

KEY FIGURES

208,691

UNHCR PoC for the situation

FUNDING

USD 153.2m

requested for the UNHCR operation



PRIORITIES

- The operation focused on the relocation of refugees from Leitchuor camp to Jewi camp with daily increase in the number on each convoy with an average of over 4,000 during the reporting week. The exercise took break for the Ethiopian elections.

ETHIOPIA

UNHCR ETHIOPIA: SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION OPERATIONAL UPDATE

23-29 May 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of 42,616 refugees have been relocated from Leitchuor and Nip Nip camps to Jewi camp. Of these 2,616 are from Nip Nip and 40,000 from Leitchuor. Relocation is ongoing but was suspended between Sunday 24 and Tuesday 26 May due to the Ethiopian national elections, and recommenced on Wednesday 27 May. Nip Nip camp officially closed on 9 May. With the completion of the relocation, refugees will be safe from the consequences of the flooding as experienced last year.
- An inter-agency meeting to review the relocation was held with all partners. Immediate actions included increasing capacity of the water supply, sanitation and shelter.
- An average of 407 South Sudanese refugees arrived per day in Gambella during the week through Pagak and Akobo entry points. The cumulative figure of new arrivals from South Sudan from 15 December 2013 is 205,556 of which 71% are female and 67% are children. This brings the refugee population in Gambella to 263,691 refugees (58,135 pre-December 2013).
- UNHCR met with partners in Addis to review emergency preparedness levels as almost 6,000 South Sudanese refugees wait for registration at the border. The Government has identified suitable land close to Pugnido for an additional camp, UNHCR and ARRA have undertaken site planning and a budget proposal has been submitted to HQs for the new site.
- Level 2 registration for refugees relocated from Nip Nip was concluded in the reporting week with 2,145 individuals (471 households) registered and issued with Proof of Registration documents. Of these, 315 were Unaccompanied or Separated Children. Verification of refugees relocated from Leitchuor camp will commence in the coming week.
- 397 new arrivals were registered in Pagak this week bringing the total number of refugees awaiting relocation in Pagak to 3,939. In addition to this, 460 refugees are awaiting Level 1 registration. Distribution of High Energy Biscuits resumed. 1,355 refugees are awaiting Level 1 registration in Akobo Tiergol. UNHCR is coordinating registration with ARRA post-Election.
- Nine South Sudanese individuals who were initially registered in Kakuma were received at Kule camp. They will be registered in the coming days in consultation with ARRA. Level 2 registration of refugees relocated from transit and entry points commenced during the reporting period in Pugnido camp following completion of food distribution. Some 799 individuals were registered bringing the total number undergone Level 2 registration to 14,479. Registration of the remaining 1,600 refugees is ongoing.

Population of concern

A total of **208,691** people of concern

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- The total number of South Sudanese refugees who have entered Ethiopia since the outbreak of the conflict in mid-December 2013 is now 208,691 individuals, with an increase in the number of new arrivals observed over the past few weeks. The focus of the Gambella operation remained the relocation of refugees from flood-prone Leitchuor camp to Jewi camp as the rainy season begins in earnest. Relocation from Leitchuor and Nip Nip camps to Jewi camp was launched on 8 May 2015 and as of 26 May a total of 42,616 refugees have been relocated. There are 58,135 pre December 2013 refugees making a total of 263,691 South Sudanese refugees in Gambella. In Assosa, there are 3,135 new arrivals and 6,129 pre December 2013 refugees, making a total of 9,264. The total number of South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia is 272,955.

