



SOUTH SUDAN

February 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

200

Youths benefited from life skills and business training in February 2017

142,520

Refugees and IDPs received non-food items assistance from UNHCR across South Sudan in February 2017.

9,123

Refugees living in Pamir camp as of 28 February 2017

1,737

New arrivals from Sudan registered in South Sudan in February 2017.

Population of concern

A total of **1.9 million** IDPs

A total of **263,214** refugees

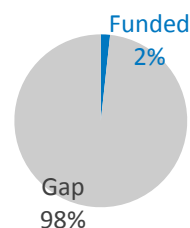
Refugees by country of origin

Country	Total
Sudan	242,123
DRC	14,477
Ethiopia	4,731
Central African Republic	1,853
Other nationalities	30
Total	263,214

Funding 2017

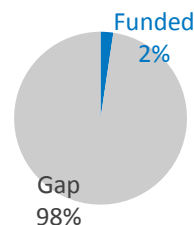
USD 172 million

Requested for comprehensive needs in 2017



USD 125 million

Needed for top priority activities in 2017



UNHCR Presence

Staff: 408

299 national staff

109 international staff

Offices:

11 offices located in:

Juba, Jamjang, Bunj, Bentiu, Bor, Kwajok, Malakal, Rumbek, Yambio, Yei, Yida.

1 field unit located in: Mingkaman.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- In the **refugee response**, the main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and Wildlife Conservation, and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing partners in 2017 are the following: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), ACROSS, ACTED, CARE International, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Relief International (IR), Samaritan's Pursue (SP), Save the Children International (SCI), UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), UNV and World Vision International (WVI).
- In the **IDP response**, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission Committee (RRC). Implementing partners in 2017 are: ADRA, UMCOR, Danish Refugee Council, Handicap International, Humanitarian Development Consortium, INTERSOS, International Rescue Committee, Nile Hope, UNV, Women Aid Vision and Women Development Group. Within the IDP response cluster system, UNHCR in South Sudan is Lead of the Protection Cluster (with NRC co-leading), Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and undertakes enhanced participation in the IOM-led Shelter/NFI Cluster.
- On **prevention of statelessness**, UNHCR's main counterpart is the Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration (DNPI).
- UNHCR maintains an **operational partnership** with CAFOD, Caritas, CMMB, Food Agriculture Organization (FAO), ICRC, Jesuit Refugee Service (JSR), Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium), Medair, Mentor Initiative, OXFAM, UNAIDS, UNOCHA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMAS, UNMISS, World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), Women for Women International and UN Women.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – REFUGEE PROGRAMME

Protection

- As of 28 February, 2017, the refugee population in South Sudan stood at 263,214 individuals, consisting of 64,153 households spread in 21 different locations across South Sudan. In February, South Sudan received 1,737 new arrivals mainly from Sudan's southern Kordofan and registered 500 new born babies. 52% of the refugees are female: with women and children representing 82% of the total population. Sudanese refugee population remains the largest at 242,123 individuals (92%) followed by DRC Congo 14,477 individuals (5%), Ethiopia 4,731 individuals (2%) and Central African Republic 1,853 (1%). Majority (90%) of these refugees are hosted in South Sudan's Upper Nile and Unity regions. Furthermore, South Sudan hosted 1,991 asylum seekers and an estimated 1.9 million IDPs.

