SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ETHIOPIA
HEALTH FACTSHEET

May 2026

Highlights

Health partners sustained healthcare delivery across Luakdong, Tormorok and Muon, ensuring continued access to life saving services despite increasing needs. Malaria remained a leading cause of illness, with strengthened prevention through spraying campaigns and distribution of antimalarial supplies to key facilities. Referral systems functioned, enabling critical cases to access higher level care, while skilled birth attendance supported safe deliveries. Community outreach expanded through home to home health education on disease prevention. Vaccination activities and essential medicine supplies further reinforced response capacity. Mental health and psychosocial support coordination improved through partner collaboration, capacity building, and increased availability of specialized services.

Response & Challenges

The response continues to prioritize delivery of essential health and mental health services; however, significant operational constraints persist. Limited support at entry points and transit centres exposes asylum seekers to heightened risk of communicable diseases, worsened by overcrowding and weak infrastructure. Shortages of healthcare workers, including staff trained in mental health care, restrict provision of continuous and quality services. Delays in emergency referrals due to fuel shortages, security escort requirements, and limited ambulance capacity continue to affect timely access to care. Gaps in availability of psychotropic medicines and delayed implementation of planned trainings hinder service expansion. Data sharing delays also affect timely reporting and evidence based planning, requiring sustained support to strengthen frontline capacity and coordination across all response locations.

Achievements

- **1,042** Children 0-15 Years Vaccinated with OPV
- **917** Children 6 Months to 15 Years Vaccinated with Measles
- **0** People More Than 1 Year of Age Vaccinated with OCV
- **1,034** Children 6-59 Months Supplemented with Vitamin A
- **504** Children 24-59 Months Dewormed with Albendazole
- **14,480** Health Conultations
- **20%** Proportional Morbidity Attributed to Malaria
- **76** Emergency Medical Cases Referred to Secondary Health Facilities
- **87%** Proportion of Deliveries Attended by Skilled Health Worker
- **444** People Receiving Clinical Mentalhealth Treatment (New + Repeat)
- **456** People Receiving Individual Level Focused Psychosocial Support (New + Repeat)

Key Figures

100K Population Planning Figure (New arrivals)

446K 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%

85,636 Health Consultations (started 22 July 2025)

Crude Mortality Rate*	0.03	10,000/day
Under 5 Mortality Rate*	0.10	10,000/day

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UNHCR declared Level 2 Emergency in May 2025