

South Sudanese Refugee Response

31 August 2017

Increased influx of new arrivals to South Darfur continues in August.

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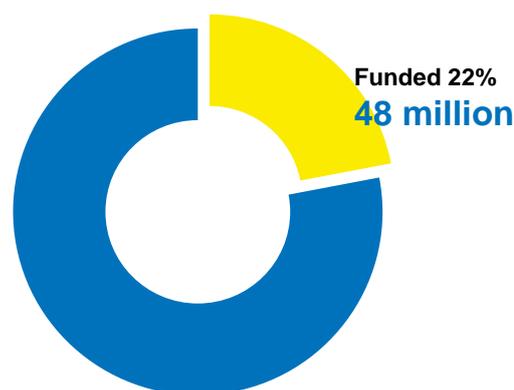
South Sudanese refugees who have fled to Sudan since December 2013.

(*The Government of Sudan estimates the number of South Sudanese refugees to be 1.3 million, including those who remained in Sudan following South Sudan's secession in 2011.)

Population and demographic update can be found on page 7.

TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED

USD 221.7 M



NEW ARRIVALS IN 2017 BY STATE

STATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	TOTAL
WHITE NILE	3,801	5,901	15,363	11,576	17,249	2,482	2,113	509	58,994
EAST DARFUR	4,300	2,975	26,208	3,272	6,637	1,725	699	195	46,011
SOUTH DARFUR	709	2,324	--	2,731	8,300	2,627	7,579	3,540	27,810
SOUTH KORDOFAN	480	8,185	6,661	3,398	6,360	765	331	401	26,581
WEST KORDOFAN	1,708	5,462	1,050	2,110	630	563	377	1,201	12,713
NORTH DARFUR	--	--	--	200	4,330	--	5,073	--	9,603
TOTAL	10,998	24,847	49,282	23,287	43,506	8,162	16,172	4,513	182,100

Key Developments

- ONGOING INFLUX INTO SOUTH DARFUR IN AUGUST** – In the first two-weeks of August alone, a rapid influx of 2,900 refugees (approximately 241 refugees per day) arrived to Buram and El Radom areas, with a slower influx observed towards the end of the month for a total of 3,509 new arrivals. Reports indicate that there are an additional 700 newly arrived refugees in Kafia Kinji; however, UNHCR and COR are unable to transport them to El Radom Town at this time due to washed out roads from recent rains. The majority of new arrivals are women and children, and Commission for Refugees (COR) and SRCS have been transporting the refugees to El Radom reception centre.
- VISIT TO BANTIU SITE IN KHARTOUM REVEALS URGENT NEEDS** – On 28 August, the Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator (RC/HC), UNHCR Deputy Representative, COR and CVHW and went on a joint visit to the Bantiu refugee site, in Jebel Aulia locality of Khartoum to assess the living conditions of an estimated 17,000 South Sudanese refugees currently living there. Immediate needs were identified, including water, sanitation, shelter and health, which are exacerbated by the heavy rainy season and recent unplanned relocations from other sites in Khartoum since May. UNHCR and the RC/HC have submitted a request to COR and CVHW for an immediate, rapid inter-agency needs assessment in order to allow UNHCR and partners to address urgent needs and alleviate the situation of the refugees living there.
- WATER TRUCKING TO DAR BATTI, SOUTH KORDOFAN BEGINS DUE TO WASHED OUT ROADS** – The rainy season continues to be a challenge with many refugee locations in South Kordofan inaccessible due to ongoing rainfall washing out road networks. Washed out roads to the Dar Batti settlement has hindered the repair of the local water yard. As an interim solution, Care International Switzerland (CIS) through UNHCR has begun water trucking of 7,000 L per day to the Dar Batti school and Al Amira reception centre to ensure ongoing supply of safe drinking water to refugees there.
- PROGRESS MADE ON REFUGEE EDUCATION MAINSTREAMING IN SOUTH AND WEST KORDOFAN** – The state Ministries of Education (SMoEs) in both South and West Kordofan have agreed to lead key education interventions, including trainings for teachers and parent-teacher associations (PTAs), and school enrollment campaigns. The SMoEs' engagement in these activities support the mainstreaming of refugee education services within the ministries and enhance the sustainability of refugee education across both states.
- UNHCR CONTINUES SUPPORT TO FLOOD VICTIMS IN WHITE NILE** – Distribution of non-food items (NFIs) procured by UNHCR began on 30 August to support an additional 1,500 host community households. So far, UNHCR has supplied NFIs to over 2,200 host community households affected by flooding that began in July, including cooking sets, jerry cans and plastic sheeting. The distributions are a part of the state's flood response plan led by HAC and the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS).



South Sudanese refugee students in White Nile. Photo Credit : H, Ahmed ; UNHCR, 2017.

