

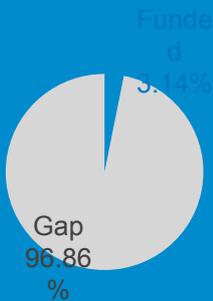


252,120
Registered refugees in South Sudan
(UNHCR South Sudan: 31/01/2015)

112,840
IDPs estimated living in UNMISS POC sites – 7 locations (UNMISS: 12/02/2015).

1,382,000
IDPs estimated living outside UNMISS POC sites (OCHA: 31/01/2015).

419,053,573 USD
Requested for the operation



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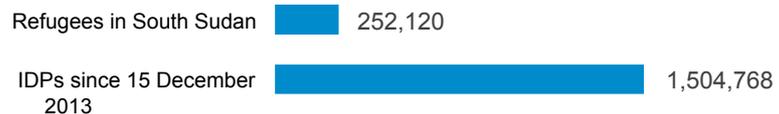
UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE 7/2015

18 to 24 February 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Child recruitment:** Scores of children abducted last week in Upper Nile State are reportedly undergoing military training, UNICEF said on 24 February. "Witnesses have said they are in a training camp," near Wau Shilluk town (20 km northeast of Malakal), said John Budd, UNICEF communications officer for South Sudan.
- **More IDPs in Bentiu POC site:** The number of IDPs at the Bentiu POC (Unity State) site has risen to around 67,000, from 52,000 in early January. An expansion of the site is under way, though there are challenges (e.g. checkpoints delaying arrival of earth-moving equipment from Juba).
- **Food and NFIs are starting to be distributed** in Central Equatoria State to 15,825 returnees from Uganda in Kajo Keji. The distribution started on 20 February and will be completed on 27 February 2015.
- **633 new arrivals were registered in Yida**, Unity State - 11 per cent fewer than in the previous week; 65 per cent are women and children from Umdoreen, Heban and Delami counties in Sudan's South Kordofan State.

Current population of concern



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- The UN Secretary-General's report on South Sudan issued on 17 February states: "Developments on the ground are increasingly worrisome, with all signs indicating that both parties to the conflict have not given up the military option."
- Bentiu, Unity State, and surrounding areas have remained tense, with a number of reports of clashes.
- In Upper Nile State there have been reports of conflict involving opposition forces in the Benshawa area of Maban County, shelling in Renk town and fighting near Kaka.



Protection

Refugees Response:

Achievements and Impact

- **Unity State:** All the new arrivals in Yida (633) were transferred to Ajuong Thok (AT) during the week, including 111 unaccompanied and separated children.
- **Upper Nile State, Maban County:** The host and refugee communities in Gendrassa and Batil have been proactive in peace-building and conflict mitigation measures leading to amicable resolution of issues that would have escalated to inter-communal conflicts.
- UNHCR provided transport for the return of about 153 host community individuals from Hai Khartoum in Bunj town to their homes in Tukshuocha, Pekaji, Batil and Gendrassa.
- UNHCR facilitated two one-day training sessions on leadership skills in Gendrassa and Kaya camps for 20 refugee women.
- 10 SGBV cases were identified during the reporting period in the four Maban refugee camps; 9 were cases of early marriage in Doro. Survivors have been referred to partners for assistance.
- **Central Equatoria State:** 137 Sudanese refugees were relocated from Yei Urban to Lasu settlement.
- **Western Equatoria State:** UNHCR has coordinated with the Commission for Refugee Affairs and World Vision International regarding the voluntary repatriation of an elderly refugee from DRC in Makpandu refugee camp.
- In Makpandu refugee camp, 621 children (246 female and 375 male) are enrolled in Child Friendly Spaces (CFS). In Napere 231 children, 113 female and 118 male, are in CFS.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is an urgent need to provide refugees in Yida and AT with clothes, especially children, many of whom are walking around naked in the camps. With the increasing AT camp population, incidents of theft and vandalism have been rising. A sensitization campaign has been launched.
- UNHCR has expressed security concerns after the withdrawal of camp-based police on 12 February in all four Maban refugee camps in Upper Nile State with a total population of over 130,000.

