



Transit Site opened on : February 2014 Phase: Emergency



Population: 12,277
as of 20th October 2014




Administrative Structure Operations and Services


Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the onset of the emergency in South Sudan (mid-December 2013), refugees began arriving at Ethiopian border entry points (mainly Pagak and Akobo, as well as Burbiey, Mataar and Raad). Matar is hosts over 12,000 refugees who are awaiting relocation to a suitable camp.
Areas of Origin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new arrivals mainly originate from South Sudan’s Unity, Upper Nile and Jonglei States (Malakal, Nasir, Mathiang, Maiwut, Akobo). Some have also arrived directly from Juba (the capital).
Cultural Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The refugees are predominantly ethnic Nuer (Gajaak and Gajiok clans) and there are few from the Luo Nuer, Equatorian and Anuak ethnic groups. A majority of them are pastoralists, farmers and a few urban dwellers.


Contextual Background

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNHCR provides Coordination Support, Protection, Registration, Logistics and monitors service delivery. Site Management is conducted by Ethiopia’s Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) with support from UNHCR. Site Coordination Information Sharing activities are held on a regular basis between UNHCR, ARRA and partners pending the completion of permanent structures for all stakeholders. Refugees are individually registered by name, given a wrist band and a numbered token per household (family ration card). This process is called Level 1 registration. Wrist band and numbered tokens are later used by IOM to move refugees from registration centre to Matar and plan relocation to the camps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of Ethiopia’s refugee agency (ARRA) continues to ensure open borders, access to territory, legal and physical protection of refugees and partner staff, distribution of food and core relief items. Jointly with UNHCR, ARRA registers asylum seekers at the Burbiey entry point / reception center where basic individual information is collected (Level 1 registration). Due to the overflow of the Baro River, which has led to the flooding of the Burbiey reception center, AARA, UNHCR and IOM have organized for the continuous movement of refugees to the Matar Transit site soon after they are registered at Burbiey. Refugees registered at Akobo are also relocated to the transit site. In collaboration with the Regional Government, ARRA ensures the security of the camp and entry points to persons of concern and partner staff, and takes the lead on camp management (Administration). UNHCR provides international protection to persons of concern and monitors delivery of assistance and services to refugees. Jointly with ARRA, UNHCR facilitates coordination of humanitarian partners and emergency response actions. ARRA and UNHCR jointly lead the site coordination meeting at the Leitchour axis level to ensure that provision of services is effectively coordinates among humanitarian partners (WFP, UNICEF, DRC,MSF-F, IOM, ACF) UNICEF supports the operation with EMWAT kits, immunization and water supply.
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Matar Transit Site: Who does What Where (3Ws)


Health 	
Activities	Actors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency medical activities 	MSF-F
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination 	UNICEF


Nutrition 	
Activities	Actors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutrition Screening for new arrivals (relocated refugees) 	ACF/MSF-F
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of High Energy Biscuits 	ACF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby-friendly spaces 	ACF

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) 	
Activities	Actors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water system construction, expansion and/or upgrading and water trucking 	DRC/UNICEF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction and maintenance of household sanitary facilities/latrines 	ZOA/DRC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction and maintenance of emergency latrines 	ZOA/DRC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanitation & Hygiene promotion/awareness 	ZOA/DRC

Protection & Community Services 	
Activities	Actors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camp management and security 	ARRA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection 	UNHCR/ARRA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Protection 	UNHCR/ARRA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SGBV/GBV prevention and response 	UNHCR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to persons with specific needs 	UNHCR/ARRA

Shelter 	
Activities	Actors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of registration centre 	UNHCR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of emergency shelter (Plastic Sheetting) 	UNHCR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setup of emergency shelter 	NRC

Logistics and Site Planning 	
Activities	Actors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation and transportation of refugees 	IOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical planning of camp layout 	UNHCR

Food 	
Activities	Actors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of High Energy Biscuits 	WFP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of Dry Food Ration 	WFP

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