

South Sudan Situation

1-30 November 2018

2,306,499*

South Sudanese refugees in the region as of 30 November 2018 (pre- and post-Dec 2013 caseload).

3,315*

South Sudanese refugee arrivals in November 2018.

294,776

Refugees in South Sudan and 1.98 million IDPs including 194,747 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites.

KEY INDICATORS

4.47 million

persons of concern (South Sudanese refugees in the region; South Sudanese IDPs and refugees in South Sudan)

63%

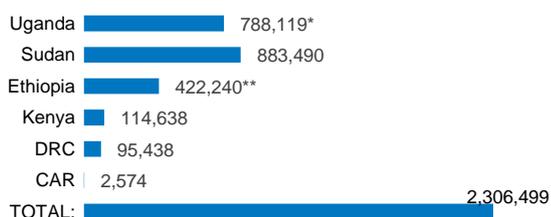
of the South Sudanese refugee population are children (under the age of 18 years old)

2,677,400

2018 Regional RRP Planning figure for the total South Sudanese refugees projected in the region by 31 December

SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES AS OF 30 NOVEMBER 2018

Host Countries



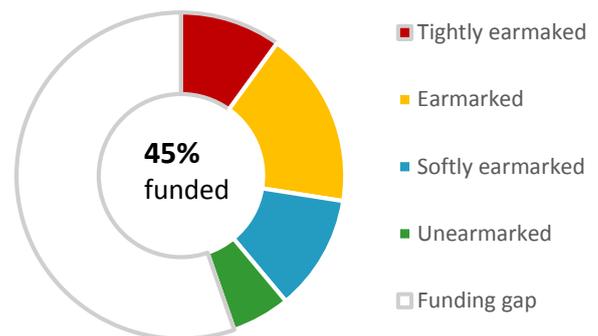
* The population and arrival figures are based on the final results from verification exercise.

** Population figures for Ethiopia were frozen as of August 2018 due to the roll-out of a new registration system aiming to enhance registration data until January 2019.

EARMARKED FUNDING (AS OF 20 NOVEMBER 2018)

USD 782.7 million

requested for the South Sudan situation



New Arrivals

	In 2017 (Jan to Dec)	In 2018 (as of 30 November)
CAR	414	323
DRC	22,017	5,933
Ethiopia	75,447	19,770**
Kenya	19,919	6,988
Sudan	195,599	31,051
Uganda	354,796	37,739
TOTAL	668,192	103,186

Regional Highlights

- **On the 26th November, the United Nations Panel of Experts on South Sudan released an *interim* report pursuant to the arms embargo imposed by the Security Council on the entire territory of South Sudan in 2018 (resolution 2428).** The report revealed some violations of the arms embargo imposed on South Sudan and "alarming levels of violence, including sexual and gender-based violence, and a desperate humanitarian situation that includes severe food shortages" and its impact on the protection of human rights and humanitarian access in South Sudan.
- **As of 20th November 2018, UNHCR have received only 45 per cent of the \$782.7 million appealed for the South Sudan situation.** The UNHCR South Sudan situation includes refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs).
- **The 66th Extraordinary Session of the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) Council of Ministers on South Sudan was held on 16th November, 2018 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.** On its [communique](#) while expressing appreciation with the progress made in the implementation of the R-ARCSS and establishment of the implementation institutions and mechanisms in South Sudan, the IGAD Council of Ministers also urged all stakeholders, the African Union and all other parties for technical and financial support.
- **On 20th November 2018, Mr. Pierre Townsend, Senior Humanitarian Adviser, East Africa of the Department for International Development (DFID) based in Addis-Ababa met with Regional Refugee Coordination Office for the South Sudan situation in Nairobi.** The meeting was aimed at exchanging information on DFID's regional engagement on the South Sudan situation and the strategic objectives, need based assessment and the requirements allocation for each of the six asylum country which form part of the 2019-2020 Regional Refugee Response Plan RRRP for the South Sudan situation. The consultations between DFID and RRC UNHCR Nairobi will be pursued in 2019 to strengthen the regional response plan for the benefit of South Sudanese refugees.

