

KEY FIGURES

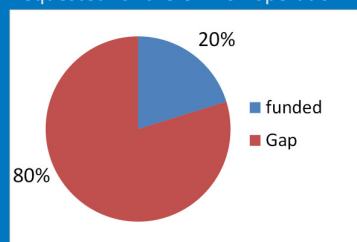
211,214

UNHCR PoC for the situation

FUNDING

USD 153.2m

Requested for the UNHCR operation



PRIORITIES

- The focus of the Gambella operation is to continue to stabilize the operation and to relocate new arrivals from the various entry points. UNHCR is also working with ARRA on ways of speeding up the development of the newly approved Pugnido II camp site so as to relocate new arrivals from the different entry points.

ETHIOPIA

UNHCR ETHIOPIA: SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION OPERATIONAL UPDATE

20-26 June 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- South Sudanese refugees continue to arrive in Gambella at a daily average rate of 209 people. Akobo, Pagak and Pochalla are the main crossing points.
- The total number of new arrivals from South Sudan since 15 December 2013 is now 211,214, including 208,079 in Gambella and 3,135 in the Benishangul-Gumuz Region near Assosa. 90% of the adult population are women and children and 19,349 are unaccompanied/separated children. As at the reporting period, the cumulative figure of the South Sudanese refugee population in Ethiopia reached 275,639, including 64,425 refugees that were in country pre-December 2013.
- Following government approval of Pugnido II as the 6th camp site in Gambella, UNHCR and ARRA with input from partners, have come up with a draft Accountability Matrix assigning responsibilities to the different partners. The draft Accountability Matrix has been shared with partners for their inputs before it is finalized.
- UNHCR distributed core relief items to all the 6,342 refugees at the Pagak entry point; 3,939 of them are awaiting relocation to Pugnido II while the remaining 2,403 need to undergo Level I registration prior to their relocation.
- On 16 June, the Day of the African Child was commemorated in several of the refugee camps in memory of the schoolchildren killed in 1976 in Soweto, South Africa. This year's theme was "Accelerating our collective efforts to end child marriage."
- World Refugee Day 2015 was successfully commemorated in all the five refugee camps and at Pagak transit center in the Gambella Region on 20 June. The President of the Gambella Peoples' National Regional State, H.E. Mr. Gatluak Tut Khot, honored the commemoration with his presence and conveyed messages of peace, cooperation and mutual coexistence.
- A four-person team from UNHCR's Policy Development and Evaluation Service (PDES) undertook a mission to Gambella as part of its work to evaluate UNHCR's response to the South Sudanese refugee emergency and see the strong points as well as areas of improvement in the response. The mission visited refugee camps and the Pagak entry point and held meetings with ARRA, UNHCR, NGOs as well as refugees.
- A total of 19,527 of the refugees relocated from Leitchuor have been verified in Jewi camp and were all issued with new ration cards and the Proof of Registration.

Population of concern

A total of **211,214** people of concern

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

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 211,214 individuals, with continued arrivals witnessed through Pagak, Akobo and Pochalla entry points. Including 64,425 who were in the country before December 2013, the cumulative number of South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia stands at 275,639. The focus of the Gambella operation is to continue to stabilize the operation and to relocate new arrivals from the various entry points. UNHCR is also working with ARRA on ways of speeding up the development of the newly approved Pugnido II camp site so as to relocate new arrivals from the different entry points.

Achievements

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR and its partners working in the sector of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) convened a meeting to review the first draft of the SGBV Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The meeting was also attended by members of the Protection Working Group.
- In Kule camp, UNHCR co-led with ARRA, DRC, IMC and UNICEF a workshop on Introduction to International Protection which also covered topics such as the rights and responsibilities of refugees, basic concepts of SGBV and the SGBV referral pathway in the camp. 74 refugee leaders at different levels, 20 of them females, attended the workshop.
- In Tierkidi camp, Mothers and Children Multisectoral Development Organization (MCMDO) distributed different types of vegetable seeds to 100 refugee households to support agricultural activities. MCMDO is providing technical support on cooking methods, hygiene and financial management.
- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) distributed cash to 400 beneficiaries in Tierkidi camp to improve their business; each of the ten groups of 20 people received 4,000 Birr (US\$ 200). NRC also distributed woods and nails to 150 beneficiaries to construct their business area.
- In Kule camp, International Medical Corps (IMC) with the support of ARRA completed the distribution of 12,079 pairs of shoes to children between the ages of 6 to 17 years-old.
- In Zone B of Jewi camp, lessons for primary school started on 17 June. Exercise books were provided to pupils in the school. A new compound for another primary school was identified between Zone B and C. The construction of four classrooms, two tents for store and one child-friendly space were completed.
- Also in Kule camp, World Vision Ethiopia conducted an awareness raising campaign with an aim to promote girls participation in education, raise concern on school dropout and the importance of education. The campaign was conducted in the form of students walking across the camp singing and sharing messages on the importance of education to refugees.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- Distribution of long lasting insecticide treated nets (LLITNs) was started in the different refugee camps as a response to increased malaria incidence in recent weeks. In Pagak entry point, 3,000 LLITNs were distributed during the week. Similarly, 10,000 LLITNs were sent to Jewi while Tierkidi and Kule each received 5,000 LLITNs for immediate distribution.
- UNHCR provided information, education and communication (IEC) materials (4 billboards, 5 banners, 250 t-shirts, 150 caps, 110 posters and 500 pens) to the Gambella Blood Bank. The Health Unit also supported the coordination

of blood donation campaign in Gambella Region to ensure that refugees and other persons of concern (POC) have access to blood when the need arises.

- UNHCR health unit is coordinating an eye operation campaign initiated by HelpAge International in Tierkidi, Kule and Jewi refugee camps. The surgery campaign started in Tierkidi and Kule camps in the Tierkidi Health Centre with Jewi camp set to start next week.
- In Okugo camp, two awareness raising sessions were conducted for 62 refugees, including seven males, on HIV/AIDS prevention and control.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- Refugees in Pagak entry point continue to receive nutrition assistance. A total of 241 (66 OTP and 175 TSFP) cases are enrolled in Outpatient Therapeutