

UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE SOUTH SUDAN 11/2017

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HIGHLIGHTS

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

272,935

Refugees in South Sudan (31 May)

2 million

IDPs in South Sudan, including
230,482 people in UNMISS
Protection of Civilians site

US \$172 million

Funding requested for
comprehensive needs in 2017

US \$126 million

Funding requested for priority needs
in 2017

OUTSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

1,930,469

South Sudanese refugees in
neighboring countries (as of 15 June,
2017):

- Uganda: 962,799
- Ethiopia: 379,383
- Sudan: 403,084
- Kenya: 103,077
- DRC: 80,214
- CAR: 1,912

US \$883.5 million

Funding requested by UNHCR for the
South Sudan Situation in 2017

US \$141.2 million

Funding received by UNHCR for the
South Sudan Situation in 2017

- **UNHCR trains government counterparts on refugee laws in Juba:** In Juba, UNHCR in collaboration with the South Sudan Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) organized a two-day workshop on "Human Rights and Refugee Protection" to 45 senior representatives including local governments, County Commissioners, law enforcement authorities such as police and immigration, national security services, judiciary, human rights commission, CRA and UNHCR. The goal of the workshop was to develop knowledge of participants on human rights, international and national refugee law, government policy on refugee protection, documentation issued to refugees and asylum-seekers, trafficking in persons, principles of civilian character of asylum, detention and court practices in South Sudan with the involvement of refugees. It was the first of its kind workshop for senior law enforcement authorities of South Sudan to learn and discuss issues related to refugee protection management.
- **Nearly 14,000 relocated to Pamir camp:** During the reporting period, UNHCR relocated 497 refugees including 130 to Ajuong Thok refugee camp and 367 to Pamir refugee camp. Relocated refugees included 123 previously settled in Yida and 374 new arrivals. Cumulatively, 9,154 refugees have relocated since the beginning of the year, including 1,335 previously settled in Yida. The Pamir refugee camp population now stands at 3,319 households and 13, 836 individuals since opening in September 2016.
- **Over 3,000 refugees received seeds and tools in Unity:** In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, 3003 refugees received seeds and tools. Seeds included staple crops (millet, sorghum, Simsim, cow pea, and maize) and vegetables (tomato, pumpkin, onion). Tools included hoes, maloda, sickles, axe, panga, slasher and rake.
- **Refugee children enroll for primary schools despite displacement from the refugee camp:** In Yei, UNHCR supported 110 refugee children to enroll in eight primary schools in Yei as part of UNHCR's plan to support 200 ex Lasu refugee children displaced into Yei town following the conflict in July 2016. Also, UNHCR supported 30 refugee students to enroll in five Secondary Schools. UNHCR plans to support 20 additional students to enroll in schools during the academic year including the provision of scholastic materials.
- **UNHCR facilitates stamping of birth notifications in Bor:** In Bor's Protection of Civilian (PoC), UNHCR facilitated the stamping of birth notification of newborn babies. Cumulatively, 121 delivery notifications have been shared with the State Ministry of Health. UNHCR will continue to support this initiative for the existing birth notification without stamps and new born babies in the POC.
- **100 refugees and host community members benefited from life skills training in Unity:** In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR partner IRC conducted training for 100 youths on business and life skill. The youths were selected from Ajuong Thok refugee camp and Jam-jang host community.

