



HIGHLIGHTS

4,000

Sudanese new arrivals transported to Ajuong Thok

38,000

IDPs received NFIs in Jonglei and Unity, including in opposition-controlled areas

3,359

Shelters completed for refugees and host communities in Maban

60

Trucks dispatched to Jonglei and Upper Nile for pre-positioning of NFI

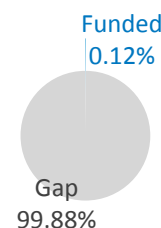
Population of concern

A total of **1.5 million** IDPs

A total of **252,120** refugees

Funding

USD 419,053,573 requested



Refugees by country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Sudan	229,603
DRC	15,573
Central African Republic	4,900
Ethiopia	2,044
Total	252,120

UNHCR Presence

Staff:

288 national staff

142 international staff

Offices:

12 offices located in:

Juba, Jamjang, Bunj, Yida, Malakal, Bentiu, Bor, Yei, Yambio, Kwajok, Rumbek and Wau

2 field units located in: Mingkaman and Nimule

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan, especially the Commission for Refugee Affairs, to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and IDPs in partnership with the Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration; the South Sudan AIDS Commission; Human Development Council; Health Link; Action Africa Help International; African Humanitarian Action; ACROSS; Care South Sudan; Danish Refugee Council; International Medical Corps; International Rescue Committee; Lutheran World Federation; Non-violent Peace Force; Norwegian Refugee Council; Samaritan's Pursue; Save the Children; World Vision International; and UN Volunteers.
- Also, UNHCR maintains an operational partnership with the Ministry of Interior and Wildlife Conservation; Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Spain); CAFOD; Relief International; Medair; Mentor; Oxfam; FAO; UNAIDS; UNOCHA; UN-Habitat; UNDP, UNFPA; UNICEF; UNMAS; UNMISS and WFP.
- Within the IDP response cluster system, UNHCR in South Sudan is Lead of the Protection Cluster (with NRC co-leading), Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and undertakes enhanced participation in the IOM-led Shelter/NFI Cluster.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – REFUGEE PROGRAMME

Protection

Upper Nile

- UNHCR's partners ACTED and DRC conducted a training on Sexual and Gender-based Violence prevention and response for 15 police officers in Gendressa, Kaya and Bunj, including on referral pathways and international refugee law. A refresher training on SGBV referral and follow-up procedures as well as confidentiality matters was organized for 17 staffers from LWF, MSF, ACTED, DRC and IMC working in Maban refugee camps.
- In Maban refugee camps, UNHCR in cooperation with World Lutheran Federation developed messages to raise public awareness of the dangers and protection risks facing children while grazing animals, including health and security hazards. The messages will be broadcast on the local radio starting from February.

Unity

- Between 23 December and the end of January, more than 4,000 Sudanese new arrivals crossed into Yida, South Sudan's Unity State due, they said, to increased insecurity and violence in South Kordofan and Blue Nile states. With arrival rates exceeding 500 people per week, this represents an increase of more than 100 percent compared with the December 2013-January 2014 period. More than 80 percent of new arrivals were transported from Yida to Ajuong Thok camp. With nearly 20,000 Sudanese refugees already living in Ajuong Thok, the camp has almost reached its full capacity of 24,000 people. If the current rate of arrivals continues, more than 15,000 refugees may arrive by June 2015. UNHCR is in discussion with local authorities on further expansion of the camp as well as alternative camp sites.
- UNHCR, in coordination with LWF, facilitated the reunification of 98 Sudanese children who had been separated from their families upon fleeing from Sudan to Yida. Another four children were placed in foster care pending the results of family tracing.
- UNHCR's partner LWF opened a new Child Friendly Space (CFS) in Ajuong Thok refugee settlement, bringing the total number of CFS to six. More than 1,700 children attend the six CFS in Ajuong Thok on a weekly basis.

Central Equatoria

- UNHCR approved the relocation of 141 vulnerable urban refugees to Lasu settlement from Yei, where they were in dire conditions, with no food and no access to education and medical services.
- In January, UNHCR and the Commission for Refugee Affairs jointly distributed ID cards to some 280 refugees in Lasu refugee settlement and Maridi. Since this exercise began in late 2014, more than 3,000 refugees have received ID cards in Western Equatoria.

Education

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR installed 20 additional computers at the Soba Secondary Schools' ICT lab, bringing the total number of workstations to 27.

Central Equatoria

- In Lasu, UNHCR's partner IBIS completed the upgrade of Yei Girls Secondary School, including construction of a computer lab, classrooms, staff housing as well as the provision of an electric generator and a school bus to cater for 320 students. UNHCR handed over the school to the School's Board of Governors during a public ceremony.

Health

Upper Nile

- UNHCR's partners MSF-Belgium, IMC and Medair completed a Short Interval Additional Dose (SIAD) polio vaccination campaign in all refugee camps in Maban County, reaching some 70,000 children aged 0-15 years.
- UNHCR's partner International Medical Corps carried out refresher training on Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) for all refugee nutrition staffers in Kaya and Gendressa to ensure programme continuity in the event of NGO staff relocation/evacuation.

