

UNHCR UGANDA

UPDATE FOR THE SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY

04-17 September, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of 165,612 South Sudanese refugees have been received in the country since the onset of the influx, including 100,684 in Adjumani; 17,478 in Arua; 39,780 in Kiryandongo; and 7,526 in Kampala.
- In Adjumani, the period (September 1-14) saw a total of 1420 South Sudanese refugees seeking safety and protection in Uganda, with an average daily arrival of 101 individuals. The number of new arrivals is still significant albeit stable compared to the last weeks of August
- In Arua, 139 South Sudanese refugees arrived in the country this week with a daily arrival of 13 people. This is a significant decrease compared to last month, attributed to the stability ushered in by the recent signed peace deal between the warring factions of President Salva Kiir and Riek Machar.
- In Arua, reported tribal clashes involving Dinkas and the indigenous cattle-keeping communities from Sika Rumbek, 1 km away from Maridi town, left eight people dead. Several homes were reportedly set ablaze. Shops remain closed and Dinkas are manning roadblocks along major roads bringing business in Maridi to a standstill. Based on the current tense and volatile situation, the security officers at Oraba border warn of a possible likelihood of a mini influx.



South Sudanese refugees at Ocea RC boarding a truck for relocation to their villages. @UNHCR/J.Nsengimana, September 2015

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- In Adjumani, the majority of the new arrivals are of Madi ethnicity from Eastern Equatoria, citing harassment and sexual violations from soldiers deployed in Pageri after an attack on the SPLA base last month. Others are of the Dinka and the Nuer tribes from Bentiu and Malakal respectively, where fights have also been reported. The refugees say that even after the recent signing of a peace deal, there are still sporadic clashes in Malakal in Upper Nile State with hunger and lack of basic services as the major reasons for flight.
- War Child Canada (WCC) a protection operational partner officially launched its operations in Arua, with a project, 'Justice for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in Acute Emergencies.' WCC has secured \$714,777 funding from BPRM/USAID, under the 'Safe from the start program,' that has been implemented in Rhino camp settlement through DRC-DDG since last year. WCC committed to liaise with key protection partners for Arua and Koboko to harmonize their activities.
- National selection of implementing partners for 2016 is ongoing. A multi-functional team, with representation from field offices is conducting the exercise expected to be concluded at the end of the week at UNHCR offices in Kampala.
- In Arua, UNHCR together with OPM supported Rhino camp refugee welfare council leadership with 86 bicycles to facilitate their movements in mobilising communities on various issues. The beneficiaries included 56 males and 33 females.

Protection

Achievements and Impacts

- In Adjumani, a total of 1,889 refugees (461 households) were relocated to Maaji new site and Boroli settlements. In Maaji, several services including boreholes and water-trucking, communal latrines, roads opening and solar lights were established to improve the reception conditions.

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)

- Over 250 girls aged between 14-18 years in Mirieyi, Mungula 1 and 11, Alere, Olijji, Olua 1 and 11 camps were sensitised on SGBV. The topics covered included SGBV related psychosocial care and general health.

Education

Achievements and Impacts

- Primary and secondary schools opened for third term on September 7, ending the approximately one month-long recess.
- In Arua, WTU held a general village education committee meeting prior to the start of third term school calendar with all RWC I chairpersons, secretaries of education, security and women representatives in the 14 villages at Yoro base Camp. Over 70 members including IP staff, head teachers of the settlement schools and refugee leadership attended. The meeting aimed to improve community-particularly parents', participation in education activities, enrolment and retention of pupils. It also looked at how to improve safety and maintenance of school property. The Education committees were urged to mobilize parents and children to go to school.
- In Adjumani, a significant increase in primary school enrolment has been observed, with 13000 (7453 male, 5547 female) against last term's 8553 (5488 male, 3065 female), in the first week of reporting.

- Overall, despite the fact that attendance rates for boys are still higher, the ongoing community awareness raising efforts on the importance of education plus software infrastructural developments (construction of new classrooms, supply of desks and scholastic materials, recruitment of additional teachers) seem to be paying off.

