



HIGHLIGHTS

21,621

South Sudanese internally displaced received relief supplies from UNHCR.

4,680

Tons of non-food items prepositioned in Unity and Upper Nile States.

2,686

Sudanese refugees from South Kordofan relocated from Yida to Ajuong Thok.

1,928

Transitional shelters completed in Maban camps in Upper Nile State.

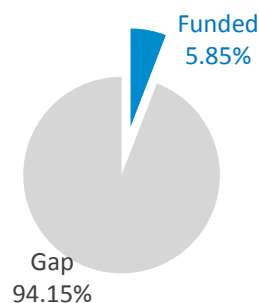
Population of concern

A total of **1.5 million** IDPs

A total of **259,232** refugees

Funding

USD 414,052,136 requested



Refugees by country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Sudan	236,314
DRC	15,971
Ethiopia	4,900
Central African Republic	2,047
Total	259,232

UNHCR Presence

Staff:

288 national staff

150 international staff

Offices:

13 offices located in:

Juba, Jamjang, Bunj, Yida, Malakal, Bentiu, Bor, Yei, Yambio, Kwajok, Rumbek, Wau and Abyei

2 field units located in: Mingkaman and Nimule

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and IDPs.
- In the **refugee response**, the main government counterpart is the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA), in addition to the Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration. **Implementing partners** in 2015 are the following: Action Africa Help International, ACROSS, ACTED, CARE International, Danish Refugee Council, Humane Development Council, International Medical Corps, International Rescue Committee, The Lutheran World Federation, Samaritan's Pursue, Save the Children, UNOPS and World Vision International.
- In the **IDP response**, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Committee (RCC). **Implementing partners** in 2015 are: ADRA, African Humanitarian Action, Danish Refugee Council, Health Link, Humane Development Council, INTERSOS, International Rescue Committee and Non-Violent Peace Force. Within the IDP response cluster system, UNHCR in South Sudan is Lead of the Protection Cluster (with NRC co-leading), Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and undertakes enhanced participation in the IOM-led Shelter/NFI Cluster.
- Also, UNHCR maintains an **operational partnership** with the Ministry of Interior and Wildlife Conservation; Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Spain); CAFOD; Relief International; Medair; Mentor; OXFAM; FAO; UNAIDS; UNOCHA; UN-Habitat; UNDP, UNFPA; UNICEF; UNMAS; UNMISS and WFP.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – REFUGEE PROGRAMME

Protection

Unity State

- In March, 3,044 new arrivals from Sudan's South Kordofan State were registered in Yida, bringing the number of arrivals since 23 December 2014 to 8,711. This almost equals the number of new arrivals for January (3,035) and February (3,054). The vast majority of new arrivals are women (54 percent) and children (61 percent) and they come mainly from Umdoreen, Heban and Delami counties in South Kordofan State. In March, 2,686 individuals were relocated to Ajuong Thok, bringing the number of relocations to Ajuong Thok since 23 December 2014 to 9,766. At least 85 percent are new arrivals, while the remaining 15 percent are long-time residents of Yida, a spontaneous settlement in South Sudan's Unity State already sheltering some 69,600 Sudanese refugees. By the end of March, Ajuong Thok camp was home to 24,640 refugees.
- In preparation for any more arrivals, work is underway to expand Ajuong Thok camp to host up to 40,000 people and set up a new camp in Pamir (12 km southeast of Ajuong Thok) to accommodate another 20,000 refugees. In Ajuong Thok, 95 percent of the 19.4 km of internal roads has been cleared. UNHCR has begun working on the layout design for Pamir and has engaged a hydrologist to carry out a ground water assessment.
- On 31 March, UNHCR organized a one-day visit to Ajuong Thok for representatives of several donor countries, including Canada, Germany, United States, the European Commission's Humanitarian aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO) as well as officials from UNICEF and UNOPS. CRA Commissioner Hon. Bol John Akot and UNHCR Representative in South Sudan Ahmed Warsame accompanied the delegation. The aim of the field trip was to show solidarity with the refugees and for donors to appreciate the impact of the steady influx from South Kordofan on existing resources and services. Read UNHCR press release at bit.ly/1bQASWC
- The Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) agreed to consider a UNHCR request for Central Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) to contribute to the expansion of Ajuong Thok before the start of the rainy season.
- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR and partners distributed 1,295 dignity kits to refugee women and out-of-school girls of reproductive age.

Upper Nile State

- Following discussions with CRA, police were redeployed in the four camps in Maban. This helped reduce criminal incidents in March.

Central Equatoria State

- UNHCR and its partner IRC organized a four-day training on Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) prevention and response for 25 refugees in Juba. This is the first of a four-part training to enhance community mobilization around SGBV issues.
- UNHCR in partnership with CRA completed an intention profiling exercise among foreign nationals living in the Protection of Civilian (POC) sites in Juba to identify those individuals within this group who wish to seek asylum. To date, 515 foreign nationals

have been registered, mainly originating from Somalia, Eritrea and Ethiopia. The vast majority of them have expressed an interest to seek asylum in South Sudan and will be issued an asylum certificate shortly.

