

255,949

Registered refugees in South Sudan
(UNHCR South Sudan: 28/02/2015)

112,840

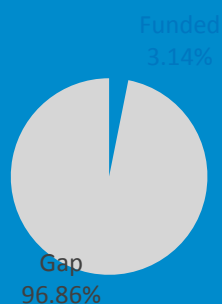
IDPs estimated living in UNMISS POC sites
– 7 locations (UNMISS: 12/02/2015).

1,382,000

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

419,053,573 USD

Requested for the operation



SOUTH SUDAN

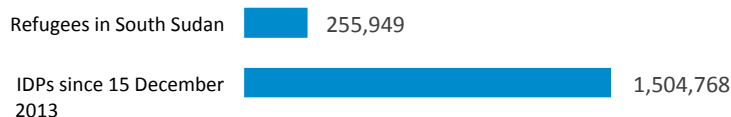
UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE 8/2015

26 Feb – 4 Mar 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Maban convoy:** For the first time in nearly 18 months a humanitarian convoy has begun arriving in Maban, Upper Nile State. Three trucks arrived on 4 March carrying timber for UNHCR's refugee shelter programme.
- **Refugee influx:** Average weekly arrivals of Sudanese refugees in Yida, Unity State, were 672 in January and 712 in February.
- **IDP relocation initiative:** UNHCR missions to Leer (Unity State), and Akobo and Pagak (Jonglei State) took place this week to explore the possibility of the assisted relocation of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the two Protection of Civilian (POC) sites. Meetings were held with local government and military authorities, traditional leaders, women's and youth representatives, as well as humanitarian actors and IDPs in each area in search of a transitional solution for these people. (Wau POC has 337 people - all Nuer; Bor POC has 2,500 people - all Nuer).
- **Child recruitment:** UNHCR is following up on reports of hundreds of children having been abducted in Wau Shilluk, 20 km northeast of Malakal, Upper Nile State.
- **Bentiu POC site being expanded:** 27% of the extension has been cleared, 14% of the external berm completed, and 66% of the earth-moving equipment has been positioned by the contractor. According to IOM, the total cost of the project is US\$ 19 million.
- **Screening of foreign nationals:** UNHCR, in cooperation with UNMISS and IOM, has nearly completed a screening exercise of those foreign nationals who have been long-term residents of Juba POC sites in order to identify any individuals who may be refugees. This week UNHCR registered and screened nearly 440 individuals.

Current population of concern



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- Addis peace talks: 5 March could be a trigger point for heightened tensions if no agreement is reached.
- During the reporting period, there have been reports of a significant increase in forced recruitment, including of children and youth. Protection Cluster and critically child protection partners have been involved in protection monitoring, but the response requires stronger engagement from a diverse range of actors including the international community.



Protection

Refugees Response

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- 662 new arrivals were registered in Yida, a slight increase on the previous week. 78% of the new arrivals are women and children and come mainly from Umdoreen, Heban and Delami counties in Kordofan State. 676 refugees were relocated from Yida to Ajuong Thok (AT) during the reporting week, 6% more than the previous week. 6,201 refugees have been registered since the current influx started in late December 2014.
- International Rescue Committee (IRC) provided crutches to five refugees identified in Yida.
- Six unaccompanied and 88 (39 girls and 49 boys) separated children were received at AT. All 88 separated children are with their relatives and caretakers while the Lutheran World Federation is tracing the relatives of the 6 unaccompanied minors (1 girl and 5 boys) and trying to arrange care for them in the meantime.

Central Equatoria State

- UNHCR has been distributing food items in Kajo Keji to 15,685 returnees; 1,138 individuals also received relief items. The distributions ended on 28 February.

Western Equatoria State

- UNHCR has agreed with the Commission for Refugee Affairs to issue ID cards to 5,021 refugees in March. 106 new arrivals and 86 new births were registered in the State in February, giving Makpandu settlement (Yambio) a population of 3,491 refugees and Napere settlement (Ezo) 3,768. Over 2,000 others are in Source Yubu, Tambura, Maridi, Andari and Naandi.
- UNHCR assisted the voluntary repatriation to DRC of one elderly man in Makpandu.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Upper Nile State

- Maban: The number of intrusions into warehouses has increased since the withdrawal of police from Maban's four refugee camps on 12 February. Some agencies are considering scaling back services due to the deteriorating security situation. UNHCR is lobbying the authorities for the return of police to the camps.
- Food shortages continue, with WFP facing difficulties obtaining sufficient stocks for the four refugee camps.

Western Equatoria State

- The erection of a rub-hall in Ezo is pending due to lack of transport and technical experts.

IDP Response

Achievements and Impact

Lakes State

- Mingkaman: UNHCR implementing partner IRC and gender-based violence (GBV) sub-cluster members organized a 3-day case management training, funded by UNHCR, for 23 GBV and Health workers, 16-18 February.
- IRC completed assistance to 876 extremely vulnerable individuals during this month's round of food distributions; conducted protection mainstreaming training for 10 of ACTED's site management staff; and distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 150 immobile individuals.
- There have been 150 new arrivals from 1 January to 25 February in Mingkaman.

Warrap State

- Of the 1,700 IDPs in four IDP sites, 1,594 are female. UNHCR and the Department for Passports, Nationality and Immigration are in the process of issuing nationality certificates to 1,007 vulnerable individuals, mainly returnees.

