

UNHCR ETHIOPIA OPERATIONAL UPDATE FOR THE SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION

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KEY FIGURES

201,212

UNHCR PoC for the situation

FUNDING

USD 153.2m

requested for the UNHCR operation



PRIORITIES

- The sensitization of refugees and host community, and the subsequent relocation of refugees from Nip Nip and Leitchuor camps to Pugnido and Jewi camps respectively; as well as the development of Jewi camp
- The development of Tsore camp, Assosa

HIGHLIGHTS

- From 14-16 April, Sub-Office Gambella hosted a mission from the UNHCR Executive Committee (ExCom), including Ambassador Pedro Comissário (ExCom Chair) who led the delegation, which also comprised Mr Jaime Chissano, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mozambique in Geneva; Mr Johan Cels, Secretary of the Executive Committee; and Mr Oscar Mundia, Operations Manager, East & Horn of Africa. UNHCR Deputy Representative Mr Bornwell Kantande accompanied the mission from Addis Ababa. The mission visited Kule camp, Tierkidi camp, Pagak entry point, and the new Jewi camp, where infrastructure and facilities are now in place to receive refugees that would be relocated from flood-prone Leitchuor camp.
- The ExCom delegation acknowledged the generosity of the Ethiopian government in continued access to territory, and also noted the importance of developing self-reliance and livelihoods opportunities in refugee camps to reduce dependency and promote dignity. The visitors emphasized the importance of promoting education and peace-building conflict resolution skills, for the population upon eventual voluntary return to South Sudan.
- The cumulative figure of new arrivals from South Sudan from 15 December 2013 is 201,212 (198,395 Gambella and 2,817 Assosa) of which 71% are female and 67% are children. The pre December 2013 population is 63,880 (57,719 Gambella and 6,161 Assosa), making the total South Sudanese refugee population in Ethiopia 265,092 (256,114 Gambella, 8,978 Assosa).
- In order to commence the Level 1 registration of 1,055 South Sudanese who have been arriving and awaiting registration at Akobo Tiergol entry point since 8 April 2015, a joint team of nine UNHCR, ARRA and IOM staff flew to the area using the UNHCR helicopter on 18 April to register and organise their relocation which commenced on 19 April. Some 486 new arrivals were registered at Pagak entry point, out of which 314 individuals were relocated to Pugnido Refugee Camp and 172 were relocated to Tierkidi camp.
- The preparation for health services delivery system in Jewi Refugee Camp reached a considerable stage during the reporting period. MSF-France setup their hospital tents for outpatient department (OPD) and maternity services while considering that any patient which might need hospitalization will be referred to Itang health centre where MSF-F have a stabilization centre.
- In Jewi camp, road construction and site demarcation was completed for 1,600 plots, for about 8,000 refugees and construction of two hangars was completed out of the five planned. Site demarcation, detailed survey and allocation of space for IPs are still on-going. NRC has pitched 160 family tents.

Population of concern

A total of **201,212** people of concern

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- The cumulative figure of new arrivals from South Sudan from 15 December 2013 is 201,212 (198, 395 Gambella and 2,817 Assosa) of which 71% are female and 67% are children. The pre December 2013 population is 63,880 (57,719 Gambella and 6,161 Assosa), making the total South Sudanese refugee population in Ethiopia 265,092 (256,114 Gambella and 8,978 Assosa). with an increase in the number of new arrivals recorded in Gambella over the past weeks. The focus of the Gambella operation is the relocation of refugees from flood-prone Leitchuor and Nip Nip refugee camps to Jewi camp before the rainy season begins in earnest. The UNHCR hired helicopter resumed flights on 18 April.

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR and ARRA co-hosted a Gambella Protection Workshop for protection partners from 16-17 April. The event was well-attended by government, NGO, and UN protection partners, with the objective of discussing key protection challenges and to help define priority areas of work for 2015. Topics of discussion included Child Protection, SGBV, Education, Restoring Family Links (RFL), Access to Justice, Livelihoods/Income Generating Activities, Community-Based Protection, Information Management, and other topics. Partners agreed that in 2015-2016, protection activities will need to be planned and carried out in the context of limited funding, with several competing crises globally, and limited donor nations.
- A total of 13,630 individuals have been relocated to Pugnido camp since 18 November 2014, out of which 12,710 individuals have so far undergone Level II Registration and have been issued with Proof of Registration.
- In Pugnido Refugee Camp, 56 unaccompanied minors (UAMs) and 52 separated children were registered over the week. Additionally, in order to identify the best interests of the children, Save the Children begun conducting best interest assessments (BIA) for six UASCs (one female) during the week.
- At Okugo Refugee Camp, nine (three male and six female) new separated children were identified and registered during the reporting period.
- In Kule Refugee camp, Help Age International distributed non-food items to 626 most vulnerable older people, older people with disabilities comprising bedridden/home bound individuals, older persons living alone or with caring responsibilities and older persons with chronic medical conditions. The items comprised mattresses, pillows and pillow cases, sleeping mats, bed sheets, 20 litre plastic buckets, 10 litre jerry cans, bed pan, soap and blanket.

