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HIGHLIGHTS

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

261,541

Refugees in South Sudan

1,8 M

IDPs in South Sudan, including
204,370 people in UNMISS
Protection of Civilians site

US \$276 million

Funding requested for comprehensive
needs in 2016

US \$132 million

Funding requested for priority needs
in 2016

OUTSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

1,359,419

South Sudanese refugees in
neighboring countries (as of 4
November, 2016):

- Uganda: 602,212
- Ethiopia: 330,646
- Sudan: 265,067
- Kenya: 92,369
- DRC: 64,495
- CAR: 4,931

US \$649 million

Funding requested by UNHCR for
South Sudanese refugees in the region

US \$166 million

Funding received by UNHCR for
South Sudanese refugees in the region

- **UNHCR distributes Non-Food Items to IDPs in remote Upper Nile.** In Upper Nile's Malual, Warweng payams, Longochuk and Guel Guk counties, UNHCR partners ADRA and ACTED distributed NFIs to 3,097 IDPs. Items included mosquito nets, plastic sheets, jerry can, kitchen sets, soap, and blankets. The humanitarian assistance has been carried out following the UNHCR-led interagency mission conducted in late November.
- **Germany Ambassador to South Sudan visits Sudanese Refugees in Northern Unity:** The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to South Sudan, Johannes Lehne, Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps in Pariang County Ruweng state to view firsthand how Germany's resources have improved the lives of refugees fleeing the war-torn Nuba Mountains. The Ambassador toured some of the essential services funded by Germany in the two camps of Ajuong Thok and Pamir, including education, water, and shelter. Also, the ambassador and accompanying delegation witnessed the arrival and reception of a convoy of some refugees relocating from Yida to Pamir as their new home, many of them families with small children.
- **UNHCR relocates nearly 6,000 refugees to Pamir camp:** In Pamir refugee camp, during the reporting period, UNHCR relocated 2,652 refugees from Yida to Pamir including 2,541 refugees previously settled in Yida settlement. 155 refugees were also relocated from Yida to Ajuong Thok, including 120 refugees previously registered in Yida settlement. Cumulatively, 6,418 refugees have been relocated from Yida to Pamir, including 5,927 individuals previously settled in Yida settlement since its opening in September.

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- **South Sudanese President launches national dialogue for forgiveness:** South Sudan President Salva Kiir on 14 December launched a national dialogue that encompasses all the country's rival political parties and groups. The dialogue will be led by eminent statesmen that are "trusted, genuine and credible." Addressing members of South Sudan national legislative assembly one the capital, Juba on Wednesday, President Kiir asked for forgiveness for wrongs committed. "National dialogue in my view is both a forum and process through which the people of South Sudan can gather to redefine the basis of their unity as it relates to nationhood, and sense of belonging," the South Sudanese leader told the country's lawmakers.
- **IGAD summit condemns targeted killings in South Sudan:** East African leaders at a summit meeting in Addis Ababa on 9 December condemned in the strongest terms the reported systematic targeting, killings and forced displacement of civilians and destruction of property by armed men in South Sudan. The IGAD summit was chaired by Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Dessalegn and attended by the heads of state of Sudan, Djibouti, South Sudan and Somalia, besides the foreign ministers of Kenya and Uganda. The East African leaders held extensive deliberations on the overall political and security situation in South Sudan in a closed session. Afterwards, they issued a communiqué stating the summit "condemns sexual violence on women and girls and expresses deep concern with the rising ethnic rhetoric, hate speech and ethnically-fueled violence".
- **UN chief appoints new head of S. Sudan mission:** The United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon announced on Monday the appointment of David Shearer of New Zealand as his new Special Representative for South Sudan. Shearer, who will also head of the U.N Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), succeeds Ellen Margrethe Løj, who completed her assignment in November. Ki-moon said he was grateful for Løj's "dedication and excellent leadership of UNMISS over the past two plus years, under extremely challenging political, security, humanitarian and human rights circumstances in South Sudan". The new UNMISS head, currently a member of New Zealand's Parliament, reportedly brings on board extensive political and humanitarian experience. According to the UN, Shearer previously served as the Secretary-General's Deputy Special Representative, Resident Coordinator, and Humanitarian Coordinator in the U.N Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) (2007-2009).
- **US concerned about escalating violence in South Sudan:** The United States said it is alarmed by the ongoing violence in South Sudan where the targeting of innocent civilians, ethnically motivated hate speech, and sexual violence is increasingly happening. "The United States is alarmed by the violence in the Equatoria region of South Sudan and concerned it could quickly spiral out of control," State Department spokesman Mark Toner said in a statement. The United States said in the statement that more than 1,900 houses have been destroyed in the Central Equatoria since September this year.