Unity

- During the reporting period, UNHCR relocated 1,688 refugees from Yida settlement to Pamir camp including 1,523 new arrivals and 165 refugees previously settled in Yida. Cumulatively, Pamir is hosting 9,123 refugees (2,144 Households) since opening in September 2016. Upon arrival, refugees received core relief items and residential plots.
- In February, UNHCR relocated 705 individuals from Yida settlement to Ajuong Thok camp on family reunification grounds. Most of these refugees are members of nuclear families, while other were considered on foster caring grounds.
- In Yida, UNHCR registered 814 new arrivals to South Sudan, representing a 10% decrease compared to January. The majority of the new arrivals are women and children, with Unaccompanied and Separated Children constituting 17% of the new arrivals. Most of the new arrivals came from Heban, Umdoreen, Dalami and Al-Boram Counties in South Kordofan and reported hunger and search for education as the primary reason for their flight to Yida. Others are coming for family reunification. Cumulatively, 2,855 new arrivals have been registered from South Kordofan since the beginning of 2017.
- In Pamir camp, UNHCR distributed sanitary kit materials to 520 adolescent primary school girls from Napata (251), Alwa (69) and (200) Kings of Nuba Primary School.
- In Ajuong Thok Camp, UNHCR gave start-up business kits to 25 male foster parents to start up business in Ajuong Thok market to help them support Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) in their custody. Also, UNHCR extended a similar support to 25 women to open up tea canteens as a way of generating income also to support UASCs.
- UNHCR conducted 76 advocacy intervention sessions to raise awareness on SGBV, including 56 sessions in Ajuong Thok camp and 20 sessions in Pamir in February. Cumulatively, 235 sessions have been held in 2017, including 171 in Ajuong Thok and 64 Pamir camps.
- In February, UNHCR identified eight new cases of Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in Ajuong Thok and one case in Pamir refugee camp. Cumulatively, 32 cases recorded including 22 cases in Ajuong Thok and 10 in Pamir refugee camps in 2017. UNHCR referred victims for psychosocial care.
- In Ajuong Thok Refugee Camp, UNHCR reunited 277 children including 135 boys and 142 girls with their biological parents in February. Also, UNHCR placed 347 children including 220 males and 127 females in Foster Care (Non-Relative Foster Care) arrangements since the beginning of 2017.

Upper Nile

- In Doro Refugee Camp, UNHCR and partners completed the verification exercise of all 9,000 displaced refugees. The verification identified main challenges faced by the families and Persons with Specific Needs that require keen follow-ups such as shelter, health and water.
- In Doro refugee camp, host community and refugee leaders held their 11th peace and reconciliation meeting on 8 February. Refugee leaders emphasized their commitment to peaceful coexistence. However, they strongly demanded justice for the victims of the December 2016 conflict between refugees and host community.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR in collaboration with CRA registered 66 new arrivals including 47 asylum seekers from Eritrea and 19 prima facie refugees from Sudan's South Kordofan region. 36% of the new arrivals were female.
- In Juba, UNHCR in collaboration with CRA issued 130 asylum seekers certificates to asylum seekers and 21 ID cards issued to refugees in February.
- In Juba, UNHCR facilitated the relocation of 43 vulnerable Sudanese refugees from Juba to Ajoung Thok camp by air. These refugees were displaced from Lasu settlement due to insecurity in September 2016.
- In Juba, South Sudan Government caseworkers conducted their first refugee status determination interviews for asylum-seekers seeking protection in South Sudan, an essential step towards the establishment of South Sudan's asylum system to adjudicate applications for refugee status.

Jonglei

- In February, UNHCR conducted a protection monitoring mission to Pochalla in Jonglei state. The mission monitored the protection situation and updated the refugee database with new-born babies who are in the urban center and those in Alari settlement. UNHCR registered ten new-born babies bringing the population to 2,720 refugees.

Western Equatoria

- The Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) registered 102 households consisting of 297 refugee new arrivals from the Democratic of Republic of Congo (DRC) fleeing from fresh attacks by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in February. The refugees have reportedly fled from three locations: Mogoroko, Ngbamunga, and part of Kpanangbara. Refugees reported to the CRA that LRA rebels killed two DRC soldiers and their wives, and abducted many people and looted properties. The new arrivals are staying with refugees who had returned to the settlement in Ezo and with the host community. The CRA also noted a total population of refugees still residing in Ezo county of 966 HHs (2809 individuals) before the most recent refugee arrivals. Since fighting broke out in Ezo county in 2015, UNHCR has no access to the refugee camp in Ezo due to insecurity, with the camp officially closed in February 2016.

Education

Upper Nile

- In Maban county, the Department of Education released the 2016/ 2017 Primary 8/ Level 4 final exam results for Upper Nile region. The result showed that 14 out of 20 top best performers are from schools in the camps in Maban.
- In Maban refugee camps, the enrolment of students for academic year 2017/2018 started on 6 February 2017 and is ongoing. 22,095 pupils registered in February.

