

419,053,572 USD

Funding requested for comprehensive needs (27 per cent funded so far)

143,921,611 USD

Funding requested for top priority activities (80 per cent funded so far)

SOUTH SUDAN

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **An inter-agency team assesses IDPs' needs in opposition-controlled area in northern Jonglei:** UNHCR joined an inter-agency rapid needs assessment in opposition-controlled Kalopach on 6-8 October to follow up on reports from the County Commissioner of over 17,000 IDPs in the payam. Preliminary findings show, among others, that IDPs are well accepted and integrated in the local community, but resources are scarce and absorption capacity exhausted. IDPs and host communities are in great need of food, non-food items, health, education and WASH. Family reunification was reported as a priority need in a context where families were separated due to rapid and sudden flight.
- **South Sudanese authorities intercepts the first organized mixed migration movement in the country:** The South Sudanese authorities released a group of 75 mixed migrants of mostly Somali origin (56 men and 19 women) who had been intercepted in Aweil and then detained in Wau. The authorities established that this group had travelled through Kenya, Uganda and then South Sudan with the intention of crossing to Sudan. The authorities confirmed that the smugglers escaped and stated that this is the first organized mixed migration movement intercepted in the country. UNHCR and IOM followed the situation closely and sensitized the authorities about migrants' rights and their right to seek asylum. None of the mixed migrants wished to seek asylum or intended to stay in South Sudan.
- **IDPs in Maban receive a 15-day stock of food rations:** In Maban, UNHCR in coordination with WFP and partners Humanitarian Development Consortium and Samaritan's Pursue provided a 15-day stock of food rations to 11,059 IDPs in nine displacement sites around Bunj town.
- **In Yida, children and mothers receive supplementary food:** In Yida, UNHCR partner Samaritan's Pursue carried out Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) for 4,364 children aged 6 to 23 months and 4,954 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW).

Current population of concern

IDPs since 15
December 2013



1,650,000

Of them, 184,282 IDPs reside in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

Refugees in South
Sudan



265,770

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- In separated statements, the Troika (Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States) and the European Union have expressed serious concerns about President Kiir's plan to replace South Sudan's 10 states with 28 new states (as established by a presidential decree issued on 2 October) and have urged him to defer action on this matter until the Transitional Government of National Unity is formed.
- The UN Security Council adopted a resolution on 9 October to extend the mandate of the UN Mission in South Sudan until 15 December 2015 and requested the Secretary-General to conduct a mandate review within 45 days, including by providing both an assessment and recommendations for "necessary civilian and force structure capabilities" for UNMISS deployment. The resolution also called for the Secretary-General to make available technical assistance for setting up a hybrid court for South Sudan.
- The overall security situation in Upper Nile State continues to be fluid. On 6 October, armed clashes were reported in the area of Athekong between Lelo and Warijwok - approximately 2 km west of Malakal town. The existing tensions and possibility of armed clashes, in addition to the lack of means of subsistence, have led to frequent displacements of the local population, including to the Protection of Civilians (POC) site in Malakal. Criminality remains an issue of major concern in Maban, where several international NGOs' facilities have been robbed.

REFUGEE RESPONSE



Protection

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR completed biometric verification of refugees in Kaya camp and Gendrassa camp, while 11,265 individuals have been so far verified in Doro camp. Some 2,097 cases were inactivated and another 824 were closed based on information received from family members. Upon verification, UNHCR identified 122 child protection cases of various categories and referred them to relevant partners for follow-up, including cases of early and forced marriage, separated children and children with disabilities.
- UNHCR identified and referred to relevant partners 16 cases of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in Maban camps.

Unity State

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR received ten separated children from Yida and organized foster care for eight of them, in addition to reuniting one girl with her parents. A total of 60 foster families received supplementary food and non-food items to help them better provide for their foster children.
- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR identified and provided with clothing and material support 49 vulnerable children and another 27 women at risk of sexual exploitation and abuse.
- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR distributed sanitary materials to 345 girls in Merowe and Napata primary schools.