REFUGEE RESPONSE



Achievements and impact

Upper Nile

- Across the four camps in Maban, UNHCR Protection Desk recorded 36 individual cases between 1 and 15 December. 25% cases related to the upsurge of armed mobilization and recruitment in the camps. Other prevalent issues included food assistance complaints and registration updates. UNHCR and partners are following up to resolve these cases.
- In Doro Camp, UNHCR and partners marked the International Day of Persons with Disabilities as part of the annual 16 days of activism campaign and HIV/AIDs awareness sessions were conducted in both Batil and Doro camp. In Kaya and Gendrassa, activities and small-scale events took place to raise awareness on issues related to gender inequality and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) at a village level.

Unity

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- In Ajuong Thok camp, UNHCR identified and supported 54 most vulnerable women, girls, and children with specific needs with food and non- food items to reduce the risk of SGBV and improve the quality of response. Cumulatively, UNHCR assisted 622 extremely vulnerable women and girls since the beginning of the year.
- In Ajuong Thok camp, UNHCR recorded nine new SGBV cases between 1 and 15 December. UNHCR assisted survivors with emotional and counseling support and referred them to seek other services on a voluntarily basis and informed consent. Cumulatively, 152 SGBV survivors have received psychosocial support since the beginning of the year.
- In Ajuong Thok camp, UNHCR supported 171 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) (90 boys and 81 girls), unaccompanied children were issued with pairs of clothes and bar of soaps each.
- In Pamir Refugee Camp, UNHCR conducted 24 advocacy sessions on SGBV. Cumulatively 103 such sessions have been carried out in 2016.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Central Equatorial

- In Yei, 13 refugees displaced from Lasu refugee settlement are seeking protection and assistance in Yei town. Continued insecurity in the Yei area is hindering their return Lasu refugee settlement. Their protection and assistance concerns include food, non-food items, medication and ID cards as their refugee IDs are expired. UNHCR is consulting with the South Sudan Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) to ensure that the identity cards are replaced for their safe stay in Yei town.

Education

Achievements and impact

Central Equatoria

- In Lasu's Kukuyi Boma, Early Childhood Development (ECD) center teachers reached 34 children with creative sports and educational sessions using locally available resources in refugee hideouts. The ECD teachers facilitated discussions on child rights and child development stages following increased child protection cases among refugee children in Lasu.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok, 235 refugee pupils sat for South Sudan Certificate of Primary Education examination over five days.

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and impact

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) completed the General Food Distribution 2,998 refugees and asylum seekers for January 2017.

Health

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Kaya and Gendrassa camps, UNHCR partner Medair completed the third round of Polio National Immunization Days (NID). The exercise targeted children between 0 and five months with the polio vaccine. This is a national Government of South Sudan program as supplementation to the routine Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) to enable children to get an additional boost for their immunity.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) commenced the distribution of second-hand clothes to refugees.
- In Makpandu refugee settlement, WVI distributed 3,222 pieces of washing soap to 3,662 refugees for the month of January 2017.