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- **IGAD held a meeting to revitalise South Sudan peace agreement**— On Monday 12 June, the leaders of the East African regional block - the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) convened a meeting of the signatories of 2015 peace agreement to discuss ways to revitalise its implementation. The IGAD leaders held an extraordinary summit on South Sudan in Addis Ababa with the participation of Sudanese and Ugandan presidents, South Sudan first vice president, Ethiopian and Somali prime ministers, Djiboutian and Kenyan foreign ministers. The meeting which was attended by regional and international facilitators underscored that the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (ARCSS) remains the only "viable way forward" to bring peace and lay out the foundations for a democratic regime in the war-ravaged country. "The IGAD Summit calls upon all the parties to take urgent steps to draw concrete plan and timeline to compensate the delay and to revitalise the full implementation of the ARCSS," said the final communiqué released after the meeting.
- **President Kiir relinquished control of national dialogue leadership** — The President of South Sudan, Salva Kiir has recused himself from being the patron to the national dialogue, to end the ongoing civil war in the country on 7 June. In December last year, President Kiir said he would be overseeing the dialogue himself, a decision which drew criticism from observers and opposition factions. Also, President Kiir refused to include rebel leader Dr. Riek Machar from the process when he swore in the 92-member steering committee last month. South Sudan's Minister of Information, Michael Makuei Lueth confirmed that President Kiir is no longer running the national dialogue. "As announced by the co-chair of the national dialogue steering committee recently, H.E the president has relinquished his patronage over the steering committee," said Makuei.
- **Media Authority bans about 20 foreign journalists** — The Media Authority has banned about twenty foreign journalists from entering or operating within the country for reporting what it termed "unsubstantiated and unrealistic stories," the Managing Director of the regulatory body said on 8 June. However, the chairman of the communications department in the secretariat of the steering committee of the national dialogue, Alfred Taban said that Media Authority has no right to bans Journalists. The Media Authority law does not give this body the right to deny visas to Journalists on the ground that they write articles critical of the government," Alfred said. Elijah Alier told Eye Radio that most of the Journalists prohibited from covering issues in the country have often reported stories that have the potential to incite hate and violence among South Sudanese.
- **South Sudan court martial postpones the trial of soldiers accused of rape** — The trial of South Sudanese soldiers accused of raping aid workers in the capital, Juba on July 2016 stalled on 6 June after witnesses and victims failed to appear before the court. The trial before the general court martial was adjourned until June 20. Army spokesperson, Santo Dominic Chol said hearing was adjourned to provide a fair trial for both victims and the perpetrators, give time for the new prosecutor to study the case, and most of the witnesses and victims supposed to appear in this court are outside the country. "All the relevant people needed in this case must appear in South Sudan, and we do not know how long it will take for the complainant to ensure that all these people are here," said Chol. 12 suspects are currently facing trial for alleged involvement in rape, looting, and killing at the Terrain hotel located in the South Sudan capital. According to the army official, South Sudan is capable of providing protection to all witnesses who are due to appear before the court.

REFUGEE RESPONSE



Protection

Achievements and impact

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR in collaboration with the South Sudan Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) organized a two-day workshop on "Human Rights and Refugee Protection" to 45 senior representatives including local governments, County Commissioners, law enforcement authorities such as police and immigration, national security services, judiciary, human rights commission, CRA and UNHCR. The goal of the workshop was to develop knowledge of participants on human rights, international and national refugee law, government policy on refugee protection, documentation issued to refugees and asylum-seekers, trafficking in persons, principles of civilian character of asylum, detention and court practices in South Sudan with the involvement of refugees. It was the first of its kind workshop for senior law enforcement authorities of South Sudan to learn and discuss issues related to refugee protection management.

- In Juba, UNHCR registered 62 asylum seekers comprising of 53 from Eritrea, 08 from Ethiopia and 01 from Somalia. Also, UNHCR registered 16 newly arrived refugees from Sudan
- In Juba, UNHCR with the support of its partner Humanitarian Consortium (HDC) facilitated an awareness-raising session on Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) 48 urban refugees in Gudele.
- In Juba, UNHCR conducted a one-day SGBV training for 28 ACROSS sectoral representatives, community volunteers, community leaders, teachers and youth representatives. The training's key highlights included root causes, contributing factors, and forms of SGBV and response mechanisms. A similar training was replicated to urban refugee community structures and HDC sectorial staffs with the participation of 25 participants.
- In Yei, UNHCR in partnership with CRA conducted training for 22 government officials on Human Rights, Refugee Law, IDP Protection, SGBV, Child Protection, and mandates of UNOCHA and CRA. Participants were drawn from National Security, Police, Prisons, Immigration and Wildlife services. Others were drawn from the Directorate of Gender and Social Welfare, Youth representatives and local Chiefs within Yei town block.
- In Yei's Kukuyi boma, UNHCR recorded nine SGBV cases, including domestic violence, early marriage, and rape. All survivors received psychosocial counseling and some basic pain killers.
- In Yei's Kukuyi boma, UNHCR partner UMCOR delivered seven mobile phones to trained representatives of the various community-based structures to enhance communication and mobilization efforts between UNHCR and partners and refugees in Lasu.

