



SOUTH SUDAN

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HIGHLIGHTS

247,281

Registered refugees in South Sudan as of 30/11/2014

15,198

Returnees (2,737 HHs) from Uganda in Kajo Keji.

203,240

Total number of crisis-displaced persons who have returned in 25 locations.

100,298

IDPs are living in PoC area – 9 locations (OCHA update of 12/10/2014).

1,252,356

IDPs living outside of UN Bases

143,355

Total host community caseload in 19 locations.

69,859

School children and youth (pre-primary and secondary levels) benefited from more learning spaces leading to increased access to education.

81 protection cases related to SGBV identified in Melut collective centres

Best Interest Assessments (BIA) were complete for 15 separated Children (7 male & 8 female) in Ajoung Thok camp.

437,867,981 USD

Requested for the operation

- The International Day of Persons with Disability was marked by organizing a photo and video show in Ajoung Thok with the aim of promoting inclusive education for students living with disability. In Doro camp, DRC organized the commemoration of the International Day for People with Disability/Specific Needs on Wednesday 3rd December 2014.
- Between 24th November and 8th December 2014, over 2,000 South Sudanese, the majority Madi women and children from Nimule and Pageri area in Eastern Equatoria State, crossed into Uganda and registered at Elegu reception centre.
- UNHCR continues to monitor refugees spontaneously returning from Uganda and Kenya who are arriving at the Tong Ping PoC in Juba, Mingkaman IDP settlement and Bor Town. UNHCR conducted interviews with 11 household representatives from Kenya and Uganda. Those interviewed from Kakuma, Kenya cited insecurity and lack of or problems with food as the motivation to return.
- In Mingkaman, Lakes State, UNHCR took the lead in organizing and planning for the International Human Rights Day to be marked on 10th December 2014. The first preparatory meeting was held on 5th December 2014 and members of the planning committee comprised WHO, IRC, ARUBA, UNHCR and HDC.
- In Kwajok, Warrap State, 305 beneficiaries (vulnerable returnees and IDPs) from the civil documentation project of NRC with technical support of UNHCR Kwajok, completed the application process and enrolment with Department of Nationality, Passports and Immigration (DNPI).
- The results of most of the medical samples recently taken from camps in Maban tested positive for measles. The suspected polio case in Maban has been reported by WHO as negative.
- Following information received from RRC Office on pockets of IDPs in Werjok, Upper Nile State, an inter-agency assessment mission identified priority needs as food, NFIs/Emergency Shelter, health and WASH related services. The respective Clusters will respond in due course.
- The Regional WASH Officer was on mission to South Sudan, and discussed the 2015 WASH Strategy.

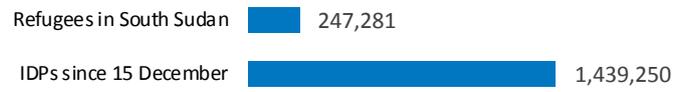
Gap
73.5%



Funded
26.5%

Population of concern since 15 Dec. (as at 30 November)

A total of **1,599,935** people of concern



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- There has been no change in the security situation in Pariang County of Unity State and Maban County in Upper Nile State during the reporting period. The Government of South Sudan (GOSS) maintains control over Bentiu, Rubkhona and the surrounding areas.
- The environment in Pariang County remains permissible for the UNHCR operation to continue while operations in Bentiu continue with a reduced staffing level.
- In Malakal, the situation in the PoC has been relatively calm for the last two weeks and all humanitarian organizations have resumed normal activity.
- DRC and UNMISS are working with IDPs to form a (new) Peace and Security Council. The Council which will seek to represent the interests of IDPs, will on the other hand also be a bridge between UNMISS and humanitarian organizations. The Council will also be the vehicle through which information and decisions taken by UNMISS and the humanitarian fraternity is communicated to IDPs and *vice versa*.

Protection

Refugee Response:

- Between 24th November and 8th December 2014, over 2,000 South Sudanese, the majority Madi women and children from Nimule and Pageri area in Eastern Equatoria State, crossed into Uganda and registered at Elegu reception centre. Information collected by UNHCR Nimule, Eastern Equatoria and cross-checked with UNHCR Uganda, are indicating that civilians are crossing pre-emptively for fears of a new cycle of violence and retaliation in mid-December. Approximately 135 persons per day have been crossing the border, compared to 12 persons per day in late October. UNHCR is monitoring the situation at Nimule and at the border with Uganda, follow up and verifications are ongoing over protection reports at the crossing.
- Relocation of refugees to Ajoung Thok has resumed during the week, with a total of 251 refugees relocated on 4th December 2014.

