SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ETHIOPIA
WASH FACTSHEET

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Enhancing sanitation through community-led family latrine construction in Luak Dong

Highlights

Emergency WASH services were sustained across Luakdong, Tormorok and surrounding areas through strong coordination among UNHCR partners, ensuring continuity of critical water supply, sanitation, hygiene promotion, and infrastructure support. Water production, treatment and distribution systems remained operational, supported by routine maintenance and expansion of pipeline networks to improve access in underserved areas. Sanitation interventions progressed through construction of communal and household facilities, alongside solid waste management improvements. Hygiene promotion activities were widely implemented through community outreach, strengthening awareness on disease prevention and safe practices. In parallel, WASH non food item support and rehabilitation of water systems in host communities contributed to improved access to safe water and sanitation services.

Response & Challenges

The response continues to prioritize sustaining water supply, expanding sanitation access, and reinforcing community hygiene practices; however, significant operational constraints persist. Ongoing fuel shortages continue to disrupt water production and limit water trucking capacity, affecting the ability to maintain adequate supply levels. Rising fuel and material costs are delaying procurement and construction activities, impacting timely implementation. Poor road access during the rainy season further restricts movement of water trucks, limiting service reach in remote areas. These challenges, combined with increasing needs among refugees and new arrivals, require sustained funding, improved logistical support, and investment in durable solutions such as solarization and infrastructure upgrades to ensure reliable and uninterrupted WASH service delivery across all locations.

Achievements

300 K Litres of Water Treated Per Day (Average of previous week)

300 K Litres of Water Trucked Per Day (Average of previous week)

28 Water Points

690 Household and Communal Latrines Constructed and Functional

105 Latrines Pits Excavated

50 Latrines Superstructure Constructed

0 Latrine Attendants

58 Health Promoters

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 in Luakdong Level 1 (Since 22 July 2025)

Demographic (Registered Refugees Level 1)

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

6.00 Litres of Water per Person Per Day (Luakdong) *

82,755 Refugees Covered with Water Supply Daily *

64 Persons Per Latrine in Luakdong *

(*Average of previous weeks)

UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency

Refugees and Returnees Service

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Action Against Hunger, International Rescue Committee, Norwegian Church Aid, Oxfam, Plan International, unicef, ZOA

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UNHCR declared Level 2 Emergency in March 2026