Updates and Achievements

SOUTH SUDAN

Update

- On 8th November 2018, Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu, the Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Council of Ministers appointed the current JMEC Deputy Chairperson, Ambassador Lt General Augustino S.K Njoroge to continue as Deputy Chairperson of R-JMEC (Secretariat of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission) and to act as the Chairperson of the JMEC.
- In the context of the [implementation](#) of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (ARCSS), South Sudan's Interior Ministry is taking measures to shut down all illegal checkpoints across the country in a bid to improve highway security and improve humanitarian access..

Achievements and Impact on Refugees in South Sudan

- **New arrivals:** In November, UNHCR registered some 1,199 new arrivals, mainly from Sudan's South Kordofan and Blue Nile. As of November 2018, the refugee population in South Sudan stood at 294,776 individuals, with an 83 per cent of the population being children and women.
- **Education:** In Jamjang's refugee camps, 98 per cent of the registered students sat for the final exams, totalling 942 students (273 girls, 669 boys) out of the 965 (278 girls, 687 boys) registered.
- **Health:** In Maban, UNHCR commenced the construction of Tuberculosis (TB) laboratory referral Hospital and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) counselling rooms in Kaya and Yusuf-Batil refugee camps. This will improve the TB/HIV services to refugees and enhance prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV/AIDS.
- **IDPs:** In Bentiu, UNHCR started Energy Saving Stove project under the theme of "One Energy Saving Stove per House" as part of the initiatives towards community empowerment and self-reliance activities. As a result, UNHCR trained 86 women on producing energy saving stoves using local material such as clay, cow dung, and water as well as carries out sewing class for 45 women targeting people with special needs (PSNs) and/or their care takers/family.

Countries of Asylum

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Latest Developments

- **On 14th November 2018, UNHCR officially submitted the draft law on the status of the traditional leaders to the Minister of the Interior and Public Security and to the Interim Minister of Territorial Administration, Decentralization and Local Development.** This draft law was developed as a joint effort with *Afrique Secours et Assistance* (ASA), an NGO from Cote D'Ivoire and experts from the Ministry of Territorial Administration aimed at intra-communal social cohesion among Central Africans.

Achievements and Impact

- **From 6th to 13th November 2018, UNHCR has organized the Women's Security Awareness Training (WSAT) to scale up the level of security awareness of female staff exposed to specific risks in humanitarian operations.** The training was attended by forty-three (43) women working to various United Nations agencies, including UNDP, UNICEF, UNOPS, IOM, FAO, WHO and WFP based in Bangui, Berberati, Paoua, Bouar, Kaga-Bandoro, Bambari and Obo.
- **In November, UNHCR has provided cash - UNHCR XAF6000 (10\$) – to all refugees in the Obo refugee camp** following an halt in food ration distribution due to limited access to the area.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Latest Developments

- **In November, authorities halted the routine cash-for-food distributions carried out by the World Food Programme (WFP) following a security incident in Meri settlement, Haut-Uélé Province.** This incident highlighted the need for further strengthen refugees' self-reliance in line with UNHCR's strategic priorities.
- **Humanitarian access to South Sudanese refugees located in all settlements and border areas has been limited due to heavy rains and poor road conditions.** Additional funding is needed to improve roads and ensure refugees receive assistance.

Achievements and Impact

- **The Shelter Working Group published the 2018 accomplishments and projections of its shelter partners in DRC.** While there are 10 active partners, mainly in Tanganyika and Haut-Katanga Provinces, shelter remains a major need in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

ETHIOPIA**Latest Developments**

- **In Gambella, Ethiopia, the security situation remains volatile and unpredictable, with reports of tribe clashes in Itang.** Criminal incidents continue to be reported linked to the political and socio-economic situation and the security control remains tight adversely affecting the quality of life of refugees.
- **The Regional Refugee Coordinator and Special Advisor for the South Sudan Situation carried out a mission to Gambella, Ethiopia in 28-29 November 2018.** The mission aimed at raising awareness on the recent developments regarding the Revitalized Peace Agreement (RPA) for South Sudan with the refugee community, host community and development partners. It also aimed at obtaining the views, concerns, and recommendations from refugees in particular and the relevant stakeholders on the process.

Achievements and Impact

- **In all camps, among the major challenges have been a shortage of textbooks, insufficient number of national teachers in upper primary school and Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) children absenteeism.** Despite that, school teaching and learning process was carried out in normality in all camps.

KENYA**Latest Developments**

- **On 30th November the Director of the UNHCR Office in New York, Ninette Kelley carried out a visit to Kakuma camp in Kenya and the Regional Refugee Coordination office.** The main goal of the mission to Kenya was to observe the levels of implementation of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) and the benefits derived therefrom for refugees and the host community.