IDP Response:

Achievements and Impact

- The Protection Cluster, Child Protection Sub Cluster and their partners are actively trying to follow up on child recruitment cases reported last week in Wau Shilluk, Upper Nile State. Advocacy efforts are being undertaken with various actors for the release and prevention of further recruitment of children in the area.
- **Mingkaman, Lakes State:** The number of verified IDPs on 11 February was 71,367 (predominantly Dinka from Jonglei State).
- The Relief and Rehabilitation Commission and the Aerial Land Directorate allocated land to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to construct a UNHCR-funded women's centre.
- IRC provided transport for 601 people with special needs from a food distribution centre to their homes.

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- **Unity State**
- **Bentiu POC:** The construction of a five-block latrine was completed by Mercy Corps.
- On 16 February, a fire broke out in POC 5, (Bentiu POC, with an official biometric-registered population of over 52,900, is divided into 6 sub-POCs) destroying 15 shelters. The Shelter Cluster immediately provided new shelters and replaced tarpaulins for affected families.
- Stoves were distributed to about 6,750 households (distribution report to specify exact number).
- Six accommodation prefabs received by UNHCR have been erected and are nearly ready for use.
- Most of the IDPs (mainly Nuers) who arrived in the POC this week said they had come from Panyinhiany and Thowmangor, Guit County. They cited lack of food, and fear of insecurity in the case of those from Panyinhiany (who fled after they saw government troops passing through their village).
- The situation inside the POC was unpredictable throughout the week due to the fatality of a 23-year-old during a fight on 9 Feb. POC residents highlight insecurity at night, with vandalism, looting, and attacks taking place from 10pm to the early hours.
- **Pariang County:** Most of the 17,932 registered IDPs in Pariang County are Dinka and live with host communities. As of 13 February, 172 separated and unaccompanied children had been identified.
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- **Upper Nile State:**
- **Maban:** 400 vegetable kits and 300 packs of fishing gear will be distributed to IDPs in Bu and Aliiny this week. Identification of IDP beneficiaries is under way through community mobilizers. Some 20-30 percent of IDPs lack shelter materials and other NFIs.
- **Maban:** UNHCR participated in the registration and distribution of food and NFIs to 278 individual IDPs in Orji village on 18 February. 7,986 individual IDPs have received assistance from humanitarian agencies in Hofra, Yusif Batil, Banketa, Kongo, Dollo, Orji, Kilo 10 and Bir Taltah.
- **Malakal:** A fire in the new Malakal POC site on 13 February destroyed over 60 tents; there were no casualties. UNHCR has delivered NFIs and tents.
- Attacks on Baliet on the night of 13 February by unknown armed elements left 23 people, including pregnant women, wounded. UNHCR interviewed the affected people and provided NFIs to 24 individuals.
- UNHCR and partners completed the registration, vulnerability screening and assessment of IDPs and host communities in Kodok, Fashoda County. 19,806 persons were registered (7,987 IDPs and 11,819 host community members). NFI assistance was provided to vulnerable people based on the results of an inter-agency assessment.
- **Juba:** UNHCR distributed dignity kits (bucket, jerry can, laundry soap, sanitary towels and underwear) to 158 IDP women and 100 IDP girls of reproductive age at Don Bosco in Gumbo.
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Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- **Mingkaman; Lakes State:** Limited funding means it is not possible to extend services to Marik and Yalakot, among other places. IRC-WASH will be pulling out of Site 3. So far no WASH partner has come forward to cover this gap. Continued insecurity makes access difficult for an inter-agency rapid needs assessment due to start on 26 February.
- **Jonglei State:** Bor POC site, which accommodates 2,481 Nuers, lacks classrooms and teaching materials as well as adequate lighting. Collapsed latrines need rehabilitating. UNHCR undertook a monitoring mission to Pibor and noted an increasing return movement and the need for shelter, NFI and WASH interventions, among others. There are just over 27,000 IDPs in Bor, mainly Dinkas.
- **Western Equatoria State:** Fighting between pastoralists and local inhabitants on 4 February in Diko and Bangalo areas in Mundri West County displaced an estimated 563 families (2,825 individuals) to Tore Wand *boma*. Some IDPs are living in schools in Bangalo. An inter-agency assessment mission to Mundri West will take place 23-26 February.
- A wild fire has destroyed buildings and property, including livestock, in four *bomas* (Naandi, Diabio, Mangbangu, and Degere) in Ezo County and displaced an estimated 2,875 individuals, according to a 14 February inter-agency assessment. UNHCR is considering provision of support to affected communities. Priority needs of the IDPs are food, NFIs and emergency shelters.
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Education