State updates

WHITE NILE

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 - Individual biometric (Level 2) registration has resumed for an estimated 7,600 newly arrived refugees at Al Waral, Um Sangour and Al Redis II refugee camps, after a brief suspension due to the 1 August security incident in Al Waral. Level 2 registration is complete for all other camps in the state, with a total of 133,278 refugees individually registered.
 - Efforts to scale-up child protection services are ongoing. UNHCR facilitated a Child Protection Joint Planning Workshop with the state Ministry of Social Welfare (SMoSW), COR, HAC, SRCS, UNICEF and Plan Sudan on 14-17 August. The workshop produced a joint plan on child protection for partners and also provided trainings for staff working in refugee camps.
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 - Education partners are working to enhance secondary school opportunities for refugee students. Eithar Organization began offering evening classes at their offices in Al Kashafa camp, with over 250 students enrolled for classes facilitated by volunteer teachers from the refugee community. In Jouri, evening classes will begin in early September at the primary school there. Partners plan to eventually integrate refugee students at Jouri within the host community secondary school constructed by UNICEF in order to reduce travel times and support peaceful co-existence with host communities.
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 - Health clinics across all eight camps provided over 38,000 consultations for refugees and host community members. Acute respiratory infection (ARI), malaria and diarrheal illness were most frequently reported, with no new cases of acute watery diarrhea (AWD).
 - UNHCR, the state Ministry of Health (SMoH) and health partners including MSF-Spain, SRCS and Global Health Foundation (GHF) have established new mechanisms to simplify patient and case management and reduce the number of referrals to Kostis hospital for drugs and health issues that can be resolved at camp clinics.
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 - Hygiene promotion and sanitation activities are ongoing across all camps as part of the state's ongoing AWD response, and to mitigate waterborne illness risk over the rainy season. CAFOD led jerry cleaning campaigns for over 1,000 households across Alagaya, Dabat Bosin, Al Waral and Um Sangour camps, and Plan Sudan International helped over 9,300 households clean their jerry cans in Jouri, Al Redis I and II, and Al Kashafa camps.
 - Plan Sudan and UNHCR supported proper hand washing through soap distribution and home visits reaching over 5,800 refugees across the four camps. Additionally, over 70 MT of garbage was safely collected and removed from across all eight camps following clean-up campaigns conducted by CAFOD over August.
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 - Friends of Peace and Development Organization (FPDO) are implementing livelihoods initiatives for refugees at Al Redis II, Al Kashafa, Alagaya and Jouri camps, including trainings in mobile phone maintenance, car repair, electrical work, food processing, embroidery and welding. FPDO's programme has benefited over 166 refugees, including 41 refugee women, with skills building and tool kits to enhance self-reliance and sustainable income generation.

SOUTH KORDOFAN

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 - Level 2 registration has been completed in all accessible areas. Sirijaya, Gedeid and Qurayd remain unreachable because of the poor road network aggravated by heavy rainfall. Level 2 registration in these areas will resume after the rainy season in October. In the meantime, the registration team is transferring to West Kordofan to support Level 2 registration there.

- UNHCR with the state Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs (SMoWSA) and the State Council for Child Welfare (SCCW) led a 2-day protection response training in Abu Jabaiha for 35 participants from SMoWSA/SCCW, HAC, COR, Global Aid Hand (GAH), ASSIST and CIS. The training focused on child protection, including identification of children with specific needs, Best Interest Assessments (BIAs), monitoring and referral systems, psychosocial support, case management, community-based care arrangement and family tracing reunification (FTR). The training is part of broader capacity building initiatives for national partners implementing protection projects on the ground.
-  ▪ IOM rehabilitated three hand pumps in El Leri Town to improve access to safe water supply for both the refugee and host communities. IOM is also working to improve access to water for refugees and host communities in the Abu Jabaiha area, and recently completed geophysical surveys to assess the feasibility of additional boreholes.
- CIS is expanding hygiene promotion and sanitation activities at the Dar Batti settlement. During the reporting period, they provided incentives to 100 community hygiene promoters and led 2 cleaning campaigns at the site to support solid waste management initiatives and improve sanitation. UNICEF also repaired water distribution points at the site, and supported WES to establish a water management system through the provision of operational support and maintenance.
-  ▪ In Kadugli, over 100 refugees and host community members completed vocational trainings on tailoring, food processing, metal smithing and construction. A graduation ceremony organized by SMoWSA was held on 24 August, where graduates were provided business start-up kits to support the implementation of their new skills. The training was delivered by the SMoWSA in collaboration with the Vocational Training Institute in Kadugli.
- El Ruhama Organization distributed 10 donkey carts to vulnerable households in Abu Jabaiha, including 8 refugee and 2 host community households, to support small agricultural initiatives as part of the organization's livelihoods programming. Additionally, 50 vulnerable women-headed households from both the refugee and host communities received training on pasta making and were supported with pasta making machines and start-up materials.