Child Protection

- Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were completed for 15 separated children (seven male, 8 female) in Ajoung Thok camp.
- The average attendance in the week at the Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) was 1,385 at five CFS (four in the camp and one in Jamjang). The CFS Children have been given a short break for Christmas from 4th December 2014.

Individual Cases

- The International Day of Persons with Disability was marked by organizing a photo and video show in Ajoung Thok with the aim of promoting inclusive education for students living with disability. In Doro camp, DRC organized the commemoration of the International Day for People with Disability/Specific Needs on Wednesday 3rd December 2014. Some 84 PSNs (10 from Batil and 74 from Doro), participated in the event. The event focused on raising awareness on the rights, dignity and welfare of PSNs, promoting and understanding and mobilizing community support for disability and inclusion into various programmes. The climax of the day was marked by distribution of clothes, sandals and two wheel chairs to persons facing difficulty in movement.

IDP Response:

- UNHCR as part of the Protection Cluster strategy has begun regular monitoring of the IDPs in the collective centres in Bentiu.
- As part of the emergency response to the IDPs in the collective centres, UNHCR distributed 100 blankets targeting pregnant women, few lactating mothers with very young infants and extremely elderly, 350 plastic mats, 150 sanitary cloth with 300 pieces of soap targeting all female of reproductive age. Each female in this category received two pieces of soap and one piece of sanitary cloth. Prior to the distribution, UNHCR created awareness on the use of the cloth and keeping hygiene conditions. GAA distributed solar lamps to all families.

- Following a rapid protection assessment by UNHCR of the IDPs in the collective centres, about 81 protection cases related to SGBV, child protection and others were identified. The cases are being followed up and referrals ongoing to the appropriate protection partners.
- In addition, following the registration and distribution, UNHCR observed the presence of new arrivals at the collective centres estimated at 300 individuals, mainly women and children from villages in Guit and Rubkhona Counties who had come to access assistance.
- In the PoC, GAA distributed 250 energy saving stoves provided by FAO to vulnerable families, especially women in the PoC as a sample and training before the mass distribution of 3,000. Some of the stoves use charcoal and others firewood. This is part of the strategy to minimize SGBV as a result of firewood collection outside the PoC.
- UNHCR assisted a protection case survivor with a NFI kit including plastic mats, blankets, kitchen sets, bucket, sanitary cloth and soap that was referred by UNMISS Human Rights. The vulnerable cases identified by UNHCR were referred to MSF for health support and counseling.
- UNHCR is currently working with Non-Violent Peace Force to assist IDPs to obtain nationality documents lost during the conflict.
- UNHCR completed training of 46 police officers deployed in Mingkaman. The training focused on various topics such as human rights, humanitarian protection, women and child rights, SGBV and IDP and returnees and HIV/AIDs. The training is foreseen to assist the officers in their daily activities in addressing general and specific protection issues that may arise in the community.

Child Protection

- Twenty six (26) out of school children including seven (7) with disabilities and nineteen (19) at risk due to lack of support from their caregivers were identified and referred to LWF for NFI support and monitoring. In a related development, eighteen (18) children identified and supported during the two day GFD exercise in Kaya camp. Three orphaned children who lost their parents to Hepatitis E, and are now registered with their grandparents have been referred to DRC vulnerable desk to be considered for food transportation.

SGBV:

- Two groups of fifty females and fifty males, in Gorom refugee settlement in Juba benefited from a two days discussion session on SGBV as part of activities marking the 16 Days of Activism against SGBV in the settlement. The discussion which was facilitated by UNHCR was organized to enhance the knowledge of participants of the negative impacts of SGBV and the need for reporting and family and communal support rather than blaming and stigmatizing survivors. The discussion was also part of UNHCR's objective of rolling out education and support to the block level in the settlement and increasing the positive involvement of men in SGBV activities to ensure better results. During the two days discussion session, refugees were able to appreciate the dangers of the negative cultural practices which is one of the causes of SGBV and they resolved to change their cultural practices to ensure that SGBV is reduced or stopped completely in their community.
- UNHCR joined other UN Agencies and partners in commemorating the 16 Days of Activism Campaign Against SGBV which was launched on 25 November and ran up to 10 December in the IDP sites. The IDPs sites included POCs 1, 2, 3 and Tong ping plus areas outside the POCs like Gumbo and Mahad in Juba. Field Offices within South Sudan were also actively involved in the 16 days of activism celebrations in various IDPs sites. UNHCR theme for South Sudan operation was "Empowering Women and Girls: Working Together to Address Sexual and Gender Based Violence." There were a lot of activities which included awareness raising through drama and sensitizing the communities on the dangers of forced and early marriage for girls and the need to stop SGBV within the communities. Large numbers of women, girls and men joined the celebrations. Messages such as support education for the girl child, women and girls are partners in development were also shared, among other activities.
- Three awareness raising workshops on early/forced marriage, Women/Child Rights and South Sudan criminal laws was facilitated by ACTED in Gendrassa. The workshop targeted the *Sheikhs, Umdas*, Religious leaders and Women committee members.

Abyei Administrative Area (AAA)

- During the reporting period, UNHCR carried out two field missions to monitor the condition of vulnerable IDPs in Magar and Mijak Deng. An assessment was carried out to identify vulnerable households in need of NFIs assistance and as a result of this assessment, UNHCR will support some 352 vulnerable individuals with blankets and mosquito nets to help them cope with the winter, which is planned for 9th December 2014.

Western Bahr el Ghazal State

- UNHCR Wau, in collaboration with UNICEF and IOM, provided a total of 1,657 non-food items to 216 HH/447 Individual IDPs at the PoC Wau.
- According to the Police Commissioner, there have been cases of reported rapes, some involving women and girls between ages 12-17 years. The CP Cluster tasked UNICEF, UNMISS CP, UNPOL and MoSD to work together with UNHCR in verifying the information as well as following up some cases of SGBV requiring attention and referral.

Lakes State

- As part of the emergency response to the IDPs in the collective centres, UNHCR distributed 100 blankets targeting women, few lactating mothers with young infants and extremely elderly, 350 plastic mats, 150 sanitary cloth with 300 pieces of soap targeting all female of reproductive age. Each female in this category received 2 pieces of soap and 1 piece of sanitary cloth. Prior to the distribution, UNHCR created awareness on the use of this cloth and keeping hygienic conditions.
- UNHCR completed the training of 46 police officers deployed in Mingkaman.

Education

Refugee Response:

Achievements and Impact

- Grade eight examinations for primary eight candidates have commenced across Central Equatoria State and candidates in Gorom refugee primary school have completed their examinations this week.
- A total of six teachers from Gorom refugee camp have completed their one month of phase one in-service course in Kajo-Keji.
- In Adjoung Thok refugee camps, the final year examinations for harmonized examinations for Primary one to seven will commence from 8-15 December 2014 throughout the camps. The County Education Officer has assured education partners of the possibility for Primary Eight Pupils to sit for Primary Leaving Examinations.
- In Maban, a total of 127 teachers (62 females) graduated this week from JRS Teacher Development Training Programme which lasted for a period of 10 weeks.
- Yusuf Batil Primary school is conducting a non-promotional end of year examination amongst students to establish their grade placement in 2015.
- The average gross enrolment for Maban Refugee School stands at 66% while net enrolment stands at 48%. Attendance figures indicate that more children are in school than were registered during enrolment. While average Gross attendance rate stands at 85% in November, some schools in Doro, Batil and Kaya showed over 100% attendance during the month.
- In Pariang County, there was low turn-out of learners in schools during the week. This low attendance is attributed to the completion of the end of year examination in late November.
- A one day training of 28 School Management Committee (SMC) members from Primary and Soba Secondary school was organized covering the functions and objectives of PTA/SMC, Skills and knowledge required by PTA, set-up and operation of the PTA, identification of PTA committee members and roles of the executive committee.
- Training was organized for 77 teachers in Primary, Adult Learning Programme (ALP) and secondary schools including four host community teachers.
- The construction of Yei Girls Boarding Senior Secondary School has been completed this year. The school currently has 10 classrooms including the four constructed through IBIS, UNHCR's implementing partner. The school has 300

students, but with the addition of the four classrooms, its admission has been increased to 600 students. The school opened in 2004 and has been supported by UNHCR for three consecutive years through IBIS partnership with DANIDA funding. The project was implemented under reintegration support. The majority of the girls are South Sudanese although there are some refugee girls enrolled in this programme too.