Unity

- UNHCR partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) delivered 70 desks to Kings of Nuba Primary school in Pamir, 50 desks to Napata and 80 to Merowe Primary schools to mitigate the shortage of desks. Meanwhile, LWF is in the process of recruiting more teachers for Kings of Nuba Primary schools to reduce the pupil teacher ratio, which is currently high at more than 1:110.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR distributed 14 solar lanterns to 14 candidates who are preparing to sit for South Sudan Secondary School Certificate.

Food Security and Nutrition

Upper Nile

- In the four refugee camps in Maban, UNHCR operational partner World Food Programme (WFP) completed General Food Distribution (GFD) for February. The food items consisted of cereals for 30 days, cooking oil for 29 days, and pulses for 26 days and all at a reduced rate 70% food ration.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok, Pamir and Yida, UNHCR operational partner the World Food Programme (WFP) completed General Food Distribution (GFD) for February.

- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir camps, UNHCR partners International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA) continued Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) food distribution to pregnant and lactating mothers.
- In Pamir, UNHCR partner, IRC conducted Nutrition screening for new arrivals in blocks 18 to 21 and in the reception center, as well as BSFP distribution screening and daily screening at Out Patient Department (OPD) for all children under five years of age who sought consultation at the clinic. During the reporting period, UNHCR and partners screened 1,590 children under five years of age, 805 females and 785 males.

Health

Upper Nile

- In Kaya and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and its partner International Medical Corps (IMC) conducted training on HIV/AIDS to refugee mothers to sensitize them on the nature of HIV/AIDS as well as prevention measures to be taken when confronted with the disease. The training equipped mothers with some basic information on HIV/AIDS.
- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, health workers completed the Tetanus Toxoid (TT) immunization targeting 8,043 women of reproductive age as part of the government's campaign for the Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus Elimination (MNTE). The campaign is going on Kaya camp, and similar campaigns are planned for Doro and Gendrassa camps in the coming weeks.

Water and Sanitation

Unity

- In February, UNHCR constructed 156 family and five communal latrines in Ajuong Thok camp, and 138 family and 13 communal latrines in Pamir camp respectively.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, the water supply coverage stood at 18.84 liters per person per day, an improvement to the coverage in the previous month and Pamir camp, water supply coverage stood at 31.55 litres per day per person.

Upper Nile

- In Maban camps, water supply coverage stood at a standard level of 21 litres per person per day, while the sanitation coverage stood at 12 persons per latrine in all camps.

Shelter and NFI

Unity

- In Pariang County, UNHCR progressed in the implementation of projects in support of the host community including the completion of the construction of Mankour Primary School.
- In Pamir camp, UNHCR partner, Danish Refugee Council (DRC) supported 560 individuals (140 households) with family tents for the newly arrived residents and for those with additional needs such as large families. Cumulatively, 414 family tents have been pitched in 2017.
- In Pamir camp, UNHCR partner DRC constructed 67 emergency shelters for refugees with special needs. Cumulatively, 179 shelters have been built in 2017.
- In Jamjang, UNHCR completed the excavation of three *Hafirs* (local water reservoirs) for the host community, which are awaiting official handover as an implementation of project in support of host community

Upper Nile

- In Maban camps, UNHCR distributed 250 gram pieces of soap to 137,000 individuals.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) distributed non-food items (NFI) to 2,412 refugees registered. NFIs included kitchen sets, blankets, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, jerry cans, buckets and solar lanterns.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir Refugee camps, UNHCR in collaboration with the host community identified 200 youths for business and life skill training. This intervention aims to assist the youths become self-reliant.
- In Pamir, UNHCR partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) facilitated two meetings between the host community and refugee leaders to promote peaceful community co-existence during agricultural production.

Central Equatoria

- UNHCR partner, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) through their Emergency Response Programme provided 10,000 vegetable kits to support 8,000 IDPs and 2,000 refugees in Yei. The initial distribution of the vegetable kits has

reached 3,585 beneficiaries including 925 displaced refugees. Vegetable kits include okra, onions, amaranthus, collard, carrot, eggplant, tomato and watering can.

