SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ETHIOPIA
FOOD & NUTRITION FACTSHEET

Mar 2026

Highlights

During the reporting period, UNHCR and partners supported the ongoing relocation of refugees from Tormorok to Luakdong, focusing on individuals who were registered at the first level registration in 2025. Nutrition and food assistance continued throughout the movement to ensure families received essential services while adjusting to new conditions. Screening and counselling efforts remained active, allowing partners to quickly identify vulnerable groups and provide timely support. The resumption of fresh food voucher activities also strengthened access to more diverse diets, contributing to improved wellbeing for the most at-risk groups during the relocation and settling successfully.

Response & Challenges

UNHCR and partners continued to deliver coordinated nutrition and food assistance amid shifting operational demands. Screening, counselling and treatment services remained active, though temporary interruptions occurred when partner teams were reassigned for essential capacity-building activities. Expanding support for unregistered households helped address emerging needs, while the resumption of fresh food vouchers improved access to more diverse diets. Despite progress, limited resources and fluctuating needs continue to place pressure on partners working to maintain consistent, high-quality services for vulnerable households.

Achievements

Food Distribution

People received 100% dry food ration (March Cycle) (Cumulative rations since August 2025: 240,191) **20,617** (As of 28th March 2026)

People received hot meal (Last Week) (Cumulative meals since August 2025: 81,200) **4,203**

Targeted vulnerable individuals addressed by food vouchers(Last week) **1,591**

Care for Pregnant & Lactating Women (PLW)

Screened **4,559** New Admission **161** In TSFP Program **690** Prevalence **31%**

Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) - Treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)

New Admission **181** In OTP Program **1,475** % Cured **88%** % Deafultered **0%** % Death **0%**

Stablization Center program (SC) -Treatment of complicated Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)

New Admission **26** In SC Program **7** % Stabilized **80%** % Death **0%**

Targeted Supplementary Feeding Program -Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)

New Admission **13** In TSFP Program **809** % Cured **50%** % Deafultered **0%** % Death **0%**

Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) Program

Group Sessions Conducted **756** Health/Nutrition Education Sessions Conducted **643**

PLW Attended Welcoming Session **19,724** People Attended Health/Nutrition Education Sessions **170,125**

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)

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

11,482 Children Screend for Acute Malnutrition (February Cycle)

Proxy GAM* Prevalence in Children (6–59) months)	15%	Increasing**
Proxy SAM Prevalence	10%	Decreasing**
Proxy GAM* Prevalence in PLW	31%	Decreasing**

*GAM: Global Acute Malnutrition
** Compared to previous week**

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UNHCR declared Level 2 Emergency in March 2026