

Contribution in Kind to UNHCR for the Relief of Sudan Conflict-Afflicted People

October 27, 2008

1. Background

- (1) In South Sudan, despite the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement which brought an end to the 21-year-long conflict, approximately 260,000 Sudanese refugees still remain displaced outside the country.
- (2) The number of returnees to South Sudan is anticipated to soar shortly. At least 80,000 refugees are anticipated to return within a year following the end of the rainy season in November. The anticipated general election in 2009, including the presidential election, will further accelerate the number of returnees. As a result, there is a concern that rapid deterioration of sanitary conditions in the region might cause outbreaks of diseases such as cholera, leading to a critical situation from a humanitarian perspective.
- (3) If the number of returnees rapidly increases, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), conducting international humanitarian relief operations in the region, will face difficulties in sufficient provision of safe water at medical facilities it supports.
- (4) Given the above, on October 16, 2008, UNHCR requested to the Government of Japan (GOJ), on an emergency basis, for provision of the 60 portable-type high-quality water purifiers and 60 spare filters to be used at 9 medical facilities where returnees seek treatment. In response to this request, the GOJ decided to provide the requested relief items, from a perspective that it is essential to strongly support the peace consolidation, including improvement of humanitarian situation, in Sudan, which is critical for the peace and stability of Africa as a whole.

2. Relief Items

Under Article 25(1) of the Law Concerning Cooperation for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and Other Operations (the International Peace Cooperation Law), the GOJ will make a cabinet meeting decision on Friday, October 28, 2008, to provide the 60 water purifiers and 60 spare filters, equivalent of 9,770,000 JPY or 104,663 USD at the rate on 10/28/08, to UNHCR from the stockpile of the Secretariat of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarter, Cabinet Office.

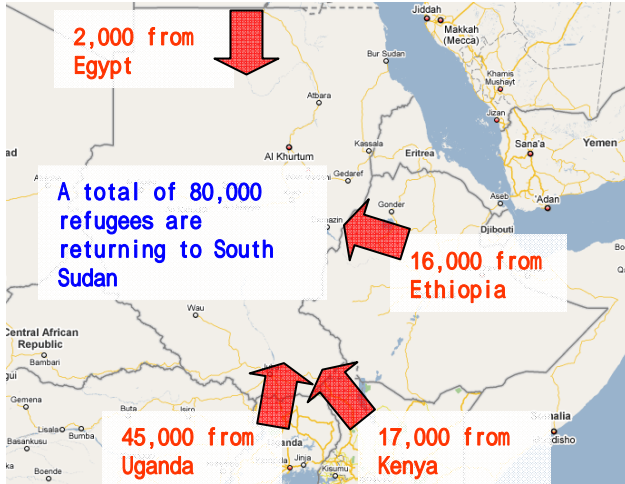
3. Following the cabinet meeting, a ceremony will be held to hand over the items at the UNHCR office in Juba, Sudan, at 2:00pm on Thursday, November 6, 2008, in local time (9:00 pm in JST) in the presence of officials concerned. The photos of the ceremony will be available in Tokyo on the same day.

If you need photos of the ceremony and further information, please contact:

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Situations Surrounding the South Sudan Conflict-Afflicted People

1. UNHCR's repatriation plan for 2008



2. Vehicles engaged in repatriation operations



Unpaved road

Safe water is unavailable on the roads

3. A clinic built at a destination of repatriation



A mother carrying a baby The clinic has very few medical equipments

Due to the outbreak of diseases such as cholera, safe water is essential for the treatment of people under fragile health situation, pregnant women and babies.



A child waiting for treatment Wounds

Many have died due to tetanus through wound contamination. Safe water for treatment is in dire need.