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil Camp, UNHCR and its partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted a one-day refresher training to 25 Outreach Workers on their roles and responsibilities of camp management.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – IDP PROGRAMME

Protection

COORDINATION

Achievements and impact

Upper Nile

- In Malakal's protection of civilians (POC) sites (II and III), UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) verified and registered 67 Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs). The PSNs will be prioritized for service delivery in the POC. UNHCR protection team will continue to closely monitor the ongoing verification and registration of PSNs to ensure the needed assistance is delivered to them.
- In Malakal town, UNHCR and its partner HDC in collaboration with the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) undertook a field assessment and identified 125 PSNs among the newly arrived IDPs from Juba. UNHCR and other humanitarian actors are coordinating support to this group.
- UNHCR and its partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) completed the verification exercise of 163 PSNs in the POC sector I and IV. UNHCR and DRC will extend the much-needed protection assistance for the verified PSNs.

OPERATIONS

Achievements and impact

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR and its partner UMCOR distributed sorghum of 10kgs each to 531 IDPs with specific needs. The sorghum was the balance of WFP's food meant for refugees in Lasu settlement which could not be distributed. The PSNs includes people living with HIV/AIDS, UASCs, physically challenged and elderly identified during protection monitoring.
- In Yei's Sobe IDP center, UNHCR partner UMCOR distributed mosquito nets and health kits to 28 unaccompanied children (19 males and nine females) at Child Protection Centre.
- During the reporting period, RRC recorded 1,598 new arrivals to Yei from the villages of Atende, Logo, Jonsuk, Kegulu, Minyori, Pakula, Mapoko and Kabegere. UNHCR, RRC, and UMCOR are working on the verification and provision of NFIs.

Unity

- In Bentiu, as a result of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) biometric registration exercise, UNHCR identified 452 vulnerable IDPs to be supported with NFIs during the distribution relief items inside the Protection of Civilian (POC) site.

Shelter and NFI



Shelter and NFIs

Western Equatoria

- In Yambio, UNHCR distributed non-food items (NFIs) including plastic sheets and pieces of soap to 1,346 vulnerable individuals formerly sheltering at Nabima Primary School who have been relocated to the Yambio Women's General Union premises. These IDPs had previously been sleeping in the open, and these plastic sheets will help IDPs to erect temporary shelters. Many of the other 4,000 IDPs are integrating with their relatives and people they know in residential areas of Yambio town. IDPs are displaced in Yambio as a result of fresh fighting between government forces and armed youth in areas north of Yambio since 03 January 2017 from five bomas including Bazumburu, Gitikiri, Bodo, Riimenze, and Bazungua.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) distributed kitchen sets to 396 individuals (70 households) as a supplement of NFI Cluster assistance to persons with special needs living at the Mahad IDP collective site, the distribution was conducted following the fire incidence on 19 February.

Upper Nile

- In Malakal, UNHCR in coordination with its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) verified and distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 396 IDPs at Yabus river bank and Hai Istifta from Doro and Thuweji Bomas following the conflict between the refugees and host community in December 2016. Items included plastic sheets, blankets, buckets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets and cooking sets.

Jonglei

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Consortium (HDC) refurbished 200 shelters in all IDP sites for extremely vulnerable households of different vulnerability categories. The beneficiaries included female-headed households, elderly and those with disabilities.



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

- In Yei town, UNHCR partner UMCOR completed the distribution of assorted vegetable seeds and rakes to 8,000 IDPs and host community in all nine IDP centers. Seeds and rakes provided by the United Nations Food Agriculture Organisation (FAO) will enable both IDPs and host communities to undertake vegetable production to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition cases.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- In Bentiu, Communication with the community (CWC): UNHCR-led Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) cluster organized a meeting between the Bentiu community leaders, Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) and other humanitarian actors providing services in the town. The meeting provided feedback from the community to improve service delivery in Bentiu and Rubkona towns.
- In Bentiu, UNHCR CCCM cluster partner INTERNEWS in collaboration with Mercy Corps, Concern Worldwide & CARE International distributed 604 radio sets to women support groups and hygiene promoters in February. The solar radios will promote access to information to the community. INTERNEWS plans to handout 2,050 solar radios in Bentiu and Rubkona respectively.

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