Health

Achievements and Impacts

- In Arua, four school hygiene sensitization campaigns were conducted in ECD centres, with a focus on oral hygiene. A total of 417 children aged between 4 to 10 years were reached. Several age-relevant topics were covered including importance of brushing teeth, dangers of eating sugary things, and demonstrations were conducted on how to brush teeth. The outreaches were premised on the fact that oral hygiene is a big challenge among children in the villages due to poor parental support and care in the homes.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impacts

- The average portable water supply across Rhino camp was augmented to 19 litres per person per day from the previous 17.9 after one motorized water system in Tika villages (source at Tika V serving Tika II, IV and V) was completed besides the 4000m pipeline extension from Odobu II village to Wanyange block B.
- In Arua, 10 temporary latrines stances at Ocea reception centre were completed as well as 10 bathing shelters. And 01 additional water point of 06 tap outlets was set up by Oxfam as an extension to 10m3 reserve water tank.

Working in partnership

UNHCR and OPM work in partnership with:

Kiryandongo refugee settlement

Government partners: OPM, Kiryandongo District Local Government (KDLG) and the Uganda Police Force.

Humanitarian partners: Action Contre la Faim (ACF), Concern Worldwide (CWW), AIRD, Inter-Aid Uganda (IAU), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Real Medicine Foundation (RMF), Samaritan's Purse (SP), Transcultural Psychosocial Organization Uganda (TPO), UNICEF, UNWFP, Save the Children International (SCI), Feed the Hungry, Windle Trust Uganda (WTU), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS), Africa Development Corps (ADC) and War Child Canada.

West Nile

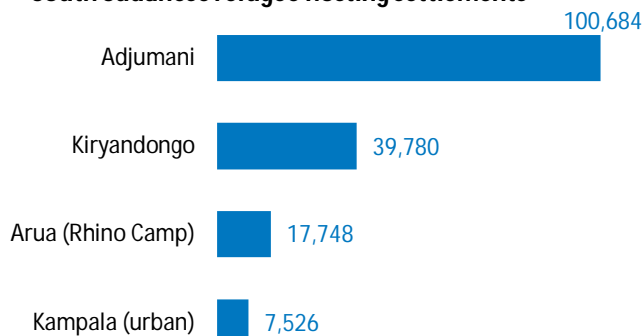
Government partners in all locations: OPM, Adjumani, Arua and Koboko DLG authorities, various technical departments, and Uganda Police Force.

Adjumani humanitarian partners: AAH-U, ACF, ACORD, ADRA, Welthungerhilfe (WHH)/Concern Worldwide(CWW) as Alliance 2015, Baylor, Caritas, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), DRC-DDG, HelpAge International, IOM, LWF, Marie Stopes, MSF-F, MTI, OXFAM, PLAN, SCIU, UNFPA, UNICEF, URCS/ICRC, TPO, War Child Canada, WFP, WHO, WTI and WVI.

Arua humanitarian partners: ACAV, ADRA, AIRD, Care International, Caritas, Concern World Wide, International Aid Services (IAS), IOM, DRC-DDG, Global Refuge International (GRI), KATO, Malteser international, MTI, NRC, Oxfam, SCIU, URCS/ICRC, Touch Africa, WTI, War Child Canada, WFP, Rice and UNICEF.

BASIC DATA VISUALIZATION:

South Sudanese refugee hosting settlements

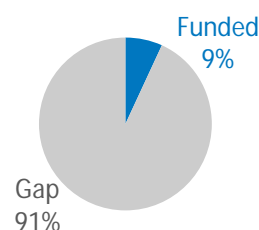


2015 Interagency South Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan - Uganda needs: USD 220,607,768

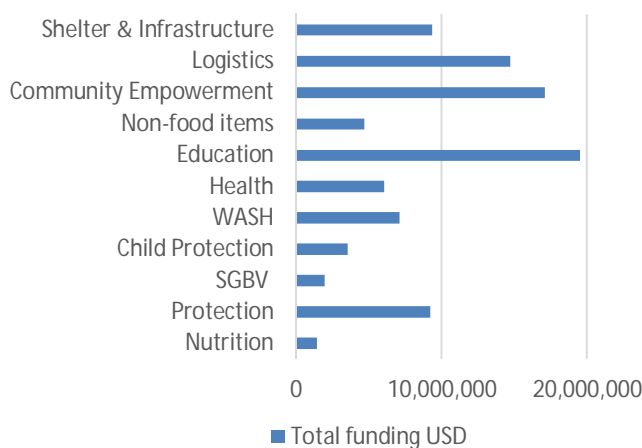


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