Achievements and Impact

- **To ensure an increased use of affordable and reliable energy, 11,500 tree seedlings were produced in November, and 7,312 tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts and host community.** This will likely increase the individual revenue of refugees producing the seedlings and stimulate the refugee's self-reliance.

SUDAN**Latest Developments**

- **There has been an increase in the total South Sudanese refugee population, standing at 851,313 individuals, following the updated population statistics following the registration processes** conducted by the Government of Sudan's Immigration and Passport Police (IPP) in Gedaref, Al Gezira, Nile and Northern States. It also includes the increase of the out-of-the-camp population in White Nile State by 79,000 based on an inter-agency assessment targeting out-of-camp locations.

- **Due to persistent cash shortages the assistance projects in all refugee locations have been delayed, especially for procurement activities and the implementation of cash-based interventions.** While there are logistical delays due to ongoing fuel shortages, the State authorities are working closely with partners to mitigate the situation.

Achievements and Impact

- **A survey was carried out to identify drivers of school dropout with 130 refugee and host community families in Al Khowey, West Kordofan, by Plan International Sudan and national partner ALAAN Charity Organization.** The main reasons for dropout cited by families include: children needing to work to support household income; inability to cover costs of school fees and supplies; household responsibilities (i.e., the need to support sick parents and provide sibling care); and discrimination.

UGANDA

Latest Developments

- **A task force was established by the Inter-Agency Coordination Group and Sector Co-leads, to prepare the deployment of *Activity Info* in the first quarter of 2019.** *Activity Info* is an online information management system, conceived to monitor the implementation of the 2019-2020 Refugee Response Plan through partners' activity mapping.

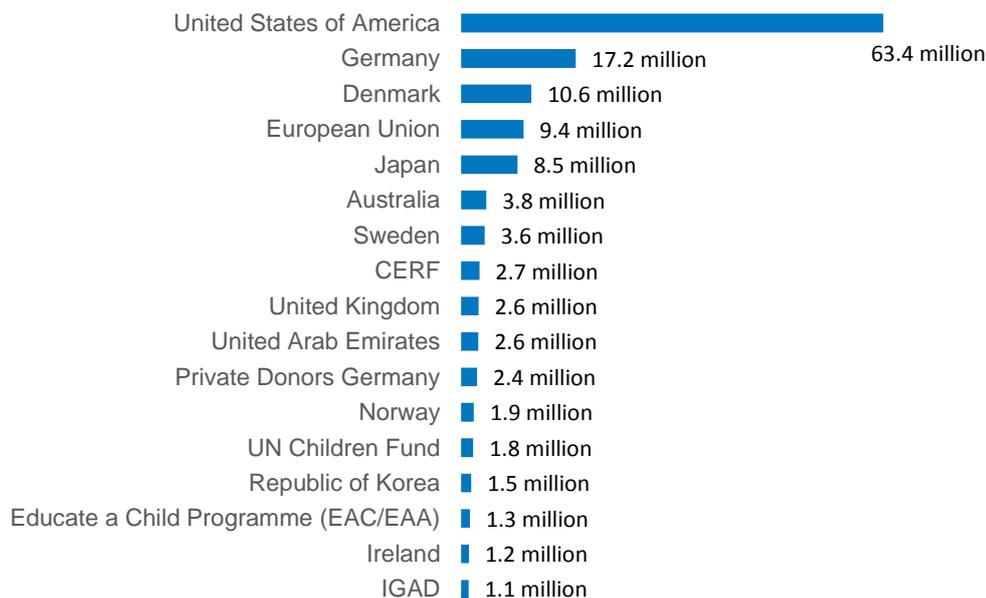
Achievements and Impact

- **The inter-agency toll-free helpline received a total of 5,957 calls and 2,145 logged cases as of November, 2018.** The new inter-agency Feedback, Referral and Resolution Mechanism (FRRM) is meant to increase information sharing in refugee settlements and provide safe, accessible and reliable communication channels to refugees and asylum seekers. Currently the helpline is operational in Kampala, and Nakivale, Kiryandongo, Oruchinga as well as Rwamwanja settlements.

Financial Information

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Total contributions for the South Sudan Situation amount to some **US\$ 350.1 million.**



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