Unity

- In Pamir Refugee Camp, UNHCR partners International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Lutheran World Federation (LWF) launched a mass awareness campaign on early and timely reporting of SGBV under the theme "Early and Timely Reporting of Incidents of Sexual and Gender Based Violence and Access to Quality Services for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence and Persons of Concern Saves Life." The campaign reached an estimated 3,500 directly, and 20,000 beneficiaries (including those of Ajuong Thok) reached over the Jam Jang FM radio.
- In Pamir Refugee Camp, UNHCR conducted four education sessions on female genital mutilation and sexual violence to 662 refugees including males and females.
- In Ajuong Thok Refugee Camp, IRC in collaboration with LWF and UNHCR carried out training for 34 teachers from schools on SGBV Basic Concepts, Child Protection and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.
- In Ajuong Thok Refugee Camp, 111 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) attended awareness raising sessions on Child Rights and the advantages of making use of Child Help Desks as an avenue for bringing forth their challenges to the attention of relevant stakeholders.
- In Pamir Refugee Camp, 135 UASC received food items based on their assessed needs.
- In Yida, UNHCR partner LWF screened, interviewed and relocated 130 individuals on family reunification grounds to Ajuong Thok refugee camp, while an estimated 21 individuals are still in the reception centre waiting to be screened for relocation. Most of these new arrivals are members of the nuclear families, while other were considered on foster caring grounds too.
- In Yida, UNHCR registered 363 new arrivals. Cumulatively, 8,012 new arrivals have been registered since the beginning of 2017. There is a decrease in the number of new arrivals; this decrease is partly attributed to deteriorated road conditions Sudan to Yida, South Sudan.
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Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) trained 25 youths on soap making during a two-day workshop.

Upper Nile

- In Doro and Yusuf Batil refugee camps, UNHCR received reports of 12 SGBV new incidents (Doro 5 and Batil 7). UNHCR provided case management and psychosocial support to individual survivors. Also, referrals were made to the relevant partners for additional support.
- In Gendressa refugee camp, UNHCR conducted an awareness session on early marriage to 41 community members (5 men and 36 women). As part of this month's early marriage campaign, the session discussed early and forced marriage. The facilitator defined

early and forced marriage, and provided participants with basic information on how they constitute human rights violations and are prohibited under South Sudanese Law. The session covered the main causes and consequences of early marriage and allowed participants to ask questions to promote their understanding

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Central Equatoria

- In Lasu refugee settlement, lack of access due to insecurity prevents delivery of much-needed protection services to the people of concern; including delivery of material assistance to the needy PSNs in refugee hideouts.
- In Lasu refugee settlement, cases of SGBV, early marriage, rape, and alcohol/drug abuse are reported to be increasing in the five locations of refugee hideouts.



Education

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR supported 110 refugee children to enroll in eight primary schools in Yei as part of UNHCR's plan to support 200 ex Lasu refugee children displaced into Yei town following the conflict in July 2016. Also, UNHCR supported 30 refugee students to enroll in five Secondary Schools. UNHCR plans to support 20 additional students to enroll in schools during the academic year including the provision of scholastic materials.

Upper Nile

- In Gendressa refugee camp, UNHCR delivered 289 desks to four Primary Schools



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) on behalf of World Food Programme (WFP) carried out General Food Distribution (GFD) of assorted food items.

Unity

- In Yida, Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR operational partner WFP carried out GFD of assorted food items to all refugee households present during the distribution.

Central Equatoria

- In Gorom refugee settlement, UNHCR distributed food items to 48 Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs). The food items included roasted and salted groundnuts, Peanut butter, Rice, Equatorial nuts. PSNs included elderly persons, person with disabilities, and blindness



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR identified 127 PSNs and assisted them with non-food items (NFIs) including family tents, blankets, sleeping mats and mosquito nets. Most of these PSNs are from the minority Baldugu, Mayak, Mufu and Magaja tribes who are female-headed households.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and impact

Unity

- During the reporting period, the water supply coverage stood at 19 liters per person per day in Ajuong Thok, while in Pamir camp, water supply coverage stood at 24.6 litres per day per person.
- During the reporting period, crude latrine coverage stood at 6 per person and in Ajuong Thok, and Pamir crude latrine coverage stood at 9 per person.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR constructed 96 family latrines and decommissioned 46 family latrines. Also, Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR constructed 91 family and 24 communal latrines.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR and partners International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Samaritan Purse (SP) conducted a one-day joint training on Cholera Preparedness and prevention response to 110 Health promoters, hygiene outreach workers, schools clubs and community leaders.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR supported six schools with 100 water buckets with lids and taps to increase children water availability and utilisation schools

Upper Nile

- During the reporting period, the water supply coverage stood at 18 liters per person per day in Maban camps. The ongoing rainfall in Maban has positively impacted on water supply by reducing water collection pressure at water collection points.
- During the reporting period, crude latrine coverage stood at 14 per person and in Maban camps.
- In Doro refugee camp, UNCHR partner ACTED commenced the construction of 70 latrines target to benefit 3,500 individuals. So far, 15 latrines (20% completion) have been completed as part of Emergency latrine phase two.
- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR partner, ACTED completed construction of two water storage facilities at two Primary Schools in to improve school learning environment by guaranteeing constant water supply.