IDP response

- In Bentiu Town, Education partners have identified a school in collaboration with the Ministry of Education. So far, about 150 students are registered and activities will begin in the coming week.
- In the PoC, enrolment is at 5,040 comprising of 1,940 girls while training of Peer Educators are ongoing targeting 30 youth.



Health/Nutrition

Refugees Response:

Achievements and Impact

- An integrated measles, polio, vitamin A and de-worming campaign has been conducted in Maban camps in collaboration with MOH/CHD, UNICEF, WHO and health partners following the recent report of suspected measles cases from the camps. During the week IMC and MSF-B have completed the campaign in Gendrassa, Kaya and Doro camps. Medair has started the campaign in Batil camp at the beginning of the week and plan to complete by the end of next week. The results of most of the samples taken from the suspected measles cases have been reported positive. However, the result from the recent suspected polio case was reported negative by WHO. Meanwhile, surveillance, active case finding and proper case management are on-going in all camps to limit the spread of the infection. The Nutrition survey data collection was completed in Unity and Upper Nile/Maban camps. The preliminary results will be shared by end of December.
- IBIS, UNHCR's implementing partner, has agreed to construct a surgical ward in Morobo County and ground work will start in early December 2014.

IDP response

Achievements and Impact

- In Bentiu Town, CARE and MSF are conducting mobile clinic activities while regular health services are ongoing in the PoC. A MUAC screening of 100 children living in the collectives centres in Bentiu Town showed three SAM and 13 MAM cases. This is an indication of a deteriorating situation within one week of arrival as there were no malnourished cases identified during the initial screening when the IDPs arrived. In addition, there is a lack of proper health services for SGBV survivors. This is being followed up with relevant partners.
- In the PoC, the first round of the Polio campaign is underway targeting all children under 15 years. So far, 19,430 (84%) targeted children have been reached.
- Health services to IDPs are ongoing with a high morbidity rate of Acute Respiratory Tract Infections (ARTIs) due to the cold weather and dusty environment. The Shelter/NFIs partners are planning to distribute blankets as part of the winterization response. In addition, out of the four suspected cases of Hepatitis E, one case was confirmed, while two others are negative. The results is awaited for a fourth case according to WHO.
- There is also an increase in the number of TB cases in the PoC due to lack of treatment which was highlighted by the community leaders.



Food Security, Nutrition and Livelihoods

- In December, WFP will stop GFD distribution to IDPs and returnees in Bor Town and move to voucher and work for food programmes.

- Out of the 1,291 IDPs in Bentiu Town, WFP distributed food ration comprising salt, pulses, oil and sorghum to 1,034 IDPs out of 352 families. The numbers are less as compared to those registered due to no-show cases. Food distribution is currently ongoing for all IDPs in the PoC.
- Vegetables are growing well and taken care by those IDPs who were assisted with seeds by the FLS partners.
- During the reporting period, VSL in full) distributed fishing kits to 1,000 IDPs in the PoC to support their food basket and livelihood activities.

Shelter and NFIs

- Implementation of the shelter programme for refugees in Batil, Kaya and Gendrassa is ongoing. There is a 10 percent increase (222 shelters plastered with mud, 752 not plastered with mud and 503 shelters had completed walls) including in Batil. Gendrassa is progressively doing well while wall plastering in Kaya has been scaled down due to a shortage of water. Factors affecting progress in shelter plastering are the dry season, insufficient supply of wooden sticks for the walls and poor community participation. Shelter construction for five community beneficiaries is underway. Most of the host community beneficiaries have erected super structures with zinc roofing. Wall stick fillers will be made available next week.

