

30 January – 5 February 2015

KEY FIGURES

195,537

UNHCR PoC for the
situation

PRIORITIES

Approval and development of
new site to accommodate
refugees

Emergency preparedness
ahead of upcoming rainy
season and any further influx

HIGHLIGHTS

- The general security situation in Gambella region during the reporting period was calm and peaceful.
- The relocation of new arrivals from different entry points to Pugnido Refugee Camp has been completed. A total of 311 refugees were received in Pugnido during the reporting week, including 251 that were relocated from Matar while 51 were from Pagak; nine refugees with special needs were flown by helicopter from Akobo. To date, a total of 9,100 refugees have been relocated both by bus and helicopter from various entry points to Pugnido camp.
- An average of 73 South Sudanese refugees per day arrived in Gambella during the week through Pagak, Akobo and Raad entry points.
- The cumulative figure of new arrivals from South Sudan in Gambella from 15 December 2013 to date is 192,818 persons, pre-December 2013 caseload is 57,180, making a total of 249,998 South Sudanese refugees in Gambella.
- In Assosa, there are 2,719 post-December 2013 arrivals and 6,161 pre-December 2013 arrivals, making a total of 8,880 South Sudanese Refugees in Assosa.
- The total South Sudanese refugee new arrivals in Ethiopia post-December 2013 is 195,537 and the total South Sudanese refugee population in Ethiopia is 258,878.
- A livelihood and food security project was launched in Kule Refugee camp during the reporting week. The project started with training in business and income generating activities for over 800 refugees. The refugees developed their own business plan and formed business groups, which were scrutinized by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC). At the launch, 20 refugees in groups of four received seed money (2,000 Birr each [US\$100]). NRC will continue to support with more training.
- In Pugnido, in collaboration with ARRA, the Protection team along with Registration conducted a validation and subsequent reactivation of persons who were previously registered as refugees but were deactivated because of prolonged absence from the camp and who have shown up now because of the current prevailing insecurity in some parts of South Sudan. Activity during the week covered Nuer site and Village 12. At the end of the exercise the team reactivated some 70 cases that were found to be both genuine and credible.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- The total number of South Sudanese refugees who have entered Gambella region since the outbreak of the conflict in mid-December 2013 is now 192,818 individuals with a small but steady number of new arrivals recorded daily (average 73). The focus of the Gambella operation is the approval of site for the relocation of refugees from Leitchuor and Nip Nip refugee camps before the next rainy season expected to start in June.

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- The Protection team conducted its regular weekly detention visit to Gog Woreda police station. There were eight refugees in detention at the time of visit; three were arrested for being found drunk and disorderly late after midnight in Pugnido town; they were released after a day in detention. Five were arrested for destroying water facilities at the new camp site. UNHCR is following up on the cases.
- In Gambella, Protection officers visited Gambella prison for the purpose of ascertaining how many refugees were in detention, their names and details, and monitoring general conditions. The matter of prison monitoring and realistic support to any refugees found to be in detention is currently under discussion.
- UNHCR and ARRA Registration teams visited Akula village with a view to making preparations for Level II registration for refugees living in the area. The exercise is scheduled to commence late next week.
- 202 new-born children were registered in Kule, Tierkidi and Pugnido in preparation for the February food distribution. Following the registration, food manifests were produced and provided to ARRA.
- In Leitchuor, 2,080 female underwear and 1,920 reusable sanitary pads were distributed to over 2,000 refugees.

Child Protection

- In Leitchuor Refugee Camp, 334 Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASCs) were beneficiaries of mats, plastic jugs, plastic cups, T shirts and dresses.
- In Leitchuor Refugee Camp, UNHCR co-facilitated a three-day training organized by UNICEF for 30 social workers on basic child protection concepts, child right and participation, Child Friendly Space (CFS), Communication skill, International Protection and the Mandate of UNHCR.

SGBV

- With the objective of addressing the protection need of refugee girls and women, UNHCR Field Office Pugnido in collaboration with the Refugee Central Committee and Women Association of the new camp site facilitated the distribution of sanitary materials (pads, underwear and soap) and collapsible jerry cans to 1,362 girls and women of reproductive age (13-49 years) among the new arrivals. The items in this distribution, coordinated by Field, Protection and Registration teams of the Field Office, will cover three months. The overall distribution went well and demonstration of how to use and dispose the pads was given to the target group. The same exercise continues in Agnuak site to address the need of newly arrived Agnuak refugees who have not received materials.
- Seven solar street lamps were installed in Tierkdi Camp, including at Women Friendly Space, Health Centre and other risk locations identified.
- In Dimma, 45 women participated in sexual and gender based violence awareness raising activities.

Education

- Schools in Pugnido closed for first semester during the reporting week and will re-open on 9 February.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- Mosquito net distribution started in Okugo Refugee Camp for vulnerable groups (pregnant and lactating women).
- Five new suspected measles cases were reported from Nip Nip refugee camp in the week. Surveillance activities including active case search and information dissemination are underway in all locations.
- At Pagak entry point, 264 people (140 male, 224 female) were screened for Ebola by Regional Health Bureau.

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- A joint ARRA, UNHCR and WFP mission went to Okugo Camp to support improvement in food and nutrition interventions, as well as health programmes implementation in the camp.
- A Department for International Development (DFID) mission hosted by WFP visited the Goal Nutrition Centre in Tierkidi Camp and also observed general food distributions in Kule Refugee Camp from 28 and 30 January.
- January general food distribution was completed in Leitchuor Camp during the reporting week.

Site Planning and Expansion of Camps

- Estimation for the second phase of road improvements and new road construction (with maps and designs) in Tierkidi Camp was developed and submitted to Programme Section.
- Thematic map of educational facilities in Pugnido was developed and submitted to Education experts.

Shelter

- Danish Refugee Council (DRC) commenced the construction of transitional shelters in Tierkidi Camp.
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) completed 200 shelter superstructures in Pugnido for vulnerable new arrivals.

Supply Chain

- Sub-Office Gambella received assorted non-food items from Addis Ababa as follows: i) 10,000 blankets ii) 10,000 Mosquito nets, iii) 10,000 sleeping mats, iv) 136,056 bar soaps v) 100,000 sanitary pads and vi) 125,000 women underwear. In addition, SO Gambella received assorted office and accommodation supplies procured in December 2014 from Addis Ababa such as office furniture, air conditioners, vehicle tyres and televisions.
- SO Gambella despatched the following NFIs to Pugnido, Okugo, Kule and Terkidi camps for distribution to refugees: 112,000 bars of soap, 2,000 kitchen sets, 1,200 mosquito nets, 1,008 plastic sheets, 2,597 Jerry cans, 1200 blankets, 3000 litres of diesel fuel, 10 Air-conditions, among others, respectively.
- Supply provided support to missions for 138 humanitarian workers, refugees and Government officials from Gambella to Leitchuor, Akobo, Matar and Pugnido by helicopter currently hired by UNHCR Gambella.
- Local committee on Contracts (LCC), Bid Opening committee (BOC) and Vendor Review Committee (VRC) for Sub-Office Gambella were constituted.

WASH

- A mass education campaign was organized in Leitchuor Refugee Camp on proper hand washing; 752 individuals participated in the exercise.

Coordination

- In Kule Camp, a six-day training for trainers (TOT) was conducted for 26 youth (22M, four F) by the Development and Inter Church Aid Commission (DICAC). The trained youth expressed satisfaction with skills acquired and said they felt confident to transfer the skills to other youth in the camp. DICAC trained the youth to use their talents to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and alcohol/ substance abuse and to live purposeful, productive and peaceful lives.