Upper Nile

- In Maban camps, UNHCR and partner ACTED distributed sanitary materials to 4,860 refugee girls and women between reproductive ages. The assistance will improve the hygiene and dignity of the girls and women in the camps.
- In Gendrassa camp, UNHCR partner ACTED delivered 15 shelter materials to host community village surrounding Gendrassa Camp. The intervention was part of UNHCR's support to host community. Similar interventions are being implemented in the camp where 329 families out of the 335 projected for 2016 already assisted.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and impact

Upper Nile

- Across Maban camps, the daily average water coverage stands at 21 liters per person per day, a significant rise from the previous five months, confirming the general trend that water demand increases as dry season intensifies. UNHCR WASH team and partners are well repositioned to meet the increasing water demand.
- In Yusuf Batil and Doro camps, UNHCR successfully installed a new water pipeline connection bringing the total number of these pipelines to the total of 2,300 meters to improve access to water supply.
- In Doro camp, UNHCR partner ACTED completed the construction of 94 new household latrines bringing the cumulative number to 420 and ratio of 22 persons per latrine, from the previous figure of 23 persons per latrine. In Kaya, Yusuf Batil, and Gendrassa camps, the average sanitation coverage stands at 12 persons per latrine.

Unity

- In Pamir camp, the daily average water coverage stands at 23.55 liters per person per day.
- In Ajuong Thok camp, the daily average water coverage stands at 16.97 liters per person per day.
- In Yida camp, the daily average water coverage stands at 8.78 liters per person per day.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and impact

Central Equatoria

- In Kukuyi boma, UNHCR partner UMCOR in collaboration with the extension workers trained 22 refugees on post-harvest handling aimed at minimizing losses of farm produce during this harvest period. They also made field visits to Kukuyi farmland and registered ten new farmers for support. Also, UNHCR and UMCOR secured vegetable seeds for 2,000 refugee households in Lasu from the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organizations (FAO).

Upper Nile

- In Doro and Yusuf Batil camps, UNHCR and partner Relief International facilitated agri-business mindset change training to 295 Village Saving Loan Association members (207 females and 88 men). Participants benefited from training topics such as enterprise selection and cost-benefit analysis aimed at promoting farming with a market orientation in contrast to subsistence farming, which is currently a common practice in Maban's refugee camps.

Environment

Achievements and Impact

- In Yusuf Batil, UNHCR partner Relief International (RI) established two additional tree nursery sites at Yusuf Batil camp. The nursery beds will raise an additional 30,000 tree seedlings to be used to scale up afforestation efforts and discourage uncontrolled tree harvesting currently ongoing in areas surrounding the refugee camps in Maban.

IDP RESPONSE

Protection

COORDINATION

Achievements and impact

Central Equatorial

- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR established two child-friendly spaces for 110 IDP children at Sudan Pentecostal Church and African Inland Church.
- In Juba and across South Sudan, UNHCR joined the IDPs and partners to commemorate the annual International Human Rights Day (IHR). The event was marked with activities such as drama on the rights of the girl child to education, songs to end violence against women, traditional dances, and speeches on Human Right (HR) awareness. UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) presented certificates and driving licenses to ten IDPs at Mahad and Don Bosco collective sites.

OPERATIONS

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and impact

Jonglei

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 1,993 persons with special needs (PSNs). The PSNs were identified as a result of a protection assessment carried out by UNHCR and partners in early December.
- In Bor, UNHCR partner Intersos distributed NFIs to 628 PSNs including persons living with physical disabilities, visual impairment, Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) survivors, female & children heads of the head of household.
- In Bor's Leudier Boma, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) distributed NFIs to 450 vulnerable persons. Items distributed included soaps, kitchen sets, blankets, jerry cans, mosquito nets, plastic sheets and sleeping mats.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR distributed NFIs to 508 extremely vulnerable persons in two IDP centers, Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) church and Merkule who were not served in previously organized NFI distribution due to insecurity. Cumulatively, UNHCR distributed NFIs to 4,836 in Yei town as result of the UNHCR-led interagency assessment in September.
- In Juba, UNHCR commenced the distribution of dignity kits to 207 PSNs including women of reproductive age and girls at POC 1. The next distribution will target 193 PSNs at POC 3.

