

Wau Protection of Civilians Site Update

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The Wau protection of civilians (PoC) site area adjacent to the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) was established in June 2016 following violence in and around Wau town resulting in large-scale displacement. Internally displaced persons (IDPs) continue to arrive to Wau from insecure areas. It is the most congested PoC site in South Sudan, with 30,054 IDPs on just 134,514m² of land.

IOM camp management prioritized the de-congestion of the site to improve living conditions and reduce fire safety risks. Camp management negotiated with UNMISS for the use of 40,000m² of land adjacent to the PoC for the new extension (Zone C). Site development work took place to prepare the extension for IDPs to shelter, land was cleared and levelled, drains dug and culverts installed, and roads and pedestrian crossings constructed. An external berm was built and guard posts were enhanced to reinforce the perimeter security. Relocation commenced on 26 January 2017 and was completed on 20 February 2017 with 1,155 households (over 6,000 individuals) moved from the most congested area of the PoC site (Zone A) to 810 new units (175 shelters) in the new extension (Zone C).

The relocation has improved living conditions for those that have moved into newly constructed shelters, as well as for those that remain in Zone A, where overcrowding has been reduced and plans are underway to rehabilitate the land. The relocation process yielded the following benefits: created three wide roads in Zone A; opened up the main WASH corridors in Zone A, which now has space for more showers to be built; freed up six temporary learning space (TLS) classrooms, which can now be returned to their original purpose; and cleared out a large area of free space which will be held as contingency in case of new arrivals.

Site indicators


CCCM


 **Land area per person**
6.9m² Target: 30m²

Shelter/NFI

 **Average floor area per person**
1.87m² Target: >3.5m²

WASH

 **Water availability per person**
16L Target: >15L

 **# of people per tap**
173 Target: <250

Site Development Overview


Total Area 174,514m²


 40,000m²
of land cleared

 1,026m³
of internal drainage constructed

 500m
of berms and security ditches constructed

 730m
of road improved

 810
shelter constructed

 60m
of pedestrian crossing built



IDPs relocating, Wau PoC Site

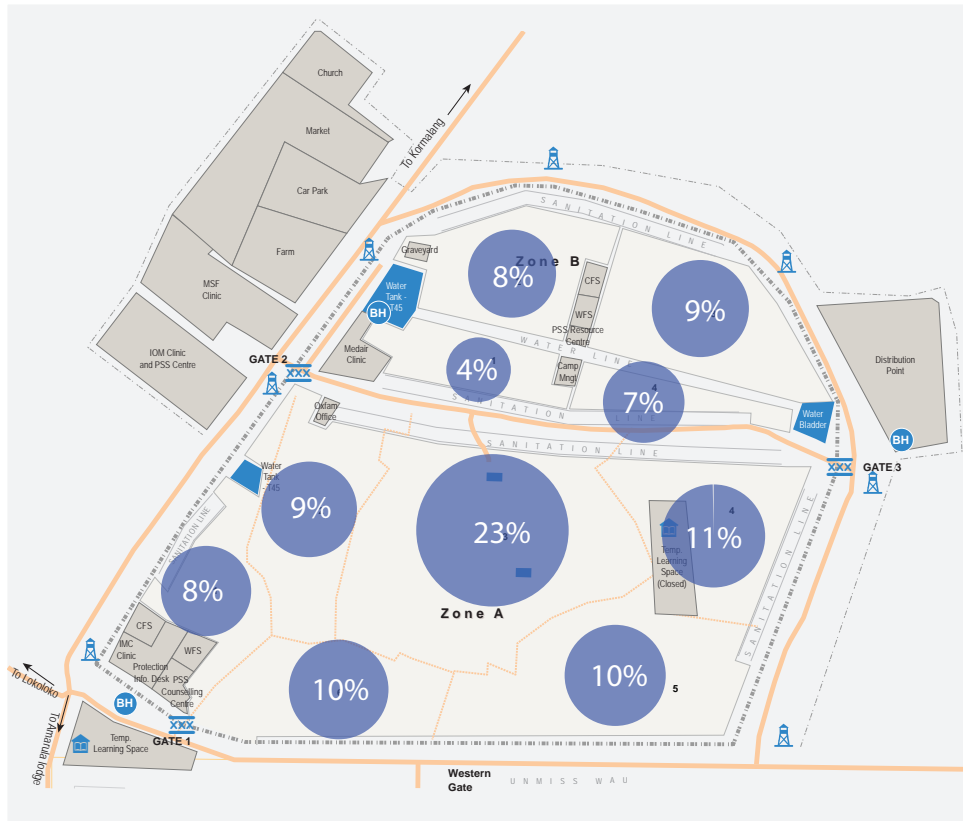
Population distribution in Wau PoC Site - before and after relocation



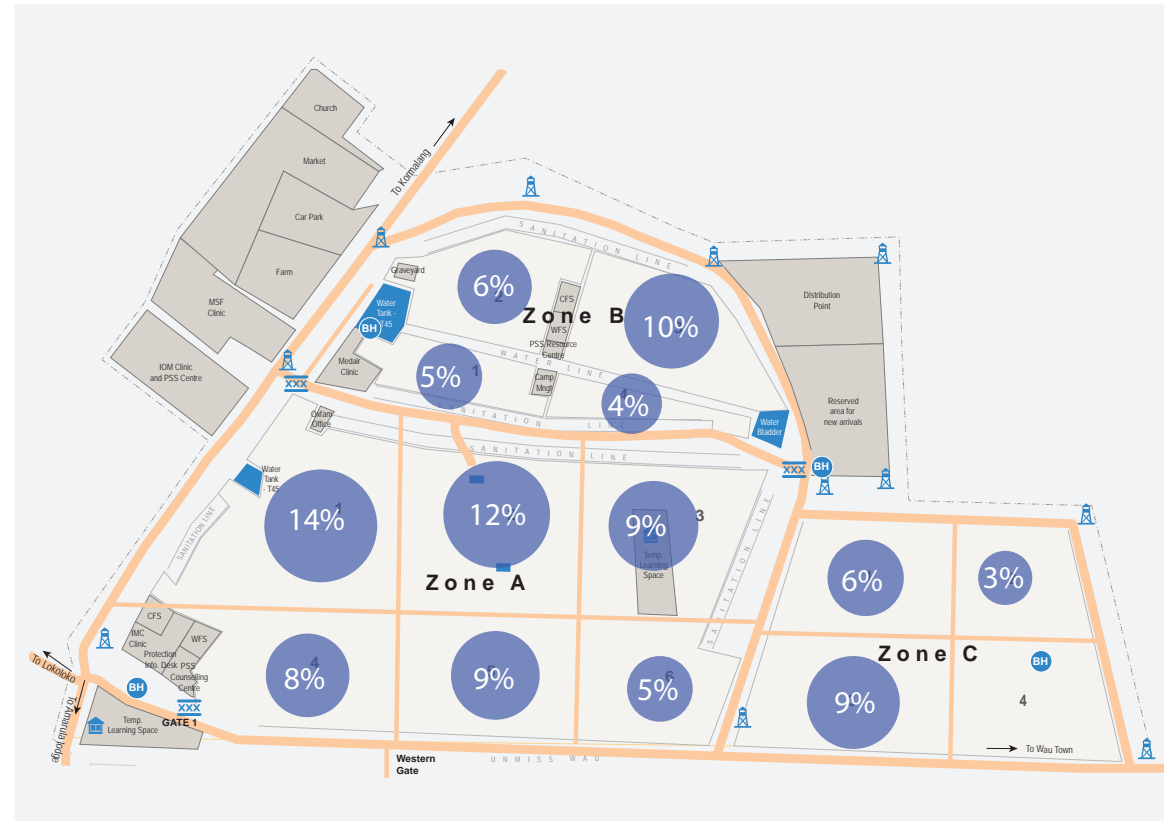
30,054

IDPs hosted in Wau PoC Site
as of February 2017

Before relocation



After relocation



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