Central Equatoria State

- UNHCR in partnership with ACROSS completed the distribution of second-hand clothing and laundry soap for 1,864 refugees in Gorom settlement, including 294 female-headed households (884 individuals).
- UNHCR relocated to Juba town 33 asylum-seekers from Ethiopia and Eritrea who had been living in a transiting facility in the outskirts of Juba since 8 September 2015, when UNMISS closed POC 2 site. The asylum seekers were provided with a grant and non-food items. To date, UNHCR facilitated the relocation of 494 asylum seekers to Juba town, urban Yambio area and Makpandu settlement.

Western Equatoria State

- UNHCR facilitated the reunification of a returnee family from Cameroon with their relatives in Yambio. The family comprising of husband, wife and three daughters was provided with a relocation grant and non-food items.

Western Bahr al Ghazal State

- The South Sudanese authorities released a group of 75 mixed migrants of mostly Somali origin (56 men and 19 women) who had been intercepted in Aweil and then detained in Wau. The authorities established that this group had travelled through Kenya, Uganda and then South Sudan with the intention of crossing to Sudan. Among them were 33 individuals with valid Somali passports and visas, 24 with valid Kenyan temporary residence permits, three asylum seekers and 15 undocumented individuals. The authorities confirmed that the smugglers escaped and stated that this is the first organized mixed migration movement intercepted in the country. UNHCR and IOM followed the situation closely and sensitized the authorities at a central and field level about migrants' rights and their right to seek asylum as well as the need to establish whether there were victims of trafficking within the group. None of the mixed migrants wished to seek asylum or intended to stay in South Sudan.

**Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance****Achievements and Impact****Central Equatoria State**

- UNHCR partner ACROSS distributed vegetable seeds and tools to 452 host community families in Lasu payam as part of UNHCR's efforts to support the livelihoods of local communities in Asole and Lasu Boma.

Western Equatoria State

- UNHCR distributed agricultural implements and seeds to 473 host community families in Makpandu.

**Education****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile State**

- UNHCR delivered a total of 26,844 primary school textbooks (primary 1 to 8) to partners Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and Save the Children International (SCI) in Maban County for further distribution in refugee schools.

Unity State

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner LWF conducted a training for 29 primary and secondary school teachers on teachers' code of conduct, child protection policy, and teaching methodology.

Central Equatoria State

- UNHCR partner ACROSS distributed scholastic materials to primary and secondary schools in Lasu refugee settlement, including 3,396 exercises books and assorted stationery.

Western Equatoria State

- UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) distributed a three-month stock of dignity kits and laundry soap to 84 girls at Makpandu Primary School.

Identified needs and remaining gaps**Western Equatoria State**

- In Makpandu Secondary School, teachers stressed the need for more texts for teaching literatures and bibles.

**Food Security and Nutrition****Achievements and Impact****Unity State**

- In Yida, UNHCR partner Samaritan's Pursue carried out Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) for 4,364 children aged 6 to 23 months and 4,954 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW).

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR partners ACTED and Danish Refugee Council (DRC) carried out October's general food distribution in Kaya, Doro, Yusuf Batil and Gendrassa camps, reaching more than 134,000 refugees. However, the food basket did not include pulses, cooking oil and salt, in addition to consisting of 70 per cent of the standard food rations, as per WFP's implementation of 30 per cent food reduction from August 2015.

**Health****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile State**

- UNHCR partner International Medical Corps (IMC) took over from MSF-Belgium the Belila Primary Health Care Unit in Doro camp, ensuring a smooth transition and running of services.
- UNHCR partner IMC conducted a training for 57 community health promoters on expanded programme of immunization to help increase immunization coverage among the refugee population.

