

South Sudan Update



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Southern Kordofan Refugees in Unity State, South Sudan

During his visit to South Sudan, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees met with Nuban refugee leaders, and stressed the urgent need for the refugee population fleeing Southern Kordofan to relocate to a safer distance from border. A joint committee comprised of refugee leadership, UNHCR and other partners on the ground began meetings the next day to review the modalities of relocation. The Unity State Governor has also stressed the need for the refugees in Yida to move to alternative sites away from the border. As relocation begins to Pariang and Nyeel, other sites are being identified to provide refugees with more choices for relocation, and to prepare for accommodating larger numbers of arrivals.

As of 10 January 2012 there are 23,737 refugees registered in Yida (13,053 male and 10,687 female, with 648 new arrivals registered from 4 to the 10 January 2012. 75 metric tons food has been distributed in Yida, and one week food ration has been distributed including to the new arrivals. The delivery of health services is ongoing in Yida, Pariang and Nyeel. One clinical officer and one nurse are in Pariang, where there are currently 322 refugees. In Nyeel, the site is ready to receive refugees and a number of blankets and mats have been distributed by Intersos. UNHCR has also sent 8 trucks of NFIs to Nyeel, including buckets, kitchen sets, plastic sheets, blankets, sleeping mats and sanitary kits. In Pariang, Intersos has erected 93 tents along with 2 blocks of latrines. A structure for a long-house for education in anticipation of the arrival of secondary school students from Yida is also being built. To ensure the safety of the unaccompanied girls a separate compound has been developed and Non-Violent Peaceforce is conducting GBV training for unaccompanied girls, age 13-14 years. A meeting was organised in Yida between the host community and actors on the ground to ensure peaceful coexistence.