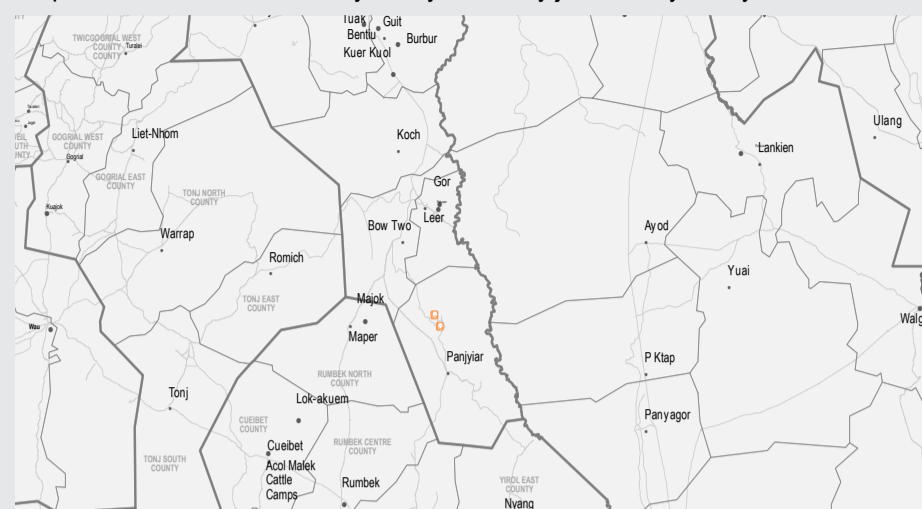


### Introduction

The humanitarian situation in South Sudan has deteriorated since the onset of civil war in 2013, with an estimated 1,8 million internally displaced<sup>1</sup>, 1,18 million displaced in neighbouring countries<sup>2</sup>, and 3,7 million people food insecure<sup>3</sup>. DFID Humanitarian Assistance and Resilience Building in South Sudan (HARISS) programme is a five-year program seeking to save lives, alleviate suffering and support vulnerable communities' ability to cope with and recover from challenges. Upon request from DFID, IMPACT Initiatives provided short-term monitoring and verification of HARISS contracting partner activities from December 2016 through May 2017.

The Universal Intervention and Development Organization (UNIDO) is a South Sudanese faith based non-governmental organisation focusing on nutrition and health. UNIDO is an implementing partner of UNICEF nutrition programming in Panyijiar County, Unity, through HARISS funding. This factsheet summarises the key findings of a monitoring visit to UNIDO nutrition programme in Panyijiar County, Unity on 12 March 2017.

Map 1: Site Visit Location - Nyal Payam, Panyijiar County, Unity



UNIDO Nutrition Centre

### Project Summary

**Contracting Partner:** UNICEF

**Implementing Partner:** UNIDO

**Sector:** Nutrition

**Site Visit Location:** Doung Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC) and Majak Primary Health Care Unit (PHCU), Nyal Payam, Panyijiar County, Unity

**Project Start Date:** July 2016

**Project End Date:** March 2017

### Monitoring Methodology

IMPACT utilised the following methodologies to assess this project:

- Secondary data review of contracting partner's proposal (UNICEF) and implementing partner's quarterly reporting (UNIDO)
- Verification of project activities, outputs and outcomes through two Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) with UNIDO staff, one Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with caregivers, GPS mapping and direct observation of two project locations

KIIs provided insights into programme implementation including strengths, challenges and adherence to proposed indicators, and the FGD provided insights into beneficiary perceptions of UNIDO nutrition programming.

### Overview of Findings

UNIDO provides an important and necessary service for women and children in Panyijiar County. Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) outreach workers demonstrated a good level of knowledge about their duties and were motivated by the importance of the service. Outreach workers were also knowledgeable about the access challenges faced by caregivers and children, particularly for internally displaced persons (IDPs). However, despite reportedly being regularly consulted by UNIDO staff on their needs and the programme, the site visit found no evidence of a formal complaints and feedback mechanism available for beneficiaries. Health workers in Majak PHCU, Panyijiar County, displayed a lack of knowledge of some aspects of the programme, saying they had recently been transferred to the PHCU in January, as a result of high staff turnover in November 2016.

#### Strengths

1. Programme Manager reported that IYCF counsellors were able to use the opportunity of intensified house to house screenings for malnutrition to deliver IYCF, hygiene and good nutrition messaging, reportedly exceeding their target number of individual/group sessions.
2. IYCF counsellors have received several technical trainings delivered by UNIDO over the course of the programme.
3. Caregivers reported that they are regularly consulted by UNIDO staff about their needs and the programme.

#### Challenges

##### External Challenges

1. A KII with health workers at Majak PHCU found that it is logistically challenging to transport supplies to remote areas of operation due to poor road connection and fluctuating insecurity.
2. Health workers at Majak PHCU also reported that intense fighting in Juba in July 2016 resulted in a two month disruption of the supply chain and a delay in salary payments.
3. A KII with IYCF outreach workers at Duong PHCC revealed that during rainy season it becomes difficult for people to reach the facilities, particularly from the islands.

##### Internal Challenges

1. High staff turnover in November 2016 has meant that new health workers assigned to Majak PHCU are unfamiliar with the progress/records of the programme to date.
2. Caregivers at Duong PHCC cited ROSS (local authority) as their avenue of complaints rather than UNIDO. Health workers at Majak PHCU described an informal, face-to-face complaints process that is not adequate for transparency and accountability to beneficiaries.

