

HIGHLIGHTS

414,052,136 USD

Requested for the operation



- **Inter-agency rapid assessment in Melut:** From 30 May to 1 June, UNHCR joined an inter-agency assessment mission in Upper Nile's Melut where heavy fighting of 19 May dispersed thousands of civilians in neighboring counties, including, more than 20,000 IDPs who had been hosted in displacement sites. With the return of relative stability, people are returning to Melut. Health, water, food, protection and NFIs were identified as urgent needs of the affected populations.
- **Hand over of agricultural land:** UNHCR together with local authorities and representatives of the host community organized official ceremonies to hand over agricultural land to refugees in Kaya, Yusuf Batil and Gendrassa camps on 18 and 23 May. In total, the host community provided 3,295 ha in Kaya and 431 ha in Yusuf Batil and Gendrassa camps in 2015. Refugee communities have started demarcation and allocation of land. In order to increase refugees' self-reliance, UNHCR and its partners are supporting refugees with the distribution of seeds.

IDPs since 15 Dec
2013



1,555,059

Of them, 130,486 IDPs reside in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

Refugees in South
Sudan



261,925

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- Extension of UNMISS's mandate: On 30 May, the UN Security Council passed a resolution extending mandate of the UN Mission in South Sudan until 30 November 2015.
- Appointment of Deputy SRS/HC/RC: On Friday 29 May 2015, UN Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon announced the appointment of Eugene Owusu as his Deputy Special Representative in the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS), where he will also serve as United Nations Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator, and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- Expulsion of Humanitarian Coordinator: The United Nations Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon has condemned South Sudan's decision to expel its Humanitarian Coordinator in the country. The UN Chief, however, called on South Sudan government to reverse its decision immediately further urging it to fully cooperate with all UN entities in the country.
- According to the South Sudan Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) -launched on 27 May- approximately 3.8 million people are classified as severely food insecure, especially in the conflict-affected states. The projection is that 4.6 million people will be in a situation of severe food insecurity by July 2015 - which represents 40 percent of the South Sudan situation. The number of people who are unable to meet their food needs has almost doubled since the start of 2015 from 2.5 million to 4.6 million.
- Central Equatoria State, Yei County: The general security situation during the week in Yei is calm but unpredictable due to upsurge of unrest in its neighboring County of Mundri West in Western Equatoria State; allegations of new opposition group operating in Greater Mundri raised fears that security in Yei might be destabilized.
- Unity and Upper Nile States: The situation remains unpredictable, with sporadic shelling and skirmishes continued. The refugee program in Maban County, Upper Nile State and Pariang County, Unity State, remain operation without disruptions.

REFUGEE RESPONSE



Protection

Achievements and Impact

Western Equatoria State

- UNHCR and Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) are in a process of relocating some 300 Congolese refugees from the Nabiapai border area to Makpandu settlement in Yambio. The Ministry of Physical Infrastructure agreed to facilitate the survey and plots preparation in the camp is ongoing.
- The refugee population in Western Equatoria State currently stands at 10,314 individuals/4,000 households. UNHCR and CRA are planning to undertake verification exercise and ID cards distribution are planned to start in July.

Unity State

- Refugee arrivals continue from South Kordofan, with the registration of 371 persons per week. This is 5% reduction from the previous week; however, the arrival rate continues to fluctuate. Cumulatively 12,384 new arrivals have been registered since 23 December 2014.
- During the reporting week, UNHCR and partners organized Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) prevention sessions in Ajoung Thok, reaching a total of 359 people..

Upper Nile State

- 67 new refugee arrivals (14 households) from Sudan's Blue Nile were registered in Doro camp.
- On 28 May, UNHCR conducted the 7th in a series of capacity building measures for 16 camp-based police officers and 17 night watch groups in Gendrassa Camp.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

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Education

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- In response to the new refugee arrivals in Ajuong Thok, UNHCR pitched 4 additional school tents donated by UNICEF, bringing the total number from 9 to 13. As a result, the number of children per classroom has been reduced from 108 to 103.

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR started distribution of plumpy nuts supplies to partners in the Maban refugee camps to address the trend of increasing acute malnutrition.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Upper Nile and Unity States

- Timely prepositioning and delivery of food by WFP to Upper Nile remains a challenge due to logistical constraints.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- Health programs are operational in all refugee locations. Key health indicators remain within the emergency thresholds.

Central Equatoria State

- In Yei, UNHCR in partnership with Africa Action Humanitarian International (AAH-I) donated assorted drugs and medical materials to Yei Civil Hospital as part of host community support.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- Targeted Non-Food Items (NFI) distribution for households with persons with specific needs (PSNs) took place in Yusuf Batil camp, reaching 1,574 households (6,472 individuals). The distribution will resume in Yusuf Batil and other camps once the June General Food Distributions (GFD) are completed.

Western Equatoria State

- 9 *Tukuls* (huts) were constructed and completed for refugees with specific needs in Makpandu refugee settlement.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- UNHCR and partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) are working to address increased WASH needs in Ajuong Thok camp. Extension of distribution network is ongoing, contributing reduction of walking distance for refugees. Drilling of additional borehole also started, which will address the needs of newly arriving refugees in the camp. Crude average water coverage was 16.3 litter/person/day.

IDP RESPONSE



Protection

Coordination

Achievements and Impact

- The Protection Cluster released the 4th issue of its quarterly Protection Trends paper series. The report covers the period from 1 January to early April 2015. It analyses nine key protection trends including displacement, gender-based violence, child recruitment, landmines and ERWs, humanitarian access, and protection threats inside and outside POC sites. The report also includes specific recommendations for the Government, armed forces and groups, UNMISS and others on measures to mitigate the effects of ongoing protection threats. The full report can be consulted at www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/south-sudan/protection.
- The Protection Cluster conducted a review of UNMISS POC sites in order to map the presence of protection partners and assess the possibility of consolidating their activities to maximise impact and streamline services. It also engaged with UNMISS Protection of Civilians (POC) Unit to discuss how to operationalize the linkages between the HCT Protection Action Plan and the revised UNMISS POC Activities Matrix, as well as policies with regards to persons of concern such as ex-combatants and foreign nationals.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- The Protection Cluster continued to monitor the situation in Upper Nile and southern Unity, where clashes and insecurity have led to the displacement of populations and prevented the return of humanitarian staff that evacuated in late May. The PC is involved in discussions at the ICWG and other forums regarding the proposed minimum survival kits to assist populations in inaccessible areas in southern Unity State.

Operations

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

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- Also, 159 new IDP arrivals (36 households) from Melut/Paloich were registered in Dollo and provided with basic NFI kits.

Central Equatoria State

- In Yei, 74 civilians arrived over the weekend, fleeing the unrest in Mundri town and have joined relatives within the town.

Lakes State

- In Mingkaman, a total of 537 individuals (431 women and 106 men) were reached during a mass SGBV awareness campaign in Site 3 organized by HDC on 29 May, with the participation of UNHCR, UNFPA, Pact International, SAADO and ACTED.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Unity State

- Given the continuing insecurity in southern Unity, the projects implemented by NGO partners in Leer and Koch remain suspended. Partners are working to resume the projects as soon as security permits.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- Solar lights to improve protective environment for the vulnerable (refugee and IDP sites).
- Access to newly displaced populations remains a challenge.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to US\$ 107,503,209 as of 26 May 2015.

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Funding received (in USD)

USA	90,300,000
Japan	9,600,000
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Canada	1,573,564
CHF - SSD	1,488,963
Luxembourg	625,782
Switzerland	520,291
UN Prog. On HIV/AIDS	490,000
France	250,000
Holy See	3,362