Unity

- UNHCR's partners AHA and MSF completed a SIAD polio vaccination campaign in Yida and Ajuong Thok, reaching some 32,500 children aged 0-15 years.

Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR together with ACTED and DRC commenced a Food Security and Livelihood Assessment in all the refugee camps and host communities in Maban County. The survey, which consists of interviews with 800 households and 20 other in-depth interviews with key informant, will help inform 2015 livelihood programming.

Water and Sanitation

Upper Nile

- UNHCR distributed 20-litre buckets to 2,000 refugee families in Doro and Yusuf Batil camps (Upper Nile State), thanks to a donation from MSF-Holland.
- UNHCR and IOM in coordination with partners began the extension of Doro water network. To date, six six-tap water stands have been completed (36 water taps).
- UNHCR and IOM completed the drilling of a new borehole in the Doro camp extension site, which will serve as the main water source supply for 3,000 refugees.
- UNHCR, in coordination with the Government, identified a site between Kaya and Yusuf Batil camp to serve as a centralized dump for refugee camps and operations in Maban County.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok UNHCR, in partnership with IRC, constructed 47 new family latrines, bringing the total number close to 1,650.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu, UNHCR began the drilling of two boreholes with a solar-powered water pump, as well as the installation of a water tower with an eight cubic metre tank, as part of a strategy to enhance water facilities.

Shelter and NFIs

Upper Nile

- In January UNHCR, in partnership with DRC and ACTED, completed the construction of 3,359 shelters for refugees and host communities in Maban County, including Gendrassa (923), Yusuf Batil (1,850) and Kaya (586). Another 30 shelters are under construction in Doro out of 1,200 units. To date, refugees have plastered with mud more than 70 percent of constructed shelters.
- UNHCR's partner DRC distributed tents, cook stoves, sandals and emergency torches for 75 persons with specific needs in Doro camp, including refugees with physical disabilities and elderly.
- In Gendrassa, UNHCR's partner ACTED completed the construction of six leadership meeting points, a women's centre, a playground for children, the office of the Commission for Refugee Affairs as well as the camp chairman's office.
- In Kaya, UNHCR's partner ACTED completed the construction of five leadership meeting points, a women's centre, a playground for children and the office of the Commission for Refugee Affairs.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Western Equatoria

- UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) donated 12 groundnut-granulating machines to 22 refugee women in Makpandu refugee settlement. The machines will help the women to prepare groundnut paste for sale to supplement their household incomes while improving the nutritional needs of their families.

Logistics/Supply

Unity

- UNHCR organized the dispatch of 60 trucks carrying 2,400 tons of relief items from Juba to Unity and Upper Nile States with the aim of pre-positioning non-food items in warehouses close to refugee camps ahead of the rainy season, when most roads become impassable. Commodities include tents, blankets, plastic sheeting, jerry cans and mosquito nets. Eight trucks had arrived in Yida by the end of January.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – IDP PROGRAMME

Protection

Coordination

- The South Sudan Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) Protection Strategy was endorsed in January, establishing a shared vision for all HCT members to adopt a protection-centred response to the crisis in South Sudan. It is the first such strategy since the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Principals' Statement on the Centrality of Protection in Humanitarian Action in December 2013. The process was initiated by the Global Protection Cluster, UNHCR and OCHA.

Operations

- UNHCR carried out a number of protection assessments to identify vulnerable IDPs in Jonglei and Upper Nile States, including in opposition-controlled areas. As a result, some 38,000 IDPs received NFI such as included blankets, mosquito nets, plastic sheeting, sleeping mats and kitchenware. Distribution took place in the following counties: Melut (6,785 families), Maban (1,393 families), Malakal (160 families), Maiwut (300 families) and Ayod (900 families).

CCCM

Coordination

- The CCCM cluster finalized the selection of 22 international, national and community-based organizations to act as CCCM focal points in areas where there has been no CCCM coverage to date, including within Jonglei, Lakes, Upper Nile and Unity. This will help the cluster monitor, gather data and report about future displacement situations.
- The cluster's capacity-building strategy has been completed and shared with the clusters' members. The objective is to enhance camp management practices. Implementation, led by UNHCR and NRC, is due to start in February with induction and TOT training.
- Preparations are underway to reorganize and expand Bentiu POC, following the arrival of nearly 10,000 IDPs in the month of January. IDPs cited food insecurity as the main reason of fleeing.

Operations

- UNHCR finalized all CCCM-related projects, expanding the pool of CCCM implementing partners to 9. As a result, CCCM will be implemented in 21 counties in Jonglei, Lakes, Upper Nile, Unity and Eastern Equatoria, with a focus on IDPs living outside POC sites.

Shelter and NFI

- In January UNHCR, in coordination with the Shelter/NFI cluster, distributed non-food items for more than 38,000 vulnerable IDPs in Jonglei and Upper Nile states, including opposition-controlled areas (see above).

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