Health

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, through UNHCR's partner ACROSS medical desk, 117 refugee patients including 20 Congolese and 97 Sudanese received treatment. Malaria continues to be the leading morbidity followed by Respiratory Tract Infection and Acute Watery Diarrhea during this reporting period.
- In Yei, UNHCR partner ACROSS supported four refugees living with HIV/AIDS to access ART services at Yei Civil Hospital and food.



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and impact

Upper Nile

- In Gendressa refugee camp, UNHCR partner ACTED facilitated the ploughing of additional 70 acres for seed multiplication in, bringing total acreage ploughed to 180. The tillage operations are expected to increase access to cultivable land; with an overall aim of ensuring sustainable local seed supply through seed multiplication of locally adapted cereal crops.
- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR partner Relief International (RI) facilitated the distribution of seed kits and tools consisting of the crop, vegetable seeds and digging hoe to 2,252 refugees. Cumulatively, 7,619 vulnerable refugees and host communities have been provided with seeds and tool kits since the beginning of 2017.
- In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps; UNHCR and its partner RI facilitated an entrepreneurship training for 107 participants. The training aimed at providing refugees with relevant entrepreneurial and enterprise creation skills to support viable business planning.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, 3003 refugees received seeds and tools. Seeds included staple crops (millet, sorghum, Simsim, cowpea, and maize) and vegetables (tomato, pumpkin, onion). Tools included hoes, maloda, sickles, axe, panga, slasher and rake.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR partner IRC conducted training for 100 youths on business and life skill. The youths were selected from Ajuong Thok refugee camp and Jam-jang host community.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) carried out a one-day environmental awareness to 789 persons on environmental conservation under the theme of “protect and save the environment for the future generation.”



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) allocated additional 529 residential plots, to the relocated refugees. Each household acquired a 15x20 meters plot to accommodate both sanitation and backyard gardening.
- In Maban, UNHCR partner REACH commenced a rapid shelter and sanitation assessment of the population which relocated to Kaya, Batil and Gendrassa refugee camps. The findings will inform targeted assistance to be provided in respective camps.
- UNHCR in coordination with DRC and Action Africa Help International (AAH-I) facilitated the transport of 196 individuals from Doro refugee camp extension to Blue Nile Primary school in Yusuf Batil refugee camp.



Access to Energy

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR joined the rest of the world in celebrating the World Environment Day on 5 June 2017 with the theme “Connecting people to nature.” Activities on the day included tree planting, tree marking exercise, distribution of energy-saving stoves, filling of pits to prevent water stagnation and general cleaning. Also, Jam-jang radio FM disseminated awareness campaign messages on saving the environment.

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR partner Relief International transplanted 2,814 Eucalyptus seedlings at Green Farm woodlot. Also, eight acres demarcated for woodlot expansion at Yusuf Batil Camp. Tree seedlings planted will be used to support reforestation owing to rampant tree cutting and accelerated deforestation, taking place in the environs of the camp.

IDP RESPONSE



Protection

COORDINATION

Achievements and impact

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR recorded the departure of 7 HH (40 individuals) from both POCs during the reporting period to Uganda and Kakuma refugee camps, Akobo and Nyal-Panyijar counties. Few were amongst the recently arrived households from Urur County who reportedly decided to move further to Uganda to seek humanitarian assistance in particular education in the refugee camps. One HH (8 individuals) who had resided in POC since 2013, was reported to have departed to Akobo to reunite with other family members.
- In Juba, UNHCR Protection Desk received 14 cases; 10 cases including shelter, child protection case and new arrivals seeking food assistance. All cases were referred to partners for further action and assistance.
- In Juba, UNHCR and its partner Handicap International (HI) identified 300 Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs) amongst the new arrivals from POC1, identified by UNHCR and HI shared their details with World Food Programme (WFP) and CONCERN to receive emergency food assistance.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- In Yei, lack of access to IDPs outside town remains a challenge as there are no free movements out of Yei town

- In Yei, Sexual Gender-based Violence (SGBV) cases (rape and physical abuse) continue to be reported in and outside Yei town, but most survivors do not come up for support as a result of fear of being divorced. UNHCR and partners will continue to engage local chiefs to help change attitudes while others step up their community and radio awareness efforts.