Achievements and Impact

- In Lasu refugee settlement, Central Equatoria State, the total enrolment this week is 1,917 pupils (1,067 boys and 850 girls) in the two primary schools and 122 (90 boys and 32 girls) in the secondary school. Enrolment increased to 85 per cent in primary schools while enrolment in the secondary school stands at 78 per cent.



Health

Achievements and Impact

- Night referrals from Gentil MSF-H hospital have been suspended due to a recent security incident between refugees and host communities. However, International Medical Corps (IMC) continued night referrals from Gendressa.
- Two IMC health posts (one each in Kaya and Gendressa camps) which had been closed since August 2014 have been reopened.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- The monthly Global Food Distribution was completed in Yida and AT, albeit with incomplete food baskets due to the lack of certain commodities in WFP stocks.
- WFP in Melut, Upper Nile State, on 19 February confirmed the approval of food distribution to IDPs who arrived in Melut from Jamam in Maban County. Due to insufficient food stocks, a 15-day ration is planned to be delivered to IDPs.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- **Western Equatoria State:** World Vision International repaired one borehole in block 3 in Makpandu refugee settlement. WASH messages were disseminated to 432 men, 622 women, 415 boys and 625 girls in Napere, and 336 men, 470 women, 220 boys and 304 girls in Makpandu.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- New arrivals in Ajuong Thok (AT) camp lack WASH facilities. Average crude water coverage for the week was estimated at 18 litres per person per day, but this conceals the full picture: Residents of new blocks have to walk 1.5-2.0 km to fetch water from tap stands. There has been no water supply in Merowe and Soba secondary schools. The pace of latrine construction in AT is insufficient to meet the needs of refugees being relocated to the camp.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- NFIs have been distributed to UNHCR biometric registered IDPs and host communities (4,813 household in all) in Kodok, Fashoda County, Upper Nile State.

- IDPs (3,024 individuals) in Orji and Dangaji, some 15 km from the refugee camps in Maban County, received NFIs.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- 835 shelters in Mingkaman require immediate rehabilitation.
- Insufficient Protection actors; lack of solar lights, energy-saving stoves



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Bentiu POC: 676 new families were screened and identified as new arrivals by the Danish Refugee Council (14-20 Feb). This means about 15,000 new arrivals are still awaiting biometric registration in order to receive food assistance, and indicates that the actual number of people in the POC is around 67,000. UNHCR followed up with WFP and emergency food rations were provided to seven extremely vulnerable families.



Logistics/Supply

Achievements and Impact

- **UNHCR supplies arriving:** 51 out of 54 trucks carrying NFIs to Yida and Ajuong Thok refugee camps in Unity State have arrived; 47 trucks are heading for Maban, but some have faced delays at the border between Unity and Upper Nile States. The aim is to pre-position supplies ahead of the onset of the rainy season in May.
- Fuel stocks in Yida are 15,024 litres and in Ajuong Thok 16,069 litres.
- 175,000 ltrs of diesel is en route to Yida by truck.
- Airlifts have been limited to critical deliveries (food, water, medicine) to Maban and Malakal.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some US\$ 13,139,435 as of 26 February 2015.

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