SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ETHIOPIA
SHELTER and LOGISTICS FACTSHEET

May 2026

Highlights

Site development showed steady, gradual progress, with full clearance of the permanent dike base achieved, alongside continued progress on road works and final layering of dike structures to strengthen flood mitigation. Shelter construction accelerated, with partners scaling up upgradable shelter works and maintaining high completion rates under ongoing programmes. Infrastructure projects also progressed well, including near completion of school renovations, expansion of administrative facilities, and continued development of registration centers and staff accommodation. Coordination with refugee labour groups for labour based dike construction marked an important step in community engagement. Overall, the response demonstrated strong momentum in improving living conditions through integrated site, shelter, and infrastructure interventions.

Response & Challenges

The response remains focused on strengthening site resilience, expanding shelter coverage, and advancing critical infrastructure; however, operational constraints continue to affect timely implementation. Persistent fuel shortages limit transportation of construction materials and delay deployment to key locations. Rising construction material prices further strain available resources, impacting planning and execution capacity. Heavy rains and strong winds continue to slow progress on road and dike works, while also damaging ongoing infrastructure projects, including education facilities. These challenges, combined with difficult site conditions, require sustained logistical support, flexible planning, and close coordination with partners to ensure continuity of construction activities and timely delivery of essential services.

Achievements

Upgradable Emergency Shelter	3,525	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	10.9	Under Construction	
Solar Streetlights	232	Installed	

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%

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

Working in partnership with:

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UNHCR declared Level 2 Emergency in May 2025