Education

Unity State

- UNHCR and partners constructed two additional temporary learning spaces in Makuria, a new primary school in Ajuong Thok camp, and recruited 28 new teachers for primary and secondary education. However, quality education remains an issue of major concern in the camp. As the population continues to grow due to the arrivals from South Kordofan, schools are already overcrowded with as many as 140 students per classroom in primary school and 135 students per classroom in secondary school. In addition, there are 71 teachers for 4,950 primary school children (pupil/teacher ratio=65/1) and another 26 teachers for 1,493 secondary school children (pupil/teacher ratio=57/1). UNHCR and partners are looking into solutions.

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR distributed 1,075 desks for 8 schools in Doro camp. Six teachers have been re-hired for Doro Community Secondary School.

Health

Unity State

- UNHCR and partners mobilized the refugee community in Ajuong Thok to respond a high incidence of acute watery diarrhoea, with more than 300 cases reported in March. As a result of awareness-raising through house-to-house visits, surveillance and sanitation interventions, the incidence of diharroea has decreased since the third week of March. Communities started burying faeces where open defecation is practised and digging latrines.
- UNHCR and partners completed the vaccination of 41,273 under-15 children against poliovirus type 2 in Yida settlement and Ajuong Thok camp, with 100 percent coverage.

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR and partners completed the vaccination of 73,064 under-15 children against poliovirus type 2 in the four refugee camps in Maban, with 100 percent coverage.

Water and Sanitation

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR and partners completed the solarization of one borehole in Doro camp, while work continues to convert a second borehole. Sun-powered boreholes –already installed in Gendrassa and Kaya - will increase sustainability and reduce dependency on fuel as well as costs.

Shelter and NFIs

Jonglei State

- UNHCR completed the construction of the waiting area for South Sudan's Department of Nationality, Passport and Immigration (DNPI) in Bor. A hand-over ceremony took place on 13 March. This is the only DNPI office in Jonglei State providing identification documents to South Sudanese nationals, including those who have returned to South Sudan after its independence in 2011.

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR and DRC completed the construction of 1,928 transitional shelters in Kaya camp (1,694) and Doro camp (234) out of 3,200 units planned for Kaya (2,000) and Doro (1,200).
- UNHCR and DRC relocated 143 individuals from flood-prone areas in Doro refugee camp to higher ground with improved transitional shelter. Over 3,000 refugees are expected to be relocated to higher ground before the onset of the rainy season.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Unity State

- On 20 March, 30 refugees graduated from a 6-month-long tailoring vocational training programme in Ajuong Thok. Implemented by UNHCR in partnership with Danish Refugee Council, the course was designed to enhance refugee self-reliance and enable the most vulnerable individuals, especially women, to access jobs and opportunities for self-employment and business development. During the graduation ceremony, students received sewing machines to kick start their business.

Logistics and Supply

- UNHCR dispatched 117 trucks from South Sudan's capital Juba to hard-to-reach areas in Unity and Upper Nile States to preposition relief supplies before the onset of the rainy season in May. With the successful arrival of the first road convoy in Maban in Upper Nile State since May 2013, UNHCR is scaling up delivery by road and phasing out costly airlift relief. Despite the ongoing civil conflict and volatile security, 57 trucks have so far made it safely to Pariang County in Unity State and 42 others have reached Upper Nile's Maban County. Preparations are underway to load another 130 trucks with non-food items for onward dispatch to refugee camps and settlements north of Juba. Read more at: <http://www.unhcr.org/551c03869.html>
- UNHCR trucked 86 tons of sorghum from Yei to Lasu settlement in Central Equatoria for food distributions in April and May.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – IDP PROGRAMME

Protection

Coordination

- The Protection Cluster launched a new workshop series as part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen the capacity of its partners. The first workshop, attended by 30 international and national NGOs, focused on psychosocial support to conflict-affected populations. As part of its advocacy efforts, the Protection Cluster together with UNHCR, UNMISS, UNICEF, UNMISS and protection partners issued a note with recommendations following the rise of forced and child recruitment activities in Upper Nile.

Operations

- Following a HCT-led assessment of Leer (Unity State), Akobo (Jonglei State) and Pagak (Upper Nile State) in February –which UNHCR was part of- discussions are ongoing between UNHCR, IOM, UNMISS and relevant authorities in South Sudan to move forward on the assisted voluntary relocation of IDPs from the Protection of Civilian (POC) sites of Bor (Jonglei State) and Wau (Western Bahr el Ghazal). UNHCR would be responsible for facilitating the relocation of IDPs from Wau POC, while IOM would be leading the operation for Bor POC. Currently, Wau POC is hosting 337 IDPs, while 2,374 others live in Bor POC.

Shelter and NFI

Upper Nile State

- Assessment and identification of internally displaced South Sudanese in need of basic humanitarian assistance continued throughout March. UNHCR carried out a seven-day NFI distribution for nearly 19,000 IDPs and vulnerable host communities in Kodok, capital of Fashoda County, and another four-day distribution for 2,621 vulnerable individuals in Turu, Jotome and Wunkir Payams in Maiwut County, near the South Sudanese border with Ethiopia.

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