

414,052,136 USD

Requested for the operation

Funded
26.89%

Gap
73.11%



SOUTH SUDAN

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Go-and-see visit:** On 14 and 15 July, UNHCR organized a go-and-see visit to Yambio and Makpandu refugee settlement for representatives of 510 asylum seekers based at Juba POC site (UN House II). The 8 Somali, Eritrean and Ethiopian asylum seeker representatives will consult further with their communities and UNHCR before reaching any decision on relocation.
- **Relocation of IDP at Bentiu POC:** Over 51,000 IDPs are reported to have been moved to the new extension sites in the reporting period. Residents of the old sub-POC 4 have largely been moved out to the new site. Dismantling and clearing of the old site is under way. According to IOM biometric registration, there are now 87,175 individuals in Bentiu POC.

Current population of concern

IDPs since 15 Dec
2013



1,600,000

Of them, 166,142 IDPs reside in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

Refugees in South
Sudan



265,887

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- On 21 July, Human Rights Watch release a report citing widespread atrocities committed by South Sudanese Government forces and allied groups during the latest military offensive in Unity State.
- Rubkona County and Bentiu town, Unity State, appeared to be calm, allowing civilians to move around. Makeshift markets and shops have opened in the town. Night theft and robbery remains a challenge in the Protection of Civilians (POC) site. UNPOL intensified its patrols, and arrested 4 suspects.
- According to media reports, hundreds of people are facing starvation due to drought and poor harvests in Eastern Equatoria State. The most affected areas are Chukudum and the 3 Kapoeta counties.
- NGOs in Yei continue to express their concern regarding killings and robbery on the Yei-Juba road, and the cost of driving via Uganda to Juba.
- In media interviews, the Commissioner of Kajo-Keji Road announced that transport between Juba and Kajo-Keji in Central Equatoria State has been suspended indefinitely following the recent killing of five people on the road.
- A dispute over teachers' pay in USD or SSP in Gendrassa refugee camp, Maban County, Upper Nile State, is still unresolved.
- IDPs in Bor POC site (population 2,289), Jonglei State, have been banned from leaving the site for their own safety, after one IDP who left the camp was killed.

REFUGEE RESPONSE



Protection

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- 112 refugees arrived in Yida in the week leading up to 14 July, when 121 refugees were relocated from Yida to Ajuong Thok (AT), among them 11 who were previously registered in Yida. 15,086 refugees have been relocated from Yida to AT since 23 December 2014. AT's registered population is 30,266 individuals in 10,459 households.
- There was no Yida-AT relocation convoy on 21 July because the number registered was too small. The next convoy will be on 23 July.
- 23 separated children (15F/8M) and 6 unaccompanied children (1F/5M) were received in AT in the most recent relocation convoy from Yida.
- 121 girls were reached with SGBV education sessions at school in AT.
- 155 persons were reached with SGBV messages and 94 others sensitized in AT on the denial of educational opportunities, physical assault and the importance of timely reporting.
- In Yida UNHCR de-registered 110 refugees after they were reported to have returned to Sudan's South Kordofan State.

Upper Nile State

- 197 refugees who arrived in Upper Nile State from Kurmuk in Sudan's Blue Nile State between 3 June and 20 July were registered in Kaya camp on 21 July.
- Decongestion of Doro camp and construction of shelters continued: 76 households of family size 8 and above in Chali-1 community received all shelter materials and started construction. 58 households also received shelter materials (poles) in Chali-2 community.
- Preparations for refugee biometric verification in Kaya camp on 27 July are under way.
- UNHCR participated in two days of training organized by Save the Children on family tracing, family reunification, case management, communication and child protection to improve the capacities of child protection actors.
- ACTED and UNHCR, in collaboration with International Medical Corps (IMC), facilitated an awareness campaign on female genital mutilation/cutting attended by 25 female youths and 500 school pupils in Gendrassa and Kaya camps.

 Access to Energy

Achievements and Impact
Unity State

- 2,239 fuel efficient stoves (FES) were produced by CARE and refugees in 2014 and up to mid-July 2015, meaning that 21.4 per cent of the 10,459 households in Ajuong Thok (AT) refugee camp have one. The target for the end of 2015 is 4,000 households (an estimated 30 per cent coverage). Refugees in AT are also using 600 iron FES donated by WFP.

 Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact
Unity State

- 20,000 tree seedlings have been distributed so far this year in Ajuong Thok, exceeding CARE's initial target of 15,000.

 Education

Achievements and Impact
Upper Nile State

- Materials have been pre-positioned for construction of 10 new classrooms in Doro camp, while DRC has started construction of 8 new classrooms in Batil, following completion of the upgrade of 32 classrooms with perimeter walls.

Identified needs and remaining gaps
Western Equatoria State

- The pupil-teacher ratios in Makpandu and Napere primary schools are 43:1 and 52:1 respectively, falling short of the UNHCR standard of a maximum of 40.

 Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact
Unity State

- General Food Distribution (GFD) was completed in Ajuong Thok (AT) on 15-17 July and in Yida from 13-18 July. Refugees received 100 per cent of all the commodities with the exception of salt which is not available in the pipeline.
- In the treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) without medical complications (OTP) in AT, there are currently 59 children enrolled, while 338 are enrolled in the moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) treatment programme (TSFP). Programme performance indicators are commendable since the cure rate is above the 75% threshold, with no deaths. The OTP cure rate is 78.6% and the TSFP programme cure rate is 86%.
- Nutrition screening of new arrivals in AT was conducted with 30 children screened during the week, 1 (3.3%) child had SAM while 2 (6.6%) had MAM. MUAC and weight-for-height are used to screen for malnutrition among new arrivals.
- The TSFP programme in Yida had an 85.1% cure rate (40). In the OTP, 16 (84%) were discharged as cured.
- Yida: During the routine active case-finding by community nutrition volunteers, 2,657 children aged 6 to 59 months were screened for malnutrition using MUAC. Of the screened children, 54 (2.0%) had MAM and 18 (0.7%) had SAM. The MUAC malnutrition findings are within acceptable levels, less than 10%.

- 50 children received vitamin A supplementation and 28 dewormed in Yida.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Unity State

- The number of children enrolled in nutrition programmes continues to rise in AT. This is attributed to the increased population and episodes of diarrhoea and respiratory tract infections which increase in the rainy season.



Health

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria State

- 1,138 cholera cases, including 38 deaths, have been reported in Juba County since 1 June. No refugee camps are affected at the present time.

Unity State

- 1,370 patients (5 per cent host community members) were provided with consultation services in Ajuong Thok (AT).
- The health facility utilization rate in AT was 2.1 (within UNHCR standard of 2-4).
- 68 patients (57 refugees) were admitted to the 2 health centres in AT.
- The bed occupancy rate in AT was at 86 per cent with average length of stay 2.6 days.
- 47 new antenatal care visits (42 refugees, 5 host community) were made in AT.
- 16 deliveries (15 refugees; 1 host community member) were performed in AT.
- 12 new users of family planning methods were recorded among refugees in AT.
- The malfunctioning oxygen concentrator in AT has been repaired and is now fully functional. There are plans to procure a second oxygen concentrator.
- 111 women (30 attending for the first time) participated in a skill-building session at the Women and Girls Wellness Centre in AT.

Upper Nile State

- Mentor Initiative has started identification of volunteers and meeting community leaders to kick-start malaria prevention in the camps in response to the reported seasonal increase of malaria cases.
- Routine nutrition activities by health and nutrition partners are ongoing in all four camps.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- Ajuong Thok: IRC assessed 9 women with special needs and supported them with NFIs like clothes, underwear and soap.
- Yida: 202 persons with special needs in Yida refugee settlement received core relief items, including blankets, buckets, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, jerry cans and plastic sheets during the week.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- Ajuong Thok: 37 family and 2 communal latrines were constructed across the camp, giving a cumulative figure of 479 communal latrines and 2,537 family latrines. Crude latrine coverage is 11 persons per drop hole which meets UNHCR standards of a maximum of 20 persons per drop hole.
- 43 learners (23 female) attended hygiene sessions at Napata, Soba and Makuria schools on the causes and prevention of cholera.
- Yida: 69 shared family and 8 institutional latrines were constructed; 41 shared family latrines were decommissioned.
- In response to acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) in Yida, 996 refugees (including 117 new arrivals) participated in awareness and education sessions on AWD causes and prevention.

Upper Nile State

- Medair has completed installation of solar power at one borehole in Batil, meaning that the camp now has 3 solarized boreholes.

Western Equatoria State

- 3 borehole platforms and drainage systems were rehabilitated in Makpandu refugee settlement in Blocks 1 and 3.
- Message dissemination on water safety and hand washing was carried out in Napere settlement, reaching 698 people (139 men, 147 women, 197 boys and 215 girls).

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Central Equatoria State

- UNHCR partner ACROSS repaired 1 borehole that had been vandalized in Lasu settlement; water taps had also been removed at 3 water points. ACROSS promised to fix the taps next week and also share their findings on 5 boreholes vandalized in Lasu settlement during the previous week.



Logistics

Unity State

- In Ajuong Thok UNHCR partner UNOPS has received a 20,000 litre delivery of fuel from Bentiu, enabling it to continue its road clearing operations.
- Two large tankers each with a carrying capacity of 40,000 litres of fuel, are in Bentiu and awaiting permission to depart.

IDP RESPONSE



Protection

Achievements and Impact

- The Protection Cluster held a meeting with protection actors and UNMISS components (Corrections, Police and Human Rights) on 14 July to discuss protection issues pertaining to the detention of IDPs in UNMISS holding facilities, especially regarding vulnerable groups such as children and persons with mental health issues. A special working group was created to follow-up on issues and proposals, including the development of a national-level SOP for all facilities.

Jonglei State

- 18 children were flown from Bor POC to Akobo on 17 July. They are some of the 23 children verified some time ago in the POC as unaccompanied minors/separated children.

- A UNHCR Protection monitoring exercise at Bor dockside and in Bor town identified 12 vulnerable households who will be verified and assisted with NFIs.

Unity State

- The Unity State Protection Cluster discussed, among other things, latrine construction in the new Bentiu POC extension sites to mitigate SGBV incidents.
- At the weekly coordination meeting with Government authorities in Bentiu town, the authorities requested UNHCR to assist IDPs vacating occupied public facilities. It was agreed to form a Task Force so humanitarian agencies and the authorities can agree on coordinated interventions.
- About 87,175 IDPs (22,530 households) have been registered through the IOM biometric and temporary registration system in Bentiu POC. Similarly, 5,895 individuals (1,782 HHs) have been registered by IOM in Bentiu town.
- UNHCR is to supply an additional 100 solar street lights to support lighting around the POC extension perimeter. UNMISS has begun installing 15 solar street lights in various extension site locations.

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR and the Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) conducted protection monitoring at IDP sites in Orti and Banchul. Protection concerns reported include tensions between the host community and IDPs over access to water and agricultural land, livestock theft and access to NFI assistance. HDC, in coordination with the Government's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) and *payam* administrators will take a lead in ensuring that the host community and IDPs live peacefully together.
- On 13 July, DRC, supported by UNHCR, finalized seed and tool distributions to the host community villages of Liang and Kanyaji in Benshawa *payam*, targeting 786 households/2,330 individuals.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Unity State

- The situation in southern Unity State continued to be of concern given reports of ongoing targeted and systematic attacks against civilians. The Protection Cluster nationally continued to engage with partners to inform an advocacy note to UNMISS, as well as to participate in the planning process for UNMISS integrated long-distance patrols to the area.
- A number of children estimated to be aged 10-14 have been seen in Bentiu and Rubkona wearing military uniforms, and carrying rifles and ammunition in the company of soldiers. The Unity State Child Protection subcommittee has been tasked with addressing the issue urgently with the relevant UNMISS units to request the authorities to stop such acts, based on agreed memoranda of understanding.
- The presence of over 100,000 cattle in Bentiu and Rubkona towns is causing friction and fighting between cattle raiders and alleged owners. Some cattle have entered the POC - against UNMISS regulations - and this is also contributing to tension within the POC. The authorities have promised to drive the cattle away once vaccination has been completed by FAO and its partners. However, a date for completion of the vaccination has not yet been fixed.

Lakes State

- Mingkaman: There is limited Protection coverage of IDPs in Marik, Yolakot and Kalthok due to the limited number of Protection actors. Budgets permitting, partners follow-up with clusters on assistance, and this has proved fruitful in some instances.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- Bentiu POC: Over 51,000 IDPs are reported to have been moved to the new extension sites in the reporting period.

- Residents of the old sub-POC 4 have largely been moved out to the new site. Dismantling and clearing of the old site is under way.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Jonglei State

- Lack of funding to purchase and distribute charcoal was the main pressing issue in Bor POC raised at camp management meetings. The ban on departures from the POC site (see Operational Context, above) could make matters worse as women who used to collect firewood near the POC will no longer be able to do so.

Lakes State

- Mingkaman: The limited number of radio sets available to IDP site populations is hampering their ability to listen to campaigns being aired on the radio.

Unity State

- The number of IDPs in Bentiu POC is increasing, hence the urgent need for more space in the new extension. UNMISS has promised to share the concern with senior UNMISS officers in Juba.
- Fencing of the POC perimeter is still pending, allowing armed groups to penetrate the site, and threatening the safety of IDPs in the POC.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Jonglei State

- On 15 July UNHCR and HDC went to Baidit *payam* to monitor a shelter project where HDC has so far constructed 11 houses for the most vulnerable IDPs (2 of them are occupied).

Lakes State

- Mingkaman: HDC received materials, including plastic sheeting, for the repair and rehabilitation of 150 shelters for vulnerable persons.
- On 18 July 2 Africa Action Help (AAH) trucks arrived in Mingkaman transporting NFIs comprising 2,400 mosquito nets, 1,320 plastic sheets, 520 bars of soap and 1,001 kitchen sets.

Unity State

- UNHCR distributed NFIs to 793 most vulnerable IDPs in Bentiu town - blankets, mosquito nets, plastic mats, jerrycans, kitchen sets, buckets, soap, sanitary towels and women's underwear.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Unity State

- The NFI/Shelter cluster is still short of basic NFIs to meet the dire needs of IDPs in Bentiu POC. The cluster also indicated that it does not have the capacity to distribute NFIs outside the POC.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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