SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ETHIOPIA
HEALTH FACTSHEET

March 2026

Highlights

Health partners continued delivering critical services across Luakdong and Tormorok, ensuring access to primary healthcare, emergency referrals, safe deliveries supported by skilled personnel, and continuous community outreach to prevent disease outbreaks. Medical screening teams supported safe relocations for vulnerable individuals, while vaccination efforts strengthened protection against communicable diseases. Throughout the reporting period, partners coordinated closely with regional authorities and humanitarian actors to monitor risks, sustain essential services, and reinforce the overall public health response for refugees and host communities living in difficult and remote environments.

Response & Challenges

Humanitarian actors sustained core health services, including primary healthcare, referrals, twenty-four-hour support in some locations, community outreach, and large-scale pre-departure medical screening to facilitate safe movements from Tormorok to Luakdong. Despite these efforts, the response faces significant operational constraints. Staffing shortages continue to limit round-the-clock services, while delayed transport of emergency cases due to required escorts compromises timely care. Entry points such as Tiergol remain insufficiently supported, increasing pressure on overstretched facilities. High disease-outbreak risks persist across Akobo and Wanthoa, driven by congestion, limited water and sanitation infrastructure, and challenging access conditions. Referral capacity at Nyinenyang remains inadequate for the scale of needs. These constraints, combined with rising arrivals and fragile conditions, hinder the ability to fully meet health needs across displacement sites.

Achievements

- **30,780** Children 0-15 Years Vaccinated with OPV
- **27,548** Children 6 Months to 15 Years Vaccinated with Measles
- **53,406** People More Than 1 Year of Age Vaccinated with OCV
- **22,492** Children 6-59 Months Supplemented with Vitamin A
- **13,465** Children 24-59 Months Dewormed with Albendazole
- **605** Cholera Cases Identified and Received Appropriate Treatment
- **26%** Proportional Morbidity Attributed to Malaria
- **962** Emergency Medical Cases Referred to Secondary Health Facilities
- **79%** Proportion of Deliveries Attended by Skilled Health Worker
- **168** People Receiving Clinical Mentalhealth Treatment (New + Repeat)
- **518** People Receiving Individual Level Focused Psychosocial Support (New + Repeat)

Key Figures

100K Population Planning Figure (New arrivals)

447.6K Refugees from South Sudan in Ethiopia (As of March 2026)

18 Response Partners Under Emergency Response Plan

50,030 Total Individuals Registered Refugees in Luakdong Level 1 (Since 22 July 2025)

Demographic (Registered Refugees Level 1)

	Female (57%)	Male (43%)
Adults	23%	9%
Children	34%	34%

21,333 Refugees Medically Screened Before Departure/Relocation

67,701 Health Consultations (started 22 July 2025)

Crude Mortality Rate*	0.03	/10,000/day
Under 5 Mortality Rate*	0.03	/10,000/day

* Lasst 7 days

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UNHCR declared Level 2 Emergency in March 2026