



A boy from South Sudan in Tergol town, Gambella/UNICEF Ethiopia/2014/Bizuwerk

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# ETHIOPIA South Sudanese Refugee Update

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## SITUATION IN NUMBERS

## Highlights

- As of 24 April 2014, 93,423 South Sudanese refugees have crossed the border into Gambella Region of Ethiopia. 91 per cent of the new arrivals have been relocated to the refugee camps of Leitchor, Kule, Pugnido and Okugo.
- Gambella Regional Health Bureau and health partners with the support of UNICEF continue to provide entry point vaccination at the border crossing points. 60,031 children (6 months to 15 years) were vaccinated for measles, 37,123 children (up to 5 years of age) were vaccinated for polio and 28,456 children (6 months to 5 years) received Vitamin A supplementation.
- In mid-April, a review of the regional emergency preparedness and response plan was conducted in Gambella during a two-day workshop. 40 participants from regional government sector bureaus, UN agencies and NGOs were attended the workshop. The reviewed EPRP will guide humanitarian preparedness and response in the region in 2014.

## UNICEF's Response

**93,423** South Sudanese Refugees arrived to Ethiopia since 15 December - 95% are women and children (UNHCR, 21 April, 2014)

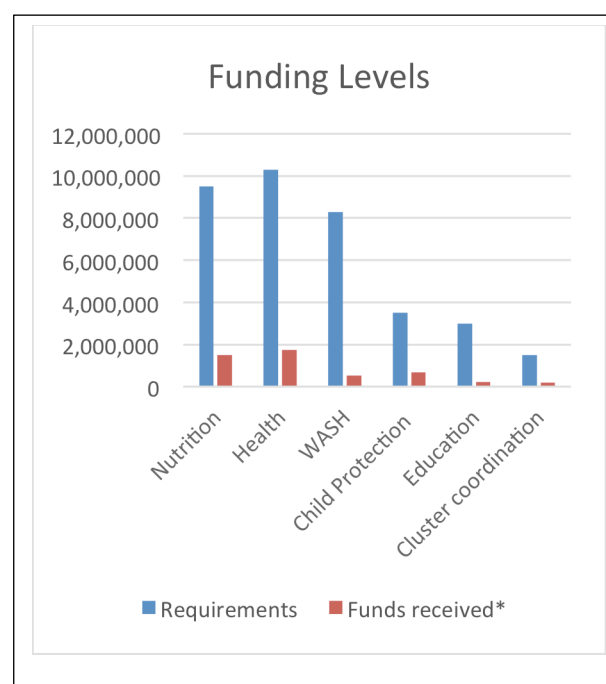
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Priority Humanitarian Funding needs: 2014

**US\$36.08 million**

## with partners

Indicators (Key result per sector)	UNICEF	
	UNICEF Target*	Cumulative results (#)
<b>WASH:</b> # of target population provided with access to water as per agreed standards	15,000	13,100
<b>Nutrition:</b> % targeted children under five years old screened and referred to selected feeding centres	14,688 (>80%)	10,132
<b>Health:</b> # of children 6months-15years vaccinated against measles	49,200	60,031
<b>Education:</b> # of children aged 3 to 14 accessing learning and recreational materials	20,000	4,294
<b>Child Protection:</b> # of children 3 to 14 years who have access to psychological support informal education/recreation in child friendly spaces	3,000	1,005



## Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

South Sudanese refugees continue to arrive to Ethiopia. Since the conflict broke out in Juba mid-December 2013, 93,423 South Sudanese asylum seekers have arrived in Gambella Region. 91 per cent of new arrivals have been relocated to the refugee camps (UNHCR, 21 April). UNHCR and ARRA have revised the contingency planning figure of 150,000 new arrivals by the end of 2014 upwards: the new estimates suggest that 170,000 individuals are expected to arrive to Gambella Region and 30,000 to Benishangul Gumuz Region.

Humanitarian partners in Gambella are scaling up the emergency response efforts in the preparation of the raining season that may provoke floods in the refugee camps and complicate the access to the camps and border crossing points. As a flood mitigation measure, UNHCR and ARRA are relocating the refugees from the lower part of Leitchor refugee camp to higher grounds.

## Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

In Gambella South Sudanese emergency response, UNICEF provides support to UNHCR as defined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies in 2013. UNICEF has seconded WASH, Child Protection, Nutrition Specialists and health/EPI officer to UNHCR, to support the coordination of sectoral emergency response, spearhead the programs and provide technical guidance to the government and partners.

