SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ETHIOPIA
SHELTER and LOGISTICS FACTSHEET

February 2026

Upgradable shelters completed – Luakdong

Highlights

Shelter construction continued across Luakdong and Tormorok, with steady progress on upgradable shelters and ongoing dike reinforcement along the riverside to protect the sites from seasonal flooding. Road-construction work advanced, improving access to block corridors and enabling smoother movement of partners, materials, and emergency shelter services. Installation of solar street lights progressed in both locations, enhancing safety and mobility. Infrastructure development also moved forward, with construction at registration centers, storage facilities, and school buildings in the host community at different stages of completion.

Response & Challenges

Despite progress, significant gaps remain in expanding critical infrastructure. Limited funding for access-road development is slowing site-planning efforts in Luakdong, constraining efficient service delivery and leaving key areas vulnerable to seasonal flooding due to inadequate drainage structures. The shelter pipeline for the coming year has yet to be secured, requiring continued follow-up at national level to avoid disruptions in construction activities. Ongoing dike reinforcement, drainage improvements, and road-stabilization works also face increasing delays due to widespread fuel shortages in the Gambella region and reduced availability of commercial vehicles, many of which are currently diverted to seasonal coffee-harvesting activities. These constraints are affecting timely delivery of construction materials, movement of contractors, and overall progress across shelter and infrastructure interventions. Sustained funding and partner engagement remain essential to ensure safe, resilient, and functional site conditions for displaced communities.

Achievements

Upgradable Emergency Shelter	2,027	Constructed	137 Under Construction
Communal Hangars	14	Constructed (13 for accommodation and 1 as a health facility)	
Family Tents	484	Installed	
Household Plots	3,343	Demarcated	
Household Plots	1,010	Distributed for Self-Build	
Dyke / Embarkment	14	Under Construction	
Solar Streetlights	39	Installed	

Key Figures

82K Population Planning Figure (New arrivals)

430K Refugees from South Sudan in Ethiopia (prior Feb 2025)

18 Response Partners Under Emergency Response Plan

49,751 Total Individuals Registered Refugees Level 1 (Since 22 July 2025)

Demographic (Registered Refugees Level 1)

	Female (57%)	Male (43%)
Adults	23%	9%
Children	34%	34%

270 Hectare of Land Surveyed, Cleared and Prepared

7 Public Facilities Constructed

15,815 Current Occupancy Capcity of LuakDong Site

21,333 Actual Occupancy of LuakDong Site

* Occupancy capacity is calculated based on average family size of 5 including upgradable shelters, family tents, communal hangars and self-built shelters

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UNHCR declared Level 2 Emergency in May 2025