

KEY FIGURES

Daily arrival figures from July 2016 are based on manual emergency registration or head-counts/wrist-banding. Confirmed figures will be available as the new arrivals undergo biometric registration. Figures prior to July are from the Government's Refugee Information Management System (RIMS).

12,221

Number of new arrivals between 8 and 14 May 2017

1,746

Daily average of new arrivals between 8 and 14 May 2017

645,095

Number of South Sudanese new arrivals after 7th July 2016

916,784

Total number of South Sudanese refugees in Uganda

PRIORITIES

- Ensure basic services for new arrivals as well support to persons with specific needs
- Accelerate biometric registration
- Identify new sites for refugee settlement
- Community outreach and protection monitoring in the settlements
- Expedite rehabilitation and construction of school structures to ensure access to education
- Ensure a sustainable and predictable supply of water
- Engage refugees/refugee leaders and host community members in coexistence and peace-building activities
- Promote and engage partners in livelihood interventions. Strengthen engagement of all partners, local authorities and members of the host community regarding interventions in Bidibidi.

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EMERGENCY UPDATE ON THE SOUTH SUDAN REFUGEE SITUATION

INTER-AGENCY UPDATE | 8–14 MAY 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of 12,221 South Sudanese refugees arrived to Uganda on 8-14 May, making a daily cross-border average of 1,746 refugees.
- This week registered more than 50 per cent increase in the number of new arrivals crossing through the districts of Moyo, Adjumani and Lamwo, as compared to the previous week.
- On 9 May, the Prime Minister of Uganda Ruhakana Rugunda announced at a joint press conference with UNHCR and the Office of the Resident Coordinator that President Yoweri Museveni and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will host a Solidarity Summit on Refugees in Kampala from 22 to 23 June 2017 to galvanize international support for refugees. The Summit offers a concrete opportunity to translate into action the commitments of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, whereby 193 states of the international community pledged robust support to countries affected by large movements of refugees and migrants during the UN General Assembly's seventy-first session on 19 September 2016.



At a press conference in Kampala, Uganda's Prime Minister Ruhakana Rugunda (3rd from right) with Minister for Disaster, Preparedness and Refugees Hilary Onek (1st from right), State Minister for Relief, Disaster and Preparedness Musa Ecweru (4th from left), Christine Guwatudde, Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister (2nd from right), UN Resident Coordinator Rosa Malango (4th from right), UNHCR Deputy Representative Ajit Fernando (3rd from left), WFP Representative Elkhidir Daloum (2nd from left) and FAO Representative (1st from left).

UPDATE ON SITUATION

- Uganda continues to receive South Sudanese new arrivals. Reasons of flight remains consistent, such as fear of indiscriminate killings by the government forces, looting of property, burning of houses, torture, rape, arrest by both government and opposition forces, lack of basic services and hunger.

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- **Legal counselling and support:** In Bidibidi, UNHCR partner International Rescue Committee provided counselling to 432 refugees on issues such as family separation, child-to-child sex and juvenile offenses. The team also conducted 13 legal information sessions for 555 people, with a focus on criminal offences and punishments, obligations and rights of refugees, marriage and divorce.
- **Child Protection:** In Adjumani, the Child Protection Working Group (CPWG) engaged 309 people of Agojo settlement in a dialogue to discuss child protection issues such as attempted suicides in children, causes of early pregnancies and school drop outs and increased cases of missing children.
- In Bidibidi, UNHCR and partners identified and responded to 9 cases of child abuse and referred 15 children for medical care.
- **Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV):** In Bidibidi, UNHCR and partners identified 20 new SGBV cases and provided them with medical and psychosocial counseling, bringing the total number of SGBV incidents since August 2016 to 785 - including 430 incidents reported and managed in 2017.
- In Adjumani, UNHCR and partners responsible for SGBV prevention and response concluded a joint Rapid Assessment and focus group discussions in 19 refugee settlements to measure results of awareness and prevention interventions.
- **Community mobilization:** In Bidibidi, UNHCR and partners American Refugee Committee and Danish Church Aid supported the refugee youth of Ombechi village to launch a community project helping construct shelters for persons with specific needs (PSN), including by providing tools and cash-for-work.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- **Registration:** In Bidibidi, unregistered refugees in the settlement remain a major protection concern. Individuals with relatives in the settlement are being reunified with them and those with no relatives are returned to the border for possible registration.
- **Child Protection:** In Palabek, there is a need to establish a recreational space for the youth and a birth notification system to provide access to registration at birth in a timely manner. UNHCR and partners are currently working to address these issues.
- In Bidibidi, there is a growing concern about lack of support for children living with HIV/AIDS. So far, 15 children with no access to medication and additional food were reported and registered in Zone 5. UNHCR referred the matter to the health sector for action.
- **SGBV:** In Bidibidi, community leaders working on SGBV prevention and response reported threats and attacks by members of the community who had expressed dissatisfaction with the leaders' involvement in the management of SGBV incidents. UNHCR and partners are organizing a training to better equip the community leaders and the police to respond to such threats.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- In Palorinya, enrollment at primary education stands at 25,433, including 22,966 refugees.
- In Bidibidi, UNHCR and partners selected underperforming schoolgirls from 14 schools to receive help to improve their academic performance, as part of the Girls Empowerment Club programme.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- In Adjumani, heavy winds destroyed a classroom block roof and teachers' tents in Pagirinya I Primary School, which needs repair before schools open on 29 May.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- In Bidibidi, eight pregnant and lactating women were identified and enrolled in the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) and 442 pregnant/lactating women and 880 children under five years were enrolled in the maternal and child health nutrition programme.
- In Imvepi, UNHCR and partners distributed 74.5 tons of food to 1,149 families of 4,597 individuals, including maize meal, corn-soy blend, vegetable oil and pulses.
- In Imvepi, UNHCR and partners identified 12 children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and 79 others with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) among 846 children under five years screened through the Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) and Weight for Height tests. All children were provided with the appropriate treatment.
- In Palorinya, UNHCR and partners identified and treated 18 children with SAM among 664 under five years screened for malnutrition at outpatient clinics. Furthermore, 486 pregnant and lactating women were enrolled in the maternal child health nutrition programme.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- In Imvepi, food pipeline delays affected the third cycle of general food distributions and salt was missing from the food basket. The lack of food storage remains also a huge challenge, with food being left on trucks until the next distribution. Food partners are looking to resolve this matter.



Health

Achievements and Impact

- In Bidibidi, reports showed that the leading causes of illness are acute respiratory tract infections (30.9 per cent), malaria (25.5 per cent) and watery diarrhea (9.7 per cent).
- In Adjumani, the leading causes of illness are malaria (36 per cent), acute respiratory tract infections (24 per cent) and watery diarrhoea (2 per cent).
- **Reproductive Health/HIV/AIDS:** In Bidibidi, 83 babies were delivered in the health facilities during the last week, compared to 95 on the previous week. All the new mothers received a dignity kit by UNFPA.
- In Adjumani, a total of 706 refugees were tested for HIV/AIDS, of which less than 1 per cent tested positive and referred to care and treatment.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- In Imvepi, health partners are looking into reviewing the recruitment system for health professionals in order to improve provision of quality services. Furthermore, supply of essential drugs remains a challenge, which partners are working to address.
- In Bidibidi, health facilities are experiencing a shortage of some essential drugs and medical supplies. In addition, eight health facilities have no light, which makes it difficult to deliver the health services during night.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- In Palorinya, the police was able to bring back from illegal traders 17 bags of UNHCR blankets and mosquito nets.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- In Palorinya, the ongoing heavy rains across the settlement have led to inaccessibility of some roads, with some settlements in Ibakhwe being cut off from timely access to services and assistance.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- In Adjumani, access to safe water across the settlements reduced from 17.6 liters per person per day (l/p/d) to 17.5l/p/d, compared to the previous week. This is below the UNHCR standard of 20l/p/d and is attributed to the reduction in water trucking in Agojo settlement. The average latrine coverage across the settlements increased from 75.1 per cent to 75.9 per cent. WASH partners repaired 11 boreholes in Pagirinya, Ayilo I, Ayilo II and Olijji and constructed 254 latrines, 35 bath shelters and 57 refuse pit latrines.
- In Palorinya, a total of 11,356 litres of water were trucked in zones I, II, III and basecamp, despite heavy rains affecting the road network.
- In Palorinya, 2,377 refugees participated in environmental, health and hygiene campaigns during the reporting period. Some 840 families received treated poles and plastic slabs for construction of latrines and 1,270 new family latrines were established.
- In Rhino camp, household sanitation coverage is at 17 per cent, with 4,829 family latrines in use and 2,314 additional latrines under construction. During the reporting period week, 1,703 refugees were reached with hygiene awareness messages.
- In Imvepi, WASH partners held hygiene awareness sessions with 8,493 refugees through home visits. The communal latrine-to-person ratio is 1:25, which remains within the emergency standards.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- In Bidibidi, there is a need to bridge a daily demand gap of 1,684 m³/day for approximately 12,000 people, including through additional drilling, motorizing and connecting high-yield boreholes to the water supply systems, towers, and pipe distribution networks.

Energy and Environment

- In Palorinya, UNHCR and partners held some education sessions and campaigns on how to preserve and protect the environment for 1,500 new arrivals. In total, 784 environmental education sessions were conducted and a total of 62,259 persons were reached in the settlement and at Lefori collection point.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

- In Bidibidi, 2,160 families received cassava cuttings and another 2,145 received orange sweet potato vines as part of a distribution of planting materials and tools.
- In Bidibidi, 504 women received business training and a startup grant, enabling them to start modest economic enterprises, such as fruit and vegetables stalls and bead making.
- In Adjumani, 22 farmer group members from the host and refugee community in Ayilo received fruit tree seedlings with the aim of improving their nutritional status and family income.
- In Adjumani, UNHCR and partners helped establish 30 farmer groups in Baroli, Elema, Nyumanzi, Agojo, Ayilo and Pagirinya refugee settlement areas. These groups, which include refugees and local Ugandans, have opened a total of 78 acres of group gardens.
- In Palorinya, 7,443 people, including 4,973 women, received emergency seed kits for planting in the current planting season, as part of a broader programme to improve food security for some 20,750 individuals.

- In Rhino camp six income generating activity groups received cash grants worth USD 7,000 and USD 4,000 for investment.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- In Palorinya, UNHCR, the Office of the Prime Minister and Lutheran World Federation carried out a joint assessment of flood-affected households. As a result, 700 households were affected and registered for distribution of non-food items. Among them were 240 households in need of immediate relocation to higher and dry land.

The South Sudan Emergency Response in Uganda is coordinated jointly by the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

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