Education

Achievements and Impact

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Health

Achievements and Impact

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- The Public Health Unit developed a comprehensive Hepatitis E prevention and control plan. A plan for anticipating the risk of acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) was also prepared during the reporting period.
- The arrival vaccination was provided for all children less than 15 years of age at Pagak, Akobo and Burbiey entry points to prevent the outbreak of vaccine preventable disease. Accordingly, 241 and 293 children under 15 years of age received measles vaccine and Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) respectively. Similarly, 141 children 6-59 months of age were reached with Vitamin A supplementation and 136 children aged 2-5 years were dewormed with Albendazole tablets during the reporting period.
- In Leitchuor camp, 174 refugees participated in a mental health advocacy session on the precipitating factors of epilepsy and depression; 14 refugees received mental health and psychosocial support clinical services during the reporting week.

Challenges

- In Pugnido camp the number of suspected Hepatitis E cases reached 20 during the reporting period with 11 of them confirmed positive. UNHCR and partner organizations working for WASH and health are working on the prevention and control of Hepatitis E to contain the outbreak.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- April General Food Distribution was completed in all locations except Leitchuor and Akula due to late deliveries.
- All nutrition partners (GOAL and ACF) reported that all programmes (TSFP and BSFP) were progressing well since sufficient nutrition food was prepositioned in the respective camps. During the relocation, HEB and hot meals was provided for refugees by WFP/ARRA and IOM respectively. Refugees also received GFD and nutrition foods (6-59 month old children and PLW) upon their arrival at the camps.
- Jewi camp development is in progress with partners setting up service facilities. WFP site clearing and wiikhall erection is in progress. WFP is erecting two 10m x32m wiikhalls in Jewi camp in preparation for the relocation of refugees from Leitchuor. Once the wiikhalls are erected 500MT of food will be prepositioned for the May 2015 GFD.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- In Crude safe water coverage during the reporting week include: 18.8 litres /per person /per day (lpd) for Tierkidi camp, 17 lpd for Kule and 16.6 lpd for Leitchuor camp.
- In an effort to decommission old emergency latrines at Pugnido camp (new site), 51 blocks were targeted. During the reporting week, a total of 28 latrine pits were dug and their construction is in progress. The International Rescue Committee (IRC) also responded to repairing communal latrines damaged by rainstorms in the past week.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- In Jewi camp, site demarcation was completed for 1,600 plots, which can accommodate about 8,000 refugees and construction of two hangars was completed out of the five planned. Site demarcation, detailed survey and allocation of space for IPs are still on-going.
- In Teirkidi camp, ARRA and UNHCR identified the possible expansion site for new arrivals and the site survey will start in the coming week. In Pugdido camp, NRC reported the completion of the construction of 5.8km of the 6km

road with nine slab culverts, seven fords and one paved water way. The UNHCR engineer will assess before certifying the work.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- In In Jewi camp, NRC has pitched 160 family tents. In Tierkidi camp, 65 recycled tents were pitched by NRC on 18 April to accommodate the 172 new arrivals coming from Pagak; 100 new tents to shelter new arrivals are expected in the camp in the coming weeks. In Pugnido camp, NRC completed the 300 shelters superstructure, out of which 286 had been bamboo walled and 24 mud plastered.

Logistics

Achievements and Impact

- Flight clearance was obtained on 18 April and cross-border air drops operations resumed to South Sudan. As of 19 April, the total quantity of food airdropped from Gambella was 4,700MT through a total of 161 rotations. A total of 3,326MT and 2,665MT of food was airdropped and air lifted from Jimma and Assosa through 120 rotations and 166 rotations respectively. Coupled with this, a total of 2,500MT and 619.65MT of food was dispatched and delivered through river and road respectively

Working in partnership

- UNHCR continues to coordinate the refugee response in Gambella and a number of donors and partners continue to visit the operation. In Addis Ababa, the Refugee Task Force remains an important coordination body while several consultative meetings have been held with partners, donors and UN agencies on the flooding response.
- In Kule camp, UNHCR provided 11 bicycles to refugee leaders to facilitate their work in serving persons of concern within their area of responsibility. The refugee leaders expressed appreciation for the support. Bicycles were also distributed to all four Refugee Central Committee team leaders in Pugnido camp. ARRA distributed the bicycles.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the UNHCR operation amount to some **US\$ 22 million**, against **US\$ 153.2 million** requested for the situation, which is **14% funded** as at 22 April. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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