## Humanitarian Strategy: Prepositioning and partnerships

UNICEF's humanitarian strategy combines response to both vulnerable host communities and South Sudanese refugees. UNICEF through the partnership with Gambella Regional Government continues to strengthen the provision of basic social services for the vulnerable host community residing at the border crossing points and vicinities of the refugee camps. UNICEF in partnership with the NGOs and Ethiopian Red Cross Society provide assistance to asylum seekers at the border crossing points and refugees in the refugee camps.

UNICEF has prepositioned emergency supplies in Gambella and Benishangul Gumuz regions to respond in a timely manner to the acute emergency needs of refugees and vulnerable host community in WASH, nutrition, health, education and child protection sectors in a partnership with regional governments, UNHCR, ARRA and NGOs

## Summary Analysis of Programme response

### Health & Nutrition

UNICEF is supporting UNHCR and partners to ensure that the nutrition programmes at the border crossing points and refugee camps are meeting the minimum standards. Guidelines have been developed to emphasize an integrated model of health, nutrition and hygiene promotion and surveillance.

Gambella Regional Health Bureau and health partners with the support of UNICEF continues to provide entry point vaccination at the border crossing points. 60,031 children (6 months to 15 years) were vaccinated for measles, 37,123 children (less than 15 years of age) were vaccinated for polio and 28,456 children (6 months to 5 years) received Vitamin A supplementation. UNICEF delivered cold chain equipment to ARRA and MSF for the start of routine vaccination in Kule and Leitchor refugee camps.

The Regional Health Bureau supported by nutrition partners conducted MUAC screening of children from 6-59 months in Akobo border crossing point from 4 to 16 April. From the total 1,576 children screened 47 (2.98%) were found to be severely malnourished while 145 (9.2%) children were moderately malnourished. Both severely and moderately malnourished children have been treated in the temporary outpatient clinic by the regional health bureau team.

### WASH

UNICEF with the Regional Water Bureau drilled 12 shallow wells for the use of the host community and the refugees at the border crossing points and refugee camps. Each shallow well can provide potable safe water to 500 people. Development of additional 10 boreholes in Kule camp and host communities is on-going.

Since the beginning of influx, UNICEF in partnership with ZOA and Regional Water Bureau has been supporting the operation of three Emergency Water Kits at the border crossing of Pagak and Akobo.

UNICEF spearheaded coordination of hygiene promotion in the refugee camps and the entry points and development of culturally appropriate IEC materials to be used by partners in the refugee camps and border crossing points

### Child Protection

UNICEF provided plastic sheets and other materials to ARRA and Save the Children for the repair of the damaged (as a result of heavy rains) child friendly spaces in Leitchor and Kule camps. More than 2,000 children in both camps are expected to resume activities in the child friendly spaces when the repairs are done. UNICEF also provided 10 early childhood development kits to Save the Children for its child protection activities in Leitchor Camp.

### Education

UNICEF has signed a partnership agreement with ZoA in Akobo border crossing point. As a result of this partnership 3,500 children (both host community and refugees) will have access to temporary learning opportunity and psychosocial support. Additionally 600 youth (age 15-25, 75% boys, 50% from South Sudan) will be trained on Community Cohesion through Sports for Development and Communication for Development.

### Supply And Logistics

Since the beginning of the emergency response in January 2014, UNICEF has provided various supplies to UNHCR and partners valued at more than US\$ 495,500 to assist South Sudanese refugees' emergency response. The supplies include emergency water treatment kits, water purification chemicals, water tanks, soaps, jerry cans, IEC materials, mosquito nets, emergency drug kits, tents, high energy biscuits, therapeutic milk, school materials, hygiene kits, recreation kits, blankets and clothes.

### Funding:

So far in 2014, UNICEF Ethiopia has received emergency funds from Government of Japan, CERF, HRF, Government of Finland and UK National Committee for UNICEF.

UNICEF has also taken an emergency programme response loan of US\$ 1,000,000 from its headquarters to support the South Sudanese refugee response.

Funding Requirements – 2014				
Appeal Sector	Requirements* US\$	Funds received US\$	Funding gap	
			US\$	%
Nutrition	9,500,000	1,500,700	7,999,300	84
Health	10,300,000	1,754,300	8,545,700	83
WASH	8,275,000	520,000	7,755,000	94
Child Protection	3,500,000	675,000	2,825,000	81
Education	3,000,000	220,000	2,780,000	93
Cluster coordination	1,511,000	200,000	1,311,000	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,086,000</b>	<b>4,870,000</b>	<b>31,216,000</b>	<b>87</b>

*Programme operations, transport and M&E costs are included in the sectoral budget lines – US\$4.96 million is for the South Sudan response*

### Next SitRep: 1 May 2014

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