Unity State

- Bentiu POC: The number of officially (biometrically) registered IDPs in Bentiu POC has been corrected to 52,098 (not 52,908). Most new arrivals (601) are from Rubkona County - Norlongwel, Kaljak and Dhorbor *payams*, with only a few from Guit County. UNHCR has identified 26 most vulnerable cases among new arrivals and a few whose shelters were destroyed recently. Reconstruction of the shelters has been completed.
- Food distribution has been completed for registered IDPs in Bentiu Town and begun in the POC (made up of six sub-POCs).
- Jamjang: UNHCR implementing partner Samaritans' Purse distributed vegetable kits to 335 households (159 male and 176 female) and 260 soaps and 71 collapsible jerry cans to 58 IDP households.
- Maban County: 2,595 new IDPs received NFI distributions in Dangaji.
- Fashoda County: NFI kits have been distributed to 18,807 IDPs and host community members in Kodok.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Unity State

- Bentiu: Over 16,000 newly arrived IDPs in Bentiu town and the POC are not being targeted for food distribution as they have not yet been biometrically registered (WFP requires this before food can be distributed). IOM is planning registration in March.

Warrap State

- Kuajok: There is a need for a one-off distribution of 3,000 sanitary kits in IDP sites.

Lakes State

- Mingkaman: IRC-WASH ended its services in Site 3 (with about 4,000 IDPs) on 28 February: ECHO is not funding IRC-WASH activities in 2015, and other WASH partners are not able to provide support due to limited funding.

Western Equatoria State

- UNHCR needs NFIs to assist 661 fire-affected households in Naandi, Diabio, Mangbango and Degere *bomas*, Ezo County.

Education

Refugees Response

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- 1,200 new refugee pupils have been registered in Ajuong Thok camp. Classes average 100 students.

Western Equatoria State

- Construction of a fence around Makpandu primary school in WES is three-quarters finished.

IDP Response

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- Bentiu town: A Primary school was opened in the presence of the Acting State Governor and State representatives from the Ministry of Education. 83 students (30 female and 53 male IDPs) attended the ceremony, in which UNHCR also participated.



Health

Refugees Response

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- All refugees aged 15 and below are being vaccinated against measles on arrival in Ajuong Thok.



Food Security and Nutrition

Refugee Response

Achievements and Impact

Western Equatoria State

- 3,617 refugees at Napera refugee settlement in Ezo received food assistance.

Unity State

- Ajuong Thok: 178 people were enrolled in nutrition programmes compared to 106 the previous week. Severe Acute Malnutrition cases increased slightly to 15.



Water and Sanitation

Refugees Response

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- Maban: A water supply network at Doro extension site (refugee camp) has been completed. It has new motorized boreholes (capacity 10,000 liters per hour), one new borehole fitted with a hand pump, two water storage facilities (70,000 litres each) and six water points (36 taps); 3,000 individuals will benefit.

Western Equatoria State

- Makpandu: Drilling of a new borehole in Block 6 of the refugee settlement was completed and test-pumping done.
- Ezo: 547 latrines were counted in use in Napere refugee settlement.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**Unity State**

- Ajuong Thok: New arrivals are going several days without emergency WASH facilities and services. Where provided, the quality of service is below standard. 5,000 litre tanks have been placed at 3 locations for water trucking; 2 water towers for conventional supply have been built and emergency latrines set up. Pressure is being put on IRC to engage more standby labour.
- Vandalization of emergency latrines is proving to be a challenge.
- Despite the reported high per capita water consumption (19 l/p/d), waiting times and walking distances greater than 1.5 km are still common. It is hoped that with the completed trenching to, as well as construction of murrum towers at, Blocks 56 and 49, the situation will improve.
- Yida: Overflowing soak pits remain a key challenge.

**Shelter and NFIs****IDP Response****Achievements and Impact****Unity State**

- Bentiu POC: 26 new shelters have been constructed for persons with special needs at sub-POC 6

**Camp Coordination and Camp Management****IDP Response****Unity State**

- Bentiu POC: Extension work, incorporating flood prevention measures, is ongoing. 27% of the extension has been cleared, and 14% of the external berm completed; 66% of the earth-moving equipment has been positioned by the contractor. The issue of space for community gardening has been resolved. According to IOM, the total cost of the project is US\$ 19 million, \$10 million of which has been received (with an additional \$4-5 million pledged by the Netherlands Embassy).
- An exercise has started to identify extremely vulnerable individuals among the new arrivals for possible emergency assistance packages from WFP.

**Logistics/Supply****Achievements and Impact**

- 97 tons of food was transported from Yida warehouse to Ajuong Thok (AT) in preparation for the March General Food Distribution (GFD).
- 52 trucks out of 54 have arrived in Yida and AT from Juba with NFIs, construction and WASH materials.
- 110,000 litres of water were trucked to Yida Transit Centre and for IRC in AT.
- The fuel stock balance in Yida is 22,346 litres and in AT 16,633 litres. 5 fuel trucks with 175,000 litres of fuel for Yida and AT have reached Wau.

- Some of the 50 trucks heading for Malakal and 13 for Maban with CRIs, prefabs and construction materials, which had been stranded for 2 weeks at Warjock near Malakal, crossed the river on 3 March.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some US\$ 13,139,435 as of 2 March 2015.

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