5 Reported disease cases in South Sudan (Source: WHO)

	Cholera				Shigellosis			
	Case		Death		Case		Death	
	Under 5 years old	5 years old and over	Under 5 years old	5 years old and over	Under 5 years old	5 years old and over	Under 5 years old	5 years old and over
Number of Case/Death	165	216	0	0	40	83	0	0
Total Number of Case/Death	7,050		51		4,139		16	

Estimated population in South Sudan is 7-8 millions. (Under scrutiny)

" Number of case/death " is from 6/29/2008 through 7/5/2008; " Total number of case/death " is from January 2008 through 7/5/2008.

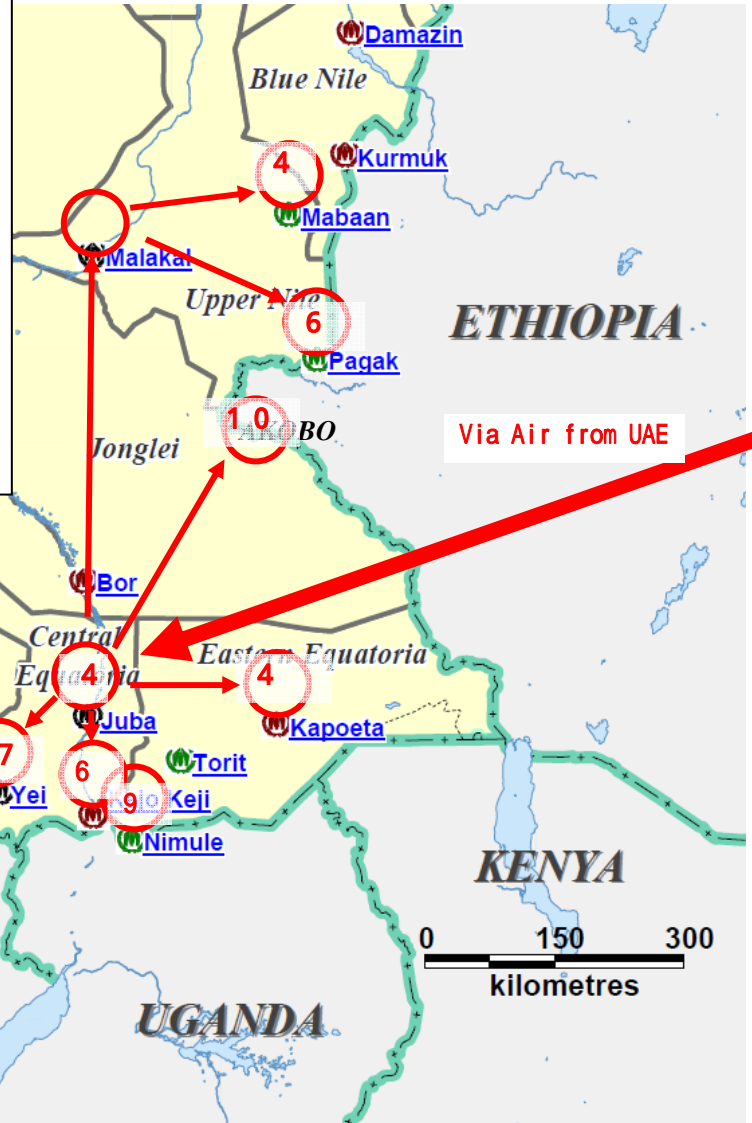
About 40 % of cholera and shigellosis cases consist of children under 5 years old.

Transportation and Distribution Plan inside of Sudan (Via Ground and Air)






Water Purifier

This portable-type water purifier is designed for extremely high water purification. It removes agricultural chemicals and heavy metals (particles too small to be removed by commonly used water purifiers) in addition to much coarser particles such as mud and bacteria.

Two liters of water necessary for one person per day can be produced in five minutes.



LEGEND

-  Capital
-  UNHCR Representation
-  UNHCR Sub Office
-  UNHCR Field Office
-  UNHCR Presence

A total of 60 water purifiers will be distributed : (Akobo:10, Juba:4, Kajo Keji:6, Kapoeta:4, Mabban:4, Nimule:9, Pagak:6, Yei:17)