Central Equatoria State

- In solidarity with the victims of the fuel tanker explosion in Maridi in mid-September, UNHCR donated relief items to the 65 patients who are currently receiving treatment at Juba Teaching Hospital, including NFIs and medicines.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- Humanitarian partners operating in Maban lack the capacity and willingness to take over Gentil Hospital should MSF-Holland scale down or close its activities at the end of the year.

**Shelter and NFIs****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile State**

- In Doro camp, UNHCR partner DRC completed 1,289 shelters of the planned 2,130, while in Gendrassa camp UNHCR partner ACTED constructed 724 shelters of the planned 768.

Identified needs and remaining gaps**Unity State**

- In Ajuong Thok, the construction of transitional shelters for refugees –implemented by UNHCR partner DRC- has been hampered due to lack of funding. Most refugees still live in emergency shelters of plastic sheets. Further, the recent rainstorms have damaged many emergency shelters, for which replacement of plastic sheets is needed.
- UNHCR trucks carrying construction materials for Ajuong Thok got stuck on the way to Juba due to heavy rains and poor road conditions. As a result, a number of construction projects were delayed, including the expansion of the camp clinic and the Hospital in Pariang.

**Water and Sanitation****Achievements and Impact****Unity State**

- In Ajuong Thok, water availability stood at 11.4 liters per person per day and the latrine ratio per person ratio was equal to 1:9, which is within the UNHCR standard of a maximum of 20 persons per drop hole.
- In Yida, water availability stood at 14 liter per person per day and the latrine ratio person ratio was equal to 1:9.5.

IDP RESPONSE



Protection

OPERATIONS

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- In Maban, UNHCR in coordination with WFP and partners Humanitarian Development Consortium and Samaritan's Pursue provided a 15-day stock of food rations to 11,059 IDPs in nine displacement sites around Bunj town.

Unity State

- A total of 2,822 individuals (782 families) sought safety at the Protection of Civilians site in Bentiu during the reporting period. They arrived mainly from Leer, Mayendit, Guit, Rubkona and Koch, citing deterioration in the security situation and severe food shortage as reasons for fleeing. During IOM-led registration, UNHCR identified and assisted with non-food items 382 vulnerable individuals, mostly elderly and single parents with small children. A number of rape cases, occurred during flight, were also identified and referred to relevant partners for medical and psychosocial attention. Among the new arrivals, UNHCR found ten separated children and seven unaccompanied minors, some of whom were reunited with their families at Bentiu POC.

Jonglei State

- UNHCR joined an inter-agency rapid needs assessment (IRNA) in opposition-controlled Kalopach on 6-8 October to follow up on reports from the County Commissioner of over 17,000 IDPs in the *payam*. Preliminary findings show, among others, that IDPs are well accepted and integrated in the local community, but resources are scarce and absorption capacity exhausted. IDPs and host communities are in need of food, non-food items, health, education and WASH. Family reunification was reported as a priority need in a context where families were separated due to rapid and sudden flight. Most IDPs indicated their intention to return home once the situation returns to normal.

Eastern Equatoria State

- In Nimule, UNHCR in collaboration with WFP and Action for Development (AFOD) distributed food rations to 5,257 IDPs at Melijo and Baptist Church IDP sites, including sorghum, cooking oil and pulse.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Jonglei State

- In Mingkaman UNHCR partner HDC distributed 2,114 plastic sheets to 12,684 IDPs recently affected by rains and floods.
- In Rumbek, UNHCR in collaboration with Plan International and Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) distributed non-food items to 100 families who had lost their houses in a fire.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to USD 113,809,602 as of 15 September 2015. 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 earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

Funding received (in USD)

USA	90,300,000
Japan	10,016,945
ECHO	3,769,682
Canada	1,573,564
United Kingdom	1,538,462
CHF - SSD	1,488,963
CERF	1,451,678
Republic of Korea	800,000
Luxembourg	625,782
Switzerland	520,291
UN Prog. On HIV/AIDS	490,000
The Church of Latter-day Saint	336,548
France	250,000