



HIGHLIGHTS

14,600

Textbooks sent to refugee children of school age in Unity and Upper Nile.

3,295

Sudanese refugees from South Kordofan State were relocated from Yida to Ajuong Thok.

440

Foreign nationals screened at the Protection of Civilians sites in Juba.

52

UNHCR trucks carrying relief items arrived in Yida and Ajuong Thok from Juba.

Population of concern

A total of **1.5 million** IDPs

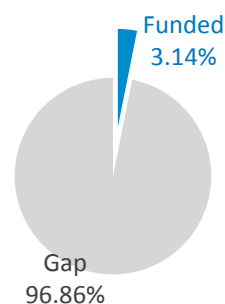
A total of **255,949** refugees

Refugees by country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Sudan	233,233
DRC	15,769
Ethiopia	4,900
Central African Republic	2,047
Total	255,949

Funding

USD 419,053,573 requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

288 national staff

150 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

Unity

- In February 3,044 new arrivals from Sudan's South Kordofan State were registered in Yida, bringing the number of arrivals since 23 December 2014 to 6,435. This represents only a 0.3 percent increase when compared to the number of new arrivals in January 2015 (3,035). The vast majority are women and children and come mainly from Umdoreen, Heban and Delami counties in South Kordofan State. In February, 3,295 individuals were relocated to Ajuong Thok, bringing the number of relocations to Ajuong Thok since 23 December 2014 to 7,080. This also includes the relocation of few hundreds of long-time residents of Yida settlement. By the end of February, Ajuong Thok camp was home to 21,852 refugees (close to full capacity of 24,000).
- On 13 February, UNHCR Representative visited Unity State along with the Commissioner for Refugee Affairs and other senior Government officials to look into expanding reception and shelter capacity for Sudanese new arrivals from South Kordofan. It was agreed that Ajuong Thok will be expanded to host up to 40,000 people and a new camp will be established in Pamir (8 km southeast of Yida) to accommodate another 20,000 refugees. The Government reiterated its position on the closure of Yida settlement by June 2015 and the relocation of refugees to Ajuong Thok (and Pamir, once up and running), with the support of UNHCR.
- Six unaccompanied minors (1 girl and 5 boys) and 88 separated children (39 girls and 49 boys) were received at Ajuong Thok from Sudan's South Kordofan State. All 88 separated children are now with their relatives and caretakers while UNHCR's partner Lutheran World Federation has provided the 6 unaccompanied minors with foster care arrangements, pending family tracing.
- UNHCR and partners carried out awareness-raising sessions on Sexual and Gender-Based (SGBV) violence in Ajuong Thok: 118 refugees were educated on the consequences of rape, especially health implications; 304 men and boys participated in information sessions that highlighted the consequences of forced marriage, especially on the lives of girls.
- UNHCR distributed sanitary materials to 465 girls of reproductive age in Napata, Merowe, and Jamjang primary schools to ensure their continued presence in school over the coming months.
- In Juba, UNHCR hosted the first donor briefing since mid-2103 to provide an update on the refugee programme, priorities for 2015 as well as challenges facing refugees in South Sudan.

Upper Nile

- UNHCR facilitated two one-day training sessions on leadership skills in Gendrassa and Kaya camps for 20 refugee women.

Central Equatoria

- UNHCR in partnership with the South Sudan Government's Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) has commenced a screening exercise of those foreign nationals who have been long-time residents of Juba Protection of Civilians (POC) sites in order to identify any individuals who may be refugees. In February alone, UNHCR has registered and screened nearly 440 individuals, as a first step in this process. The exercise, which will continue in March, is also part of a larger comprehensive approach, jointly undertaken to provide solutions for persons from foreign countries currently in the POC sites, whether they are refugees or stranded migrants. The initiative engages CRA, UNHCR, International Organization for Migration, United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and the South Sudan Government's Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration (DNPI).

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee camp, UNHCR in coordination with the Commission for Refugee Affairs and World Vision International facilitated the voluntary repatriation of an elderly refugee to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Education

Upper Nile and Unity

- UNHCR shipped 14,600 textbooks for more than 22,177 refugee children of primary school age in Unity and Upper Nile States, including 11,524 for Doro, Yousuf Batil, Gendrassa, Kaya camps and another 3,076 for Ajuong Thok camp. An additional 26,000 textbooks are needed to meet the education needs of children living in refugee camps in South Sudan.

Health

Unity

- UNHCR's partners AHA and MSF continued to provide measles vaccination to all refugees aged 15 and below on arrival in Ajuong Thok.

Upper Nile

- UNHCR's partner International Medical Corps (IMC) reopened two health posts in Kaya (1) and Gendrassa (1), which had been closed since August 2014.

Food Security and Nutrition

Central Equatoria

- In Kajo Keji, UNHCR distributed food and non-food items (NFI) for 15,825 South Sudanese returnees from Uganda.

Water and Sanitation

Upper Nile

- UNHCR and partners completed a water supply network at Doro refugee camp extension site to benefit 3,000 individuals. It has new motorized boreholes (capacity 10,000 liters per hour), one new borehole fitted with a hand pump, two water storage facilities (70,000 liters each) and six water points (36 taps).
- UNHCR and partners opened a central waste disposal site, including for medical items, to cater for UNHCR refugee operations in Maban.

Logistics/Supply

- More than 100 UNHCR trucks have been dispatched from Juba to Unity and Upper Nile States to pre-position non-food items in warehouses close to refugee camps ahead of the rainy season, when most roads become impassable. Commodities include tents, plastic sheeting, mosquito nets, blankets and jerry cans as well as construction materials for the refugee shelter programme. By the end of February, 52 trucks arrived in Yida and Ajuong Thok.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – IDP PROGRAMME

Protection

Coordination

- The Protection Cluster released the third *Lakes State Situation and Protection Update*, as well as a paper on the security perceptions of IDPs in Juba summarizing recent consultations with IDPs by International Rescue Committee, IsraAid, Nonviolent Peace Force, UNHCR and UNICEF.

Operations

- UNHCR was part of a Humanitarian Country Team (HCT)-led assessment of Leer (Unity State), Akobo and Pagak (Jonglei State) to explore the possibility of the assisted relocation of IDPs from the Protection of Civilian (POC) sites of Bor (Jonglei State) and Wau (Western Bahr el Ghazal). Meetings were held with local government and military authorities, traditional leaders, women's and youth representatives, as well as humanitarian actors and IDPs in each area in search of a transitional solution for these people. Wau POC is currently hosting 337 IDPs while Bor POC is home to 2,500 people.

Lakes

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR's partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) in coordination with the SGBV sub-cluster organized a 3-day case management training for 23 SGBV and Health workers.
- Government of South Sudan's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) allocated land to UNHCR's partner IRC to construct a women's centre in Mingkaman.

Upper Nile

- UNHCR completed a two-week-long biometric registration of 18,870 IDPs (5,673 families) and members of host communities to ensure more efficient and timely delivery of assistance.

Unity

UNHCR and Non-Violent Peace Force facilitated the reunification of six children with their families, from whom they had been separated during shelling in Paneay payam, Rubkhona County.

CCCM

Unity

- Work has commenced to expand Bentiu POC site, which is currently hosting 52,098 IDPs. By the end of February, 27% of the extension was cleared and 14% of the external berm completed. According to IOM, the total cost of the project is US \$19 million, \$10 million of which has been received (with an additional \$4-5 million pledged by the Netherlands Embassy).

Shelter and NFI

Upper Nile

- UNHCR in coordination with the Shelter Cluster distributed tents and NFI to 60 families who lost their shelters and belongings in a fire in Malakal.
- UNHCR distribute NFIs to 4,813 IDP and host community families in Kodok and Fashoda County. Another 3,024 individuals in Orji and Dangaji, some 15 km from the refugee camps in Maban County, also received NFIs.

Unity

- UNHCR in coordination with the Shelter Cluster provided tents and tarpaulins to 15 families who lost their shelters in a fire in Bentiu sub-POC 5 (Bentiu POC is divided into 6 sub-POCs).

Central Equatoria

- UNHCR distributed dignity kits to 158 IDP women and 100 IDP girls of reproductive age at the Don Bosco compound in Gumbo, Juba. The kits include buckets, jerry cans, laundry soap, sanitary towels and underwear.

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