SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ETHIOPIA
SHELTER and LOGISTICS FACTSHEET

April 2026

Highlights

Site development and shelter interventions showed moderate improvement progress, with continued but gradual progress in road works, drainage, and culvert installations aimed at enhancing site accessibility and resilience. The expansion of lighting infrastructure contributed to improved safety within the settlement. Shelter construction moved forward steadily, though not at full capacity, with most upgradable shelters completed and ongoing efforts supporting remaining households through material distribution and site allocation. Infrastructure development, including administrative buildings, schools, and water facilities, progressed at a moderate pace, supporting service delivery. Coordination among partners and ongoing site assessments supported planning for further expansion.

Response & Challenges

The response focused on advancing site development, scaling up shelter construction, and strengthening infrastructure to support growing populations. Efforts included improving road networks, expanding administrative and social service facilities, and facilitating access to shelter materials and plots for both new arrivals and existing households. However, significant challenges continue to affect progress. Persistent fuel shortages remain a critical constraint, limiting transportation of construction materials and delaying key activities such as road, dike, and shelter construction. In addition, rising construction material costs and ongoing rainfall have further slowed implementation, reducing site accessibility and operational efficiency. Structural damage caused by strong winds and incidents of vandalism have also disrupted infrastructure functionality, requiring additional resources to maintain and rehabilitate essential facilities.

Achievements

Upgradable Emergency Shelter	3,384	Constructed	141	Under Construction
Communal Hangars	14	Constructed (8 for accommodation, 5 registration as well as waiting area and 1 as a health facility)		
Family Tents	863	Installed		
Household Plots	3,525	Demarcated		
Household Plots	3,840	Distributed for Self-Build		
Dyke / Embarkment	9.5	Under Construction		
Solar Streetlights	129	Installed		

Key Figures

100K Population Planning Figure (New arrivals)

447K Refugees from South Sudan in Ethiopia

18 Response Partners Under Emergency Response Plan

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

Demographic (Registered Refugees Level 1)

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

600 Hectare of Land Surveyed, Cleared and Prepared

7 Public Facilities Constructed

49,958 Current Occupancy Capcity of LuakDong Site

50,030 Actual Occupancy of LuakDong Site

* Occupancy capacity is calculated based on average family size of 5 including upgradable shelters, family tents, communal hangars and self-built shelters

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UNHCR declared Level 2 Emergency in May 2025