SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ETHIOPIA
PROTECTION AND EDUCATION FACTSHEET

March 2026

Highlights

An emergency response mission visited Nyinenyang to support asylum-seekers arriving from South Sudan and to help shape preparedness measures as the situation across the border remains fragile. The team assessed services in Luakdong and Tormorok and held discussions with newly displaced families who shared concerns about prolonged lack of food, healthcare, and protection. Throughout the week, UNHCR and partners completed the relocation on 31st March 2026, provided protection briefings, strengthened screening for vulnerable families, and expanded child-focused activities and women's wellness support. Community awareness initiatives further improved understanding of available services, safeguarding measures, and key protection responsibilities.

Response & Challenges

UNHCR and partners continued protection, registration, and completed the relocation, ensuring asylum-seekers received orientation on services, reporting mechanisms, and safeguarding standards. Child protection interventions included Best Interest Assessments, foster-care placement, psychosocial support, and engagement of community-based structures. Women and girls accessed dedicated safe spaces, while awareness on gender-based violence and referral pathways reached diverse groups. However, significant challenges persist. The demand for shelters continues to exceed available capacity, leaving vulnerable families in temporary or incomplete structures that heighten protection risks. Restricted access to Tiergol, limited partner presence in some locations affects monitoring and timely case follow-up, while rising arrivals and reports of severe shortages across the border underscore the urgent need for strengthened resources and sustained humanitarian support.

Achievements

- **6** Child Friendly Space Attended by **400** Children Daily
- **265** Best Interest Procedure (BIP) Case Management
- **147** Unaccompanied Children Placed in Foster Care
- **469** Foster Families Trained
- **58** GBV Case Management
- **2,405** Dignity Kit Distributed
- **19** Community-Based Protection Committees Established
- **4** Feedback Mechanism Established And Functioning
- **2** Protection Desk Deployed
- **285** Home Visit Conducted
- **91** Focus Group Discussions With Refugees
- **32** Awareness Raising Sessions on SEA

Key Figures

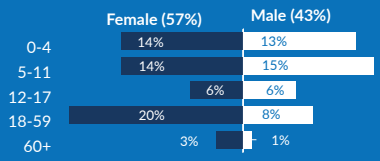
100K
Population Planning Figure **(New arrivals)**

447.6K
Refugees from South Sudan in Ethiopia (As of March 2026)

18
Response Partners Under Emergency Response Plan

50,030
Total Individuals Registered Refugees in Luakdong Level 1 (Since 22 July 2025)

Demographic (Registered Refugees Level 1)



11,908
Refugees Registered With Different Categories Of Vulnerability

10,482
Children At Risk

- 8,438 Separated Children
- 794 Unaccompanied Children
- 1,250 Other Vulnerable Children
- 5,777 Girls (of them)

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UNHCR declared Level 2 Emergency in March 2026