and other eight had their homes looted and emptied of all food and belongings. There was an obvious ethnic basis to the events.

UNMISS said in a statement

*“UNMISS is continuing to provide protection to approximately 10,000 civilians in Wau, following the outbreak of violence. ‘*

The International Red Cross are also sheltering large numbers. There are an estimated 5,000 people in the Palica compound at the Cathedral, 700 at St Joseph's Church where the Salesian Sisters have a large school and also a large number in Holy Family Parish Nazareth. There is a very large number of people in the bush.

The fighting has now ceased and people are being encouraged to return home but their homes are empty. The people have no money and no food. They lack clothing, furniture and other household goods. The immediate priority, however, is food and water. Some people will also need to be provided with basic utensils such as cups and plates. There will be some people who are in urgent need of soap and some clothing.

### **PROPOSAL**

That CRS make available \$12,000 to be distributed over four groups by Sr Dorothy Dickson, Acting Principal of the CHTI (Catholic Health Training Institute).

The four groups will be:

- Cathedral Parish Palica
- Holy Family Parish Nazareth
- St Joseph's Parish
- People in the bush

Sr Dorothy, on behalf of Solidarity with South Sudan and CRS, will work with the local people who have accepted the responsibility to assist each of these groups eg Fr Moses and Sr Gracy at Palica. Some of the people in the bush may be reached through the Comboni Hospital.

Solidarity with South Sudan will require receipts that document all purchases and will provide these back to CRS.

### **BUDGET**

Purchase of basic food for distribution to the people:	\$9,000
Purchase of supporting utensils: (plates, cups. Water bottles etc)	\$1,000
<u>Urgent relief with soap, clothing:</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$12,000

Obviously the needs are very extensive and many agencies will need to contribute to help people to rebuild or re-equip their homes. But the above provision of emergency aid will help people through the immediate crisis.

Submitted on behalf of Solidarity and the Catholic Health Training Institute in Wau,

Yours Sincerely,

Brother Bill Firman  
Solidarity Executive Director