WEST KORDOFAN

-  ▪ UNHCR and COR mobile registration teams began Level 2 registration in Kharasana in mid-August, with a total of 157 individuals registered so far. Additionally, by the end of July the registration team had completed Level 2 registration in El Meiram for over 8,700 refugees. So far, approximately 25% of the estimated 34,500 refugees residing across the state have been individually registered. In September, UNHCR will transfer its registration team in South Kordofan to scale-up registration capacity in West Kordofan and speed up the process.
-  ▪ Nutrition partners have flagged the need for outpatient treatment programme (OTP) centres and additional ready-to-use supplementary food (RUSF) supplies in Kharasana to address the nutritional needs of an estimated 417 at-risk children from the refugee and host communities. The RUSF gap has been ongoing for over a year, and the SMoH has recently committed to supplying 200 additional cartons; however, more support is needed to plug the gap and address SAM risk.
-  ▪ Concern Worldwide distributed 150 delivery kits to refugees in Kharasana and El Meiram to improve access to safe delivery and reproductive health services. Concern also conducted health promotion campaigns across both settlements on illness prevention and reproductive health issues.

EAST DARFUR

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 - Plans to improve lighting to support physical protection and security at Kario and Al Nimir camps are moving forward. UNHCR has allocated 75 solar lamps for Kario, 50 lamps for Al Nimir and 25 lamps split between both host communities lamp. UNHCR and COR have consulted with the communities to identify site locations for each lamp, and to ensure community ownership of the new lights in order to support community maintenance and safe keeping.
 - Child friendly spaces (CFSs) in Kario and Al Nimir have been re-opened after brief closure during the peak of the recent state AWD outbreak. Since re-opening, over 800 refugee children attended four CFSs in Kario camp during August.
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 - AWD outbreaks have been contained in both camps, as well as in Abu Jabra and El Ferdous areas, where cholera treatment centres (CTCs) are fully functional. An average of 0-1 new case per day has been reported in August. AWD risk across the state is still high due to the ongoing rainy season, and health and WASH partners remain vigilant. MSF-Switzerland is constructing a temporary inpatient ward in Kario camp to ensure adequate health coverage, and CIS and UNHCR continue to ensure adequate chlorination and scale-up of hygiene promotion and sanitation activities as prevention measures.
 - UNICEF continues to support vaccination services at both camps. Al Manar is now providing referral services for specialized care at Ed Daien hospital for refugees living at Kario, Al Nimir and El Ferdous.
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 - Nearly 4,200 refugees living in Abu Jabra locality were re-verified using Level 1 registration. The revised list was shared with WFP for general food distribution; however, WFP used the original figure of nearly 4,000 for the August ration, and will continue to do so until UNHCR and COR complete Level 2 registration for the area in the coming weeks.
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 - The refugee community in Al Nimir camp are involved in flood response planning to address damages from flooding incurred over August. The community has requested sand to backfill affected land plots and have offered to support the digging of drainage channels throughout the camp. UNHCR is coordinating with SRCS to procure and distribute sand supplies and to complete the drainage work in collaboration with refugee volunteers.

SOUTH DARFUR

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 - Household (Level 1) registration has been completed for all locations except for Nyala, with mechanisms in place to support ongoing registration of new arrivals to El Radom and Buram. WFP distributed through SRCS a full 1-month food ration to all registered households in both locations, covering the food assistance needs of 21,354 individuals.
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 - A recent education assessment led by SMoE and COR for El Radom Town identified over 1,140 primary school-aged refugee children (aged 6-13 years) who are in need of education services. Additionally, there are 64 secondary school-aged refugee children in need of documentation so that they can sit secondary school examinations. SMoE and COR are working with the Federal Examination Department to address this issue.
 - UNHCR has agreed with the SMoE to construct a new school near the reception centre (5km from El Radom Town) in order to accommodate a growing number of refugee children. UNHCR will also support the local school in El Radom town with renovations to improve facilities and support refugee students living in town to attend the local school.
 - In Buram, the SMoE has agreed to enroll South Sudanese refugee students in local schools. UNHCR conducted an assessment of the schools and has identified the need to construct temporary classrooms, latrines and water points in order to improve the schools' capacity to accommodate additional students. UNHCR will also provide classroom furniture and will partner with SRCS to complete the renovations.

-  UNHCR continues water trucking to reception centres in Buram and El Radom. An additional 10 water tanks have been sent to El Radom to support efforts to increase local water supply. UNICEF has also provided the El Radom response with two additional water bladders.
-  In response to the ongoing influx into South Darfur, local authorities in Buram have allocated land for shelter plots near the town to accommodate new arrivals. To date, over 300 household plots have been demarcated. UNHCR has also dispatched a full basket of NFIs for 2,000 refugee families in El Radom, 500 families in Buram and 229 families in Al Salam locality.