OPERATIONS

Achievements and impact.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and impact

Western Equatoria

- In Riimenze and Makpandu, UNHCR and its partners World Vision International (WVI) and Catholic Mission Management Board (CMMB) distributed secondhand clothes to 4,205 internally displaced persons (IDPs). IDPs lost everything when they escaped to the IDP site at the Catholic Church Parish as a result of the fighting between government forces and armed youth in areas north of Yambio in January 2017 from five bomas including Bazumburu, Gitikiri, Bodo, Riimenze, and Bazungua.

Unity

- As a part of beyond Bentiu response, UNHCR and its partner the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted a four-day mission to Bieh, Koch Counties to carry out the distribution of Protection based non-food items (NFIs) to 1,000 most vulnerable who were identified in the previous mission. NFIs included plastic sheets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets blankets and mosquito nets.

Central Equatoria

In Yei, UNHCR and its partner UMCOR distributed secondhand to 858 Persons with Special Needs (PSNs) previously assessed and verified during protection monitoring. Also, 715 women of reproductive age received sanitary kits.

Jonglei

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Consortium (HDC) distributed solar lamps to 680 IDPs. The targeted beneficiaries included elderly persons who are physically challenged.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

Unity

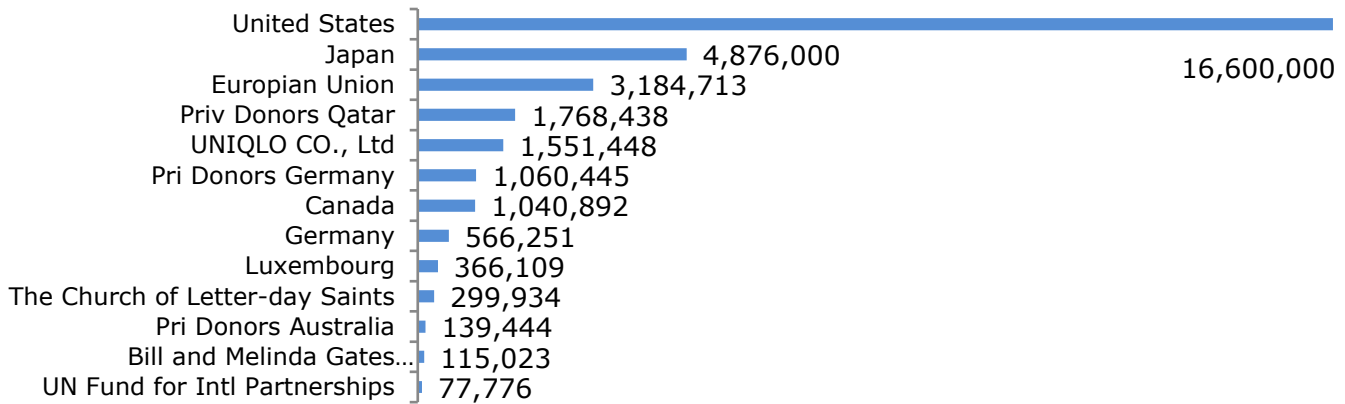
- In Bentiu and Rubkona, the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) cluster led by UNHCR through the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted a headcount exercise at the collective centers using smartphones. As a result of the headcount survey, the cluster recorded 2,050 IDPs. The survey will provide data on intentions (whether they want to stay or intended to go back to their place of origin), age/gender breakdown, and registration information, and presence of persons with special needs (PSNs) of all IDPs in the collective centers at the household level to enable partners to prioritize their humanitarian intervention at the collective sites.
- In Bentiu, UNHCR and its CCCM partner DRC conducted a one-day training for the newly selected community leadership on the importance of community mobilization and community participation.

Jonglei

- In Bor's Protection of Civilian (PoC), UNHCR facilitated the stamping of birth notification of newborn babies. Cumulatively, 121 birth notifications have been shared with the State Ministry of Health. UNHCR will continue to support this initiative for the existing birth notification without stamps and newborn babies in the POC.
- In Bor, UNHCR organized and facilitated a one-day training on protection; human rights and SGBV for nine UNHCR Protection Desk volunteers (one enumerator and eight volunteers). The training oriented the enumerator and the volunteers on protection concepts, principles, and approaches as they provide outreach and protection counseling services to IDPs.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to USD 31,663,434 for the financial year 2017 as of 13 June. 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 programs with earmarked and broadly earmarked funds. UNHCR's comprehensive needs for 2017 amount to \$172 million, with most priority needs of \$126 million.



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