

## KEY FIGURES

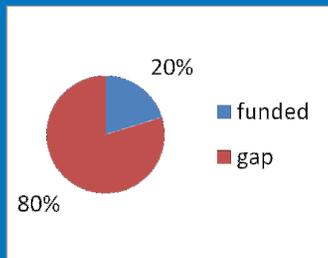
**208,700**

UNHCR PoC for the situation

## FUNDING

**USD 153.2m**

requested for the UNHCR operation



## PRIORITIES

- The operation focused on the relocation of refugees from Leitchuor camp to Jewi camp which successfully ended at the end of May by relocating a total of 47,038 refugees.

## ETHIOPIA

# UNHCR ETHIOPIA: SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION OPERATIONAL UPDATE

30 May-5 June 2015

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The relocation of South Sudanese refugees from the flooded camps of Leitchuor and Nip Nip was successfully completed. A total of 47,038 refugees consisting of 11,182 households have been relocated to Jewi camp- 2,616 refugees from Nip Nip camp and 44,422 from Leitchuor camp. 521 of them were relocated by air while the rest were relocated by road. UNHCR is currently working with the Government of Ethiopia and partners to rehabilitate the former camps in collaboration with the host community.
- South Sudanese refugees continue to arrive in Gambella at a daily average rate of 400 people. The majority of the new arrivals originated from Longechuk (Mathiang), Nasir, Ulang Maban and Akobo counties and entered mainly through the Pagak and Akobbo border crossing points. Some are also coming from Walgak, Bentiu, Ayod and Malakal. The new arrivals mentioned armed conflict, food insecurity and search for missing family members as the main reasons for their flight.
- Meanwhile, UNHCR, together with ARRA and IOM as well as other partners relocated 2,478 new arrivals from the Pagak entry point to Pugnido refugee camp. Another 4,399 refugees, including 3,939 who are level I-registered and 460 fresh arrivals, are at Pagak transit center awaiting relocation to the camps. The distribution of High Energy Biscuits is continuing pending the relocation. Moreover, 1,355 refugees are awaiting Level 1 registration at the Akobo Tiergo entry point and discussions are ongoing on undertaking a speedy registration.
- The cumulative figure of new arrivals from South Sudan from 15 December 2013 is 208,700, including 205,565 in Gambella and 3,135 in the Benishangul-Gumuz Region near Assosa. 71% of the new arrivals are female and 67% are children. This brings the South Sudanese refugee population in Ethiopia to 272,964 refugees, including 64,264 pre-December 2013.-----
- Level 2 Registration of refugee relocated from Nip Nip camp was concluded this week, with a total of 2,177 individuals registered and issued with the Proof of Registration. Of these, 320 were Unaccompanied or Separated Children.
- Thirty-two new arrivals comprising 20 households were Level 1-registered in Okugo refugee camp.

### Population of concern

A total of **208,700** people of concern

## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

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### Operational Context

- The total number of South Sudanese refugees who have entered Ethiopia since the outbreak of the conflict in mid-December 2013 is now 208,700 individuals, with an increase in the number of new arrivals observed over the past few weeks. Including 64,264 pre-December 2013 refugees, the cumulative number of South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia stands at 272,964. The focus of the Gambella operation was the relocation of refugees from flood-prone Leitchuor axis to Jewi camp which was successfully concluded with 47,038 refugees relocated.

### Achievements

#### Protection

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##### Achievements and Impact

- Ten refugees were transferred from Leitchuor Refugee Camp to Addis Ababa on protection grounds.
- Verification of refugees relocated from Leitchuor commenced with a total of 2,144 individuals already verified and issued with new ration cards and a 'Proof of Registration'. Information on their current address in the camp was also collected.
- Level II registration of refugees relocated from the different transit and entry points was completed in Pugnido camp. The last 1,066 individuals were registered this week, bringing to 15,545 the total registered in the camp since mid-November 2014.
- Save the Children (SCI) facilitated a one-day training session on basic concepts of child protection, identification of vulnerable children, family tracing, and reunification and referral pathway in Pugnido camp. 64 refugees, including 58 female social workers, participated in the training which is aimed at enhancing the capacity of community-based structures operating in the four sites of the camp.
- A total of 2,204 refugees (2,010 in Pugnido and 194 in Kule camps) participated in awareness raising sessions on child protection procedures. With this, the cumulative number of participants in awareness raising activities in the two camps reached 4,227 (3,654 in Pugnido and 573 in Kule). The focus of the awareness raising activities are child protection procedures such as identification of children in need of support, needs assessment and conducting child friendly interviews.
- Three sessions of community awareness raising on SGBV were conducted in Okugo Refugee Camp which were attended by 82 female refugees.
- As part of the work on mapping the community-based structures in Kule camp, the protection team met with the heads of the refugee community watch and traditional courts, as well as zonal leaders, members of the Refugee Central Committee (RCC) and youth committee to discuss their roles in community outreach and their interactions with partners and other refugee representative bodies.