Water and Sanitation

Refugees Response:

Achievements and Impact

- The water consumption/production pattern in Yida has increased to 18.5l/p/day during the reporting week compared to last weeks' 13.55 litres/p/day. Presumably, as the dry season is approaching and weather condition is changing, the introduction of T-70 tank which increased storage capacity to 70,000 litres at the main boreholes, return of refugees from Southern Kordofan over the past two weeks for exchange of ration cards exercise are seen as reasons associated with this increase in per capita consumption for the week. In Yida, 370 taps are operational at the 15 water points.
- In Yida, 43 new shared family latrines were constructed and seven decommissioned during the week. Six new institutional latrines were constructed and eight decommissioned.
- 792 community members have benefitted from Hygiene and Sanitation awareness raising this week.
- 217 water samples were tested (FRC), 122 water samples tested were found with FRC level =>0.2 mg/litre, while 95 water samples were found with FRC level =>0.5 mg/litres in Yida.
- In Ajoung Thok, an average of 287m³ of water was produced, out of which 11 m³ (4%) consumed by agencies while 14m³ (5%) is regarded as losses.
- In Ajoung Thok, 30 family latrines were constructed during the week serving 297 (131 females) beneficiaries. A total of 330 Households were visited and 102 family latrines were checked and monitored, 88 out of 98 latrines were found to be clean.
- Internal training for 15 WASH staff was conducted focusing on WASH approaches and tools to be used in the camp. Crude latrine coverage is 1:8 (meaning 8 people are using one latrine). The crude litres of water coverage per person is 19 litres/p/day.
- Water supply and sanitation indicators during the reporting period remained within acceptable standards. On average, the water supply per person per day is 20 litres while the number of persons per latrine stands at 17 litres across camps in Maban.
- The mission of the Regional WASH Officer to South Sudan was completed successfully. His initial impression is that water implementation is in line with requirements that meet UNHCR standards and therefore no alarming indicators.

IDP response:

Achievements and Impact

- In Bentiu Town, in about three of the collection centres, the sanitation conditions including hygiene promotion needs attention.
- Solutions are also needed for IDPs in Nadi School to access portable water. WASH partners have been informed and actions is expected to be taken in the coming week.
- WASH partners distributed 441 jerry cans, 600 bars of soap and 441 buckets to IDPs in Bentiu collective centres as part of the emergency response.
- The current water supply in the PoC in Bentiu is from the five operational boreholes and SWAT is 13.7 litres/p/day. The construction of an additional borehole in PoC 6 was stalled because of malfunctioning of the drilling compressor. However, the parts were received and drilling will continue.
- In the PoC, the ratio of latrine is 1:61 persons. WASH partners are constructing 69 more latrines in the PoC and will continue to meet the standard.
- As part of hygiene promotion and ensuring a clean environment in the PoC, UNHCR provided a truck with fuel from UNICEF for disposal of garbage.



Logistics

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting week, 85.3 MT of other assorted items/materials and 64,000 litres of water were transported in both locations of Yida and Ajoung Thok. The other items included mainly construction materials for schools, health centre, WASH areas and maintenance of UNHCR compound in Jamjang.
- UNHCR continued to support WFP for transport of at least 45 MT of food items from Air Drop zone to WFP Warehouse and 46 MT of food from Yida warehouse to Ajoung Thok.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The bad road conditions, coupled with the rainy season still made roads impassable right from Juba to Unity State. The unstable security situations in some areas on the way from Juba to Unity have also contributed to inaccessibility of Unity State by road from Juba. This has adversely affected transportation/movement of materials to Unity State.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- In Bentiu Town, about 800 IDPs including a reported 554 new arrivals are residing in about five collective centres (Dawa school, Nadi school, Catholic Church premises, Red Cross and Prison compounds), while the remaining have moved to shelters at their villages. They preferred Bentiu Town to the PoC due to availability of livelihood opportunities including fishing, vegetable gardens and small businesses. Some expressed their desire to relocate from the collective centres to vacant/abandoned shelters in the community within the town but requested assistance for plastic sheets to repair damaged roofs while others feel unsafe to live as individual families in the community but in groups at the collective centres.
- Regular Camp Management monitoring of services and community mobilization continued during the reporting week.
- The regular weekly coordination meeting between the government of Unity State and the humanitarian agencies in Bentiu took place on Tuesday 2nd December 2014. Humanitarian access outside the PoC, protection environment, free movement of civilian and humanitarian staff and respect for humanitarian principles were the key issues discussed. The Country Representative of OCHA visited Bentiu and also attended the meeting.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some US\$111,086,208 million as of 25th November 2014.

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