Achievements

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- The number of separated children received in Jewi camp so far is 4,764 (2,425 boys and 2,339 girls). Unaccompanied children total 266 (152 boys and 105 girls). NFIs are being distributed to these vulnerable children and to date 610 children have received NFIs including blankets, mats, jerry-cans and serving plates; 52 children were spontaneously reunified with their parents, some of them having been separated upon arrival in the camp.
- Plan International held a four-day training on case management for seven child protection officers (six male, one female) and 23 social workers (16 male, seven female) in Gambella. Additionally, Save the Children organized a three-day training session for 12 case workers in Tierkidi camp on alternative care arrangements.
- Save the Children established a Child-friendly Space in Jewi camp and 437 children attended. NFIs including blankets, clothes, jerry-cans (20L), mattress, plates and soap were distributed to 132 vulnerable children in Jewi.
- Some 1,020 children participated in Child-Friendly Space activities in Okugu, 7,008 in Kule, 74 in Leitchuor, 165 in Tierkidi and 2,587 in Pugnido. In Jewi camp, volleyball was introduced at the CFS by Save the Children.
- 53 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) were undertaken in Kule camp making a total of 337 to date, three in Pugnido camp making a total of 112 cases.
- Following confirmation from UNHCR branch office Juba (South Sudan) the E-files of 27 Individuals in 10 households who spontaneously returned to South Sudan were closed in the proGres database.
- In Pugnido camp, the protection team visited the detention centre at Gog district police station and confirmed the presence of four refugees in detention. According to the police one was arrested in Agnuak site on charges of assault and was released after a night in detention. The other three men were arrested in the new site on charges of attempted rape (later determined to be a false allegation) and were released after two days in detention.
- In Kule camp, NRC is distributing school bags to students at NRC ALP school and 1,400 (580 female, 820 male) students have received the school bags since 20 April. Distribution will continue in Zone G.
- In Pugnido, DICAC facilitated the 2nd semester exam for students and 595 (110 female) pupils under regular program (grade9-11) sat the mid-term exam.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- Health Information System (HIS) recording and reporting materials were distributed to health and nutrition partners in Tierkidi and Pugnido camps to improve the quality of reports. Surveillance tools (line-listing formats and case definitions) were given to health partners during the reporting period to identify and report cases timely.
- In response to Hepatitis E in Pugnido camp, more than 600 soap bars were distributed to pregnant women at antenatal care (ANC) clinic and community level by community health workers (CHWs). Hepatitis E cases continue to be reported in Pugnido camp and seven new cases were identified by health workers.

- Also to improve child health, 843 children 6-59 months of age were reached for Vitamin A supplementation and 605 children aged 12-59 months were given albendazole tablet (for deworming).
-  Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- New refugee arrivals continued at Pagak and Akobo reception sites and in Pagak 843 children between 6-59 months were supplemented with Vitamin A and 605 children between 12-59 months were de-wormed prior to relocation. ACF also started management of Severe Acute and Moderate Acute Malnourished children in Pagak.
- In Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) programs; there were 123 new severe acute malnutrition (SAM) cases admitted into the outpatient therapeutic program during the week. The caseload of children under five years with Severe Acute Malnutrition is 648 (250 Kule, 162 Tierkidi, 197 Pugnido, 39 Jewi); 327 new cases were admitted with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) for management in the Therapeutic Supplementary Feeding Program during the week. The current caseload for Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) for children under five years is 2,279 (746 Kule; 876 Tierkidi; 492 Pugnido, 165 Jewi).
- Food distributions for May were completed in Pugnido and Okugo camps. Tierkidi, Jewi and Kule food distribution commenced on 25 May.
- In Kule camp, DRC started the induction and orientation session for 20 grinding operators on general service, maintenance and management of the grinding mill. The same session will also be extended to zonal leaders, grinding mill security guards, cash collectors and grinding mill management committees in different areas including, utilization of grinding mill assets, advantages and description of grinding mill activities and roles and responsibilities of grinding mill management committees.
- May GFD delivery is ongoing but at a very slow pace. Pulses, oil and salt were not fully delivered mainly due to congestion at Djibouti port and shortage of trucks. Consequently, distribution of the general food ration was delayed in some camps. However, GFD was completed in Pugnido and Okugu camp. High Energy Biscuits were distributed to new arrivals as a reception and relocation ration.
- WFP provided a total of 12.76mt of ready-to-eat food to ARRA to be used as transit ration (three sachets per person) during the relocation of refugees from Leitchuor to Jewi camp.
- In the week, all nutrition partners (GOAL, ACF and CWW) reported that all programmes (TSFP and BSFP) were progressing well as sufficient nutrition food was prepositioned in the respective camps. ACF has received prepositioning rations for Jewi camp for both BSF and TSF programmes.
- Following the accelerated relocation, WFP erected its second rubbhall primarily to augment the warehouse capacity in Jewi. Food delivery continued to Jewi throughout the week. As the Jewi refugee population will reach 50,000 in the next two weeks, a third rubbhall will be erected soon in addition to the 700-800MT storage capacity (two rubbhalls).
- As of 22 May 2015, a total of 14,634MT, 2,500MT and 619.65MT of assorted food commodities were dispatched to South Sudan by air, road and river respectively (since the start of 2015) by WFP. The river and road operations were not active mainly due to the deteriorating security situation in the destination areas.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- In the Tierkidi and Kule permanent water system 5.6 of 8km of pressure mains from Itang to the junction are laid or 70% of the works along that line; 5.5 of 6.7 km pressure mains from junction to Kule excavated and laid, 82% of those total works. At Pagak Entry point, 20 latrines constructed by ADRA were commissioned.
- World Vision Ethiopia is drilling a second shallow well on Baro River and completed construction of a 600 m3 reservoir in Kule camp. In Jewi, the water treatment plant was upgraded from 120 to 170 m3 storage capacity. Daily average water supply is 211,000 litres.
- WASH indicators were maintained within Sphere standards; water per capita is 16lpd in Kule camp, 17.5lpd in Tierkidi, 15.5lpd in Pugnido and 22lpd in Okugo while on sanitation one toilet per 14 persons in Kule, one to 27 in Tierkidi, one to 8 in Okugo and one toilet for 32 persons in Pugnido was maintained.