Upper Nile

- In Malual and Warweng payams, UNHCR partner ADRA distributed NFIs to 1,956 IDPs. Items included mosquito nets, plastic sheets and blankets following the UNHCR-led interagency mission conducted in late November.
- In Longochuk and Guel Guk counties UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) distributed NFI items to 1,141 IDPs. Relief items included plastic sheet, blanket, sleeping mat, soap, jerry can, mosquito net and kitchen set following the UNHCR-led interagency mission conducted in late November.

 **Camp Coordination and Camp Management**

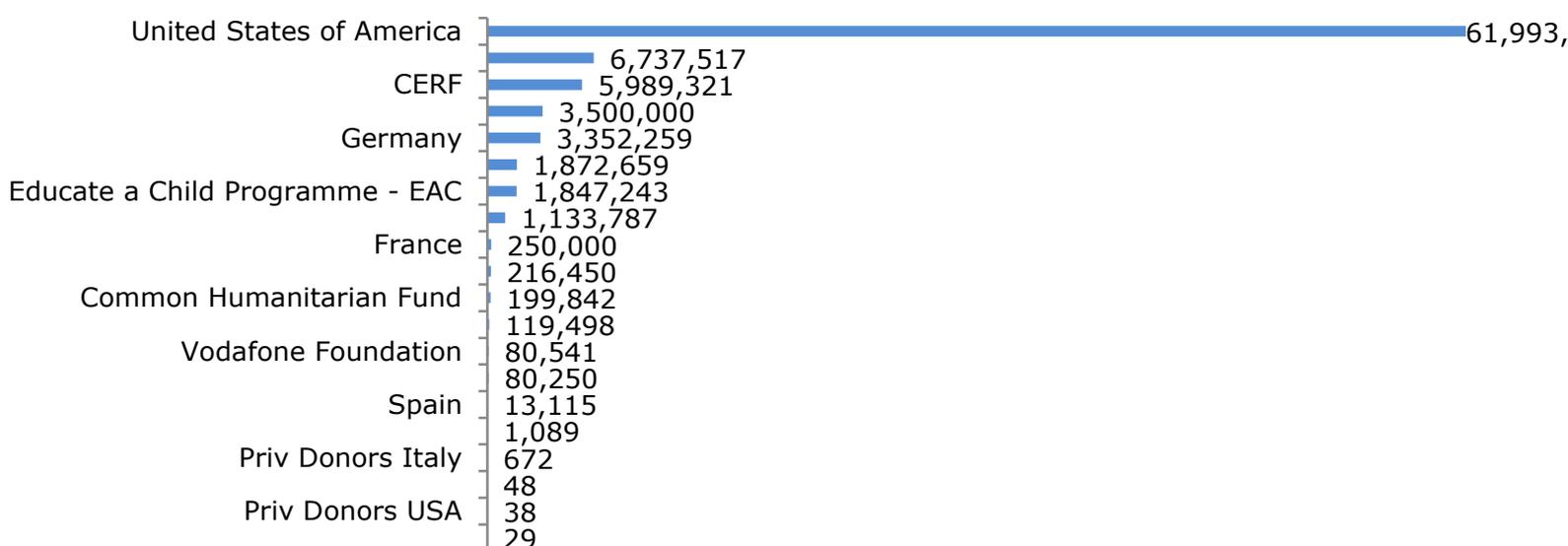
Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR organized community-based protection training for Camp Management Committee (CMC) 80 participants women and youth representatives drawn from POC 1 and 3. Participants benefited from topics such as Human rights, General protection, SGBV and its causes and consequences, SGBV referral pathway, and PSNs and their identification process.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to USD 87,600,836 as of 29 November 2016. 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.



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- [UNHCR Briefing Note: UNHCR sounds warning alarms over situation in South Sudan's Yei](#)