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- Pockets of insecurity continue to exist in some locations despite the renewal of the revitalized peace agreement. Several armed clashes continue to be reported between the government and the opposition in Yei, tribal clashes, and cattle raiding are reported mainly in Central Unity, Pibor, Yei and in Jur River County resulting in new caseloads of displacements seeking protection and humanitarian assistance in Wau PoC and Collective Sites in Wau Town.

- Partners are responding to this new influx with provision of communal shelter in the contingency space in Wau PoC AA and as well as the collective sites.
RESPONSE

- In the first quarter of 2019, the cluster partners reached a total of 245,627 individuals (234,454 individuals with NFI and 49,479 individuals with shelter assistance) from 35 distributions resulting from 42 needs assessments/verifications in 8 states.
- In areas where the security is more stable, and markets are functioning, partners have started cash-based interventions (CBI) targeting a small number of populations. During the reporting period, there are 9 CBI projects currently ongoing benefiting about 20,000 individuals.
- The core pipeline managed to dispatch 549 MT of stocks from the central warehouse in Juba to field warehouses for further distribution by partners to meet needs of the crisis-affected population.

GAPS / CHALLENGES

- Funding gaps are impeding the capacity of the cluster to continue with frontline responses.