Figure 1: Majak PHCU, Panyijiar County, Unity



Figure 2: UNIDO staff member taking Middle Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) of child at Duong PHCC, Panyijiar County, Unity



"If your hand is tight [around the mid-upper arm], means you will receive that supply. If you fall on green [MUAC tape measures over 125mm] you will be sent home."

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3. FAO. South Sudan: Escalating Food Crisis in 2017. Nov. 2016.

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## Third Party Monitoring for DFID HARISS Programme

### Proposed, Reported and Verified Project Activities, Outputs and Outcomes

IMPACT collected data from both primary and secondary sources to compare proposed, reported and verified project activities, outputs and outcomes. Non-verified items do not indicate that these activities, outputs, or outcomes are not occurring, but rather that the methodology did not capture this information.

Reported or verified items

Non-verified items

	Proposed	Reported <sup>4</sup>	Verified
	<i>Proposed items refer to activities, outputs and outcomes that were submitted in the contracting partner's proposal to DFID.</i>	<i>Reported items refer to activities, outputs and outcomes that were reported in standard reporting to DFID or internal documents shared with IMPACT.</i>	<i>Verified items refer to activities, outputs and outcomes that were verified through KIIs, FGDs or physical observation.</i>
<b>Location</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Panyijiar County, Unity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Panyijiar County, Unity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Panyijiar County, Unity
<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treatment and prevention of severe acute malnutrition (SAM). This will be implemented through the screening, referral and treatment of SAM children with life-saving Ready-Use-Therapeutic Foods (RUTF)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IYCF counselling to ensure that caregivers are aware of the causes and prevention of malnutrition</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vitamin A supplementation and provision of deworming tablets will be implemented at a national level as an integrated part of National Immunization Days targeting all children in all counties</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Training of counsellors at the community level whereby local foods are used to demonstrate a balanced diet</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conduct trainings to build the capacity of health providers and NGO partner staff on how to treat SAM</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Supportive supervision to improve the quality of the nutrition services being provided</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conduct SMART surveys in the three states of Unity, Jonglei and Upper Nile</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conduct Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring Surveys (FSNMS) to contribute to the Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) which informs the nutrition situation of the country</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treatment and prevention of SAM. This will be implemented through the screening, referral and treatment of SAM children with life-saving RUTF                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Buy-in from local authorities and community stakeholders reportedly led to increased acceptance of the Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) in the community</li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IYCF counselling to ensure that caregivers are aware of the causes and prevention of malnutrition                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ IYCF outreach reportedly took advantage of local media and malnutrition screening activities to spread IYCF messaging, in addition to standard face -to-face and group counselling sessions</li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vitamin A supplementation and provision of deworming tablets will be implemented at a national level as an integrated part of National Immunization Days targeting all children in all counties                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deworming campaigns reportedly ongoing, however Vitamin A supplementation was stopped as it is reported to be integrated into a separate programme</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treatment and prevention of SAM. This will be implemented through the screening, referral and treatment of SAM children with life-saving RUTF                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Observation of OTP treatment of malnutrition and RUTF stock at Duong PHCC in Panyijiar county (Figure 1)</li> <li>▪ Observation of RUTF stock and admissions book at Majak PHCU. One building unfinished at time of visit</li> <li>▪ FGD with caregivers at Duong PHCC described MUAC screening and receiving RUTF after one hour waiting period</li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IYCF counselling to ensure that caregivers are aware of the causes and prevention of malnutrition                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KII with IYCF counsellors at Duong PHCC confirmed activities</li> <li>▪ IYCF counselors presented a group session attendance sheet at Duong PHCC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Outputs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children with severe acute malnutrition access appropriate management of acute malnutrition</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awareness of mothers and care takers of children on prevention of malnutrition for children is increased</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable populations and epidemic-prone communities in targeted counties have improved access to equitable and sustainable health, nutrition and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Children and women in the target communities have increased and sustained access to community and facility level preventive and curative health services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children with SAM access appropriate management of acute malnutrition                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1,341 SAM cases treated</li> <li>▪ 5,751 children under five screened for malnutrition</li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awareness of mothers and care takers of children on prevention of malnutrition for children is increased                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 7,119 caregivers reached with IYCF messages</li> <li>▪ 819 individual and group sessions held on IYCF, hygiene and good nutrition practices</li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable populations and epidemic-prone communities in targeted counties have improved access to equitable and sustainable health, nutrition and WASH services                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 523 children age 6 - 59 months received Vitamin A supplementation</li> <li>▪ 2,282 children given deworming medication</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children with SAM access appropriate management of acute malnutrition                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ FGD with caregivers at Duong PHCC described MUAC screening and receiving RUTF after one hour waiting period</li> <li>▪ KII with health workers at Majak PHCUs described the OTP programme, and that 147 children had been admitted</li> <li>▪ Observation of OTP treatment of malnutrition and RUTF stock at Duong PHCC in Panyijiar County (Figure 1)</li> <li>▪ Observatin of RUTF stock and admissions book at Majak PHCU. One building unfinished at time of visit</li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awareness of mothers and care takers of children on prevention of malnutrition for children is increased                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KII with IYCF outreach workers described their activities in the catchment area of Duong PHCC Panyijiar County</li> <li>▪ IYCF counselors presented a group session attendance sheet at Duong health facility</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction in morbidity from common childhood diseases and conditions (AWD, malaria, and SAM)	<i>Outcome indicators not reported in quarterly report.</i>	<i>Outcome indicators not measurable through verification methodology.</i>

4. Reported outputs are cumulative from UNIDO Quarterly Report for UNICEF from July to December 2016.