Achievements and Impact

- In Jewi camp, demarcation is ongoing, with Zones A and B completely demarcated while Zone C is 40% through. ARRA has demarcated 4,500 plots in Jewi.
- In Kule camp, NRC completed the 3km road construction except for fords and some minor correction works. The office complex construction is at 75% completion. In Kule camp Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) road construction works are at 90%.



Shelter

Achievements and Impact

- In Jewi camp, DRC has constructed 1,185 emergency shelters and NRC 748 shelters making a total of 1,933 emergency shelters; 10 communal shelters were constructed by NRC and five communal tents and one rubbish hall from UNICEF were pitched and assembled for use as temporary shelter for relocated refugees.
- In Terkidi camp, DRC has completed (94%) 787 of the planned 835 transitional shelters while NRC has completed (88%) 2,554 transitional shelters of the planned 2,880, 326 transitional shelters are being plastered by refugees.
- In Kule camp, NRC has completed (80%) 2,390 transitional shelters of the planned 2,970
- In Pugnido camp, NRC has completed (6%) 32 transitional shelters of the planned 486; NRC reported that they are collecting grass from far distances hence the slow pace. They have however managed to secure 6,000 bundles of grass which will be enough to roof approximately 300 transitional shelters.



Logistics & NFI

Achievements and Impact

- Supply Unit in Gambella organized logistics and transportation of assorted core relief items (CRIs) to various refugee camps as follows:
- 40,000 pieces of soap (10 metric tons) were dispatched to Okugo camp in Dimma. The soap will cover refugee needs for the next six months. This is part of prepositioning of stocks before the road leading to Okugo camp is cut off by rains as the rainy season is underway. In addition 414kg of plumpy'nut and 45kg of Therapeutic milk were released to ARRA in Okugo.
- 6,983kg of plumpy'nut was issued and collected by CONCERN worldwide operating in Pugnido camp for Nutrition Program. In addition CONCERN Worldwide collected 15 plastic rolls for Nutrition related activities in Pugnido.
- 5,550 pieces of plastics sheets were dispatched and transported by UNHCR truck to Jewi camp for DRC for construction of emergency shelter commonly known as "Bajaj". In addition 40 rolls were released to DRC in Jewi for emergency latrines.
- DCA/NCA collected 20 plastic rolls for WASH activities in Jewi camp.
- MSF-France collected 30 pieces of blankets and 30 pieces of sleeping mats for caretakers in Jewi camp.
- IMC requested 20 plastic sheets for construction of Hanger for Women Friendly Space in Jewi camp. Plastic sheets were collected by the respective partner.
- Transported one rubbish hall provided by UNICEF in Gambella to Jewi camp for reception related activities.
- IOM continued to refuel commercial buses currently engaged in the relocation of refugees from Leitchuor to Gambella. IOM has exhausted an approved 15,000 litres of diesel fuel.
- Supply Unit in Gambella received three commercial trucks from Addis Ababa and Djibouti which delivered assorted accessories and furniture for prefabs. In addition SO Gambella received one truck with 9,999kg of plumpy nuts and the third truck delivered one rubbish hall from UNICEF Addis Ababa.
- Supply Unit organized two flight rotations to Akobo and eleven rotations to Leitchuor axis for relocation of refugees with special needs totalling 13 flight rotations within the reporting period. A total of 300 passengers mostly vulnerable refugees were relocated from Leitchuor to Gambella by the helicopter. Among organizations that utilized the services during the reporting period were UNHCR, UNICEF, ZOA, ARRA and Government Officials.

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.

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 19 May. 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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