

## KEY FIGURES

**2,442**

Number of new arrivals on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July (as per field reports)

**37,890**

Number of new arrivals since 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (as per field reports)

**33,838\***

Number of new arrivals registered since 1<sup>st</sup> January in Uganda (RIMS) (as of end of June)

**229,176\***

Total number of South Sudanese refugees registered in Uganda (RIMS) (as of end of June)

\*Figures (not updated daily) according to Uganda Government Refugee Information Management System (RIMS)

## PRIORITIES

- Rapid opening of the newly identified settlement area in Yumbe.

# UGANDA

## EMERGENCY UPDATE ON THE SOUTH SUDAN REFUGEE SITUATION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- **The number of South Sudanese refugees fleeing to Uganda decreased slightly yesterday**, with 2,442 people crossing the border.
- 1,213 refugees crossed in to Uganda using the Elegu border point (Adjumani axis), 247 in Moyo, 57 in Lamwo and 370 in Oraba (Arua axis). 555 refugees were received at Kiryandongo Reception Centre. The number of daily new arrivals over the last week is now more than 4,000, an increase compared to around 1,500 ten days ago.
- Following an inter-agency assessment mission, it has been decided to open a new settlement area in Yumbe district. The new settlement could potentially host up to 100,000 refugees and already has a number of facilities in place on account of it having previously been used to host refugees and internally displaced people in the past.
- Around half of new arrivals are fleeing from Eastern Equatoria, with the remainder arriving from Juba and other areas in South Sudan. New arrivals report that they fled South Sudan as they fear that violence could erupt at any minute. This has been compounded by the news that the SPLA-IO has reportedly replaced Riek Machar as their leader with Taban Deng Gai.
- According to arriving refugees, there is a strong security presence along the Juba to Nimule road. New arrivals in Arua report that there are a number of restrictions on roads leading out of the country, with one claiming he passed 27 road blocks before reaching Uganda. Others are claiming that armed gunmen manning the road blocks are demanding money from people if they wish to pass.
- More than 30,000 people are staying in collection points, transit centres and reception centres. There is an urgent need to open up new settlement areas in order to relocate these people and to allow the centres to be decongested so that they have room for new arrivals.
- 300 people spent the night at Elegu collection point, less than its 1,000-person capacity and far less than its weekend peak when more than 11,000 people spent the night there. Conversely, Kuluba collection point is currently hosting 1,084 refugees, and is over its 300-person capacity.
- At a briefing to press in Geneva, UNHCR highlighted the severe underfunding of the humanitarian response to South Sudanese refugees. UNHCR also noted its concern that the number of new arrivals coming to Uganda could be set to increase in the days ahead. More information is available at: <http://www.unhcr.org/news/briefing/2016/7/579724704/south-sudan-fighting-sees-refugees-fleeing-uganda-first-6-months-2016.html>

## UPDATE ON SITUATION

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### Transit and Reception Centres

- 3,413 new arrivals were transported directly from Elegu collection point to reception centres in Pagirinya settlement. Nyumanzi Transit Centre was avoided as it is already severely over-capacity.
- The transit and reception centres in Adjumani and Arua are severely overcrowded. 18,597 people are staying in Nyumanzi Transit Centre, far in excess of its 2,000-person capacity. Decongestion efforts will be stepped up once the new settlement area is open. Until then, refugees are receiving hot meals, shelter, water and other life-saving assistance.
- 1,825 refugees are staying at Ocea Reception Centre, which, after the construction of additional temporary shelters, now has a 500-person capacity. Yesterday, the Office of the Prime Minister and UNHCR relocated 626 refugees from Ocea Reception Centre to Ariwa village to ease congestion.
- The population at Kiryandongo Reception Centre has increased to 1,776 people, above its 1,000-person capacity. In addition, another 300 people are believed to be waiting with friends or relatives in the settlement as they await relocation to their own settlement area.

### Operational Update

- The majority of new arrivals in Kiryandongo are reportedly crossing in to Uganda through the Nimule and Kaya border points, on trucks and buses headed towards Bweyale and Kiryandongo. The majority of these spoken with said they came to Kiryandongo (as opposed to West Nile) because they have friends or relatives already resident in the settlement. Some of the new arrivals reported ambushes by armed groups in Torit and Yei.
- An inter-agency sector meeting was held to coordinate the response for healthcare and nutrition. This will help to ensure key priorities are collectively identified and avoid duplication of efforts.
- 95,000 litres of water has been trucked to Nyumanzi Transit Centre however, water provision is at five litres per person per day, below the UNHCR Emergency Standard of 15 litres per person per day. This should be rectified as decongestion efforts take place.
- In Arua, Save the Children distributed children's clothes at Ocea Reception Centre.

### Critical Needs

- Food distribution facilities and hot meal kitchens need to be strengthened in all transit and reception centres and settlements.
- Additional bathing shelters for women are needed at Ocea Reception Centre in light of the increased influx of new arrivals.
- Additional toilet facilities are needed at Nyumanzi Transit Centre.
- More water provision is needed at Oraba border point. The increased numbers of new arrivals means refugees have to wait there for a while before being transported to Kuluba collection point but there is currently no water facility at Oraba.
- Additional funding is required to open a large new settlement area in West Nile.

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