NORTH DARFUR

-  UNHCR through implementing partner Sustainable Action Group (SAG) distributed shelter kits to 2,520 refugee households across 11 locations in Al Lait locality. Refugees were also provided with training support on shelter construction.

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LINKS

UNHCR Sudan Operation for the South Sudan Situation: <http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/country.php?id=204>

2017 South Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan: <http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/download.php?id=3165>



SUDAN

Refugees from South Sudan

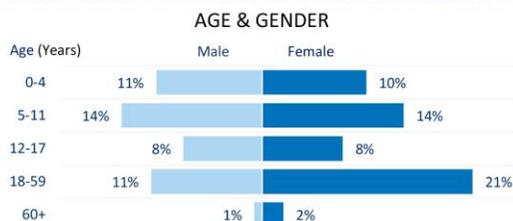
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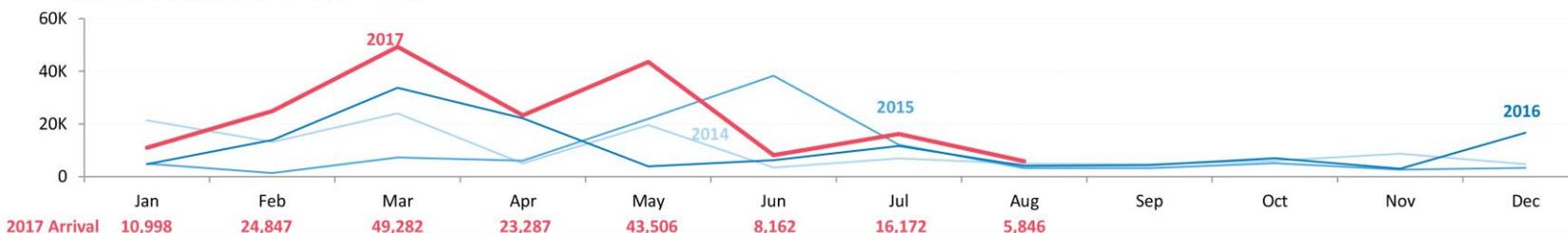
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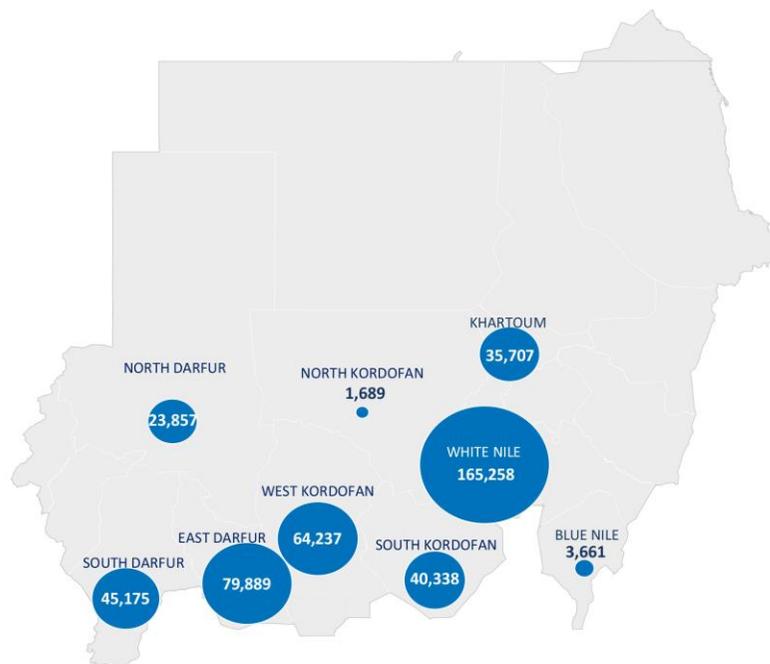
In addition, Sudan also hosts an estimated 350,000 South Sudanese refugees who were residing in Sudan before secession of South Sudan. GoS estimates the number of South Sudanese refugees in Sudan to be 1.2M.



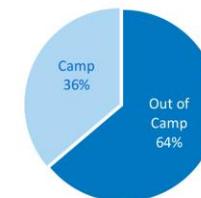
MONTHLY ARRIVAL TRENDS (2014 - 2017)



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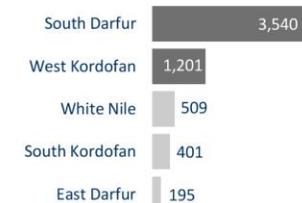
POPULATION DISTRIBUTION



REGISTRATION PROGRESS



AUGUST 2017 ARRIVAL BY STATE



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