#### Health

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##### Achievements and Impact

- Preparations have been finalized to conduct a mass Polio immunization campaign and enhanced outreach strategy (EOS) which includes measles vaccination, Vitamin A supplementation, deworming tablets and malnutrition screening in all refugee camps in Gambella. More than 37,000 children under five years of age are expected to be reached through the campaign, which is scheduled to take place from June 5-8, 2015.
- All newly arriving children under 15 years of age were given the 'arrival vaccination' at Pagak, Akobo and Burbiey entry points to prevent the outbreak of vaccine preventable diseases. Accordingly, 835 children between 6 months to 14 years of age received measles vaccine and 980 children less than 15 years of age received Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV). Also to improve child health, 450 children 6-59 months of age were reached with Vitamin A supplementation and 177 children aged 12-59 months were given albendazole tablet (for deworming).

-  Food Security and Nutrition

### **Achievements and Impact**

- The monthly food distribution is going on in Jewi, Kule and Tierkidi refugee camps while the same has been completed in Pugnido and Okugo camps.
- All nutrition partners (GOAL, ACF and Concern World Wide-CWW) reported that the Therapeutic Supplementary Feeding Program (TSFP) and Basic Supplementary Feeding Program (BSFP) progressed well in all camps owing to timely prepositioning of sufficient nutrition food.
- High Energy Biscuits (HEB) continues to be distributed among asylum seekers as a reception and relocation ration.
- Following the accelerated relocation of refugees from the Leitchuor axis to Jewi camp, WFP erected a second rub hall in order to augment the warehouse capacity (700-800mt) at the receiving camp. Jewi will soon have a third rub hall which will be transferred from the former Leitchuor camp.
- Since the beginning of the year, a total of 15,208mt, 2,500mt and 619.65mt of assorted food commodities were dispatched to South Sudan through air, road and river respectively. The river and road operations were not active during the week due to poor security situation in the destination areas.

-  Water and Sanitation

### **Achievements and Impact**

- In Okugo refugee camp, water pipelines were expanded to two child-friendly spaces and to an emergency school while 20 selected vulnerable family household latrines were maintained.
- The International Rescue Committee (IRC) fixed the water supply problem in the Village 12 Primary School in Pugnido camp which has since been operating normally.
- In Tierkidi camp, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) delivered an average of 915,000 liters of water on daily basis and dug 30 pit latrines in Jewi camp.
- In Pugnido camp IRC completed mounting 3 elevated tanks of 50m<sup>3</sup> each and constructed 20 household latrines.



## **Camp Coordination and Camp Management**

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### **Achievements and Impact**

- In Jewi camp, demarcation is in progress in Zones B, C and D while that in Zone A is 100% completed. Plot addressing is ongoing concurrently with the construction of emergency shelters.
- A joint assessment of the roads in Jewi camp was conducted and seven access roads were identified for construction. NRC is doing the construction works.
- In Kule camp, NRC completed the 3km road construction except for fords and some minor correction works. Road construction works are at 92%.



### **Shelter**

### **Achievements and Impact**

- In Jewi camp, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) put up a total of 4,064 shelters. 2,289 emergency shelters were constructed by DRC and the balance (1,775) by NRC.
- In Tierkidi camp, DRC completed 835 transitional shelters as planned while NRC has already constructed 2,554 of the planned 2,880 transitional shelters.
- In Kule camp, NRC completed 2,565 of the planned 2,970 transitional shelters while IOM completed 700 of the planned 2,150 transitional shelters.
- In Pugnido Refugee Camp, NRC completed 182 of the planned 486 transitional shelters and they attributed the delay to the long distances from which they collect grass.

-  Logistics & NFI

### **Achievements and Impact**

- Supply Unit in Gambella organized logistics and transportation of the following assorted core relief items to all camps: 45,000 pieces of soap dispatched to Jewi camp, 70,000 pieces of soap to Pugnido camp, 53,000 pieces of soap to Tierkidi camp, 53,000 pieces of soap to Kule camp while 5,400 pieces of soap were delivered to Akula community to cover the sanitation and hygiene needs of refugees.
- 6 pieces (4 x 5 m) and 3 pieces (4x 50m) plastic sheets were issued to the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) to construct enough communal hangars for new arrivals at Pagak entry point.
- During the reporting week, Supply Unit in Gambella received three consignments (300,000 pieces of laundry soap, 5,188.8Kgs Plumpy nuts and stationery items for administration from UNHCR Addis Ababa.

## Working in partnership

- UNHCR continues to coordinate the refugee response in Gambella and a number of donors and partners continue to visit the operation. In Addis Ababa, the Refugee Task Force remains an important coordination body while several consultative meetings have been held with partners, donors and UN agencies on the flooding response.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the UNHCR operation amount to some **US\$ 31 million**, against **US\$ 153.2 million** requested for the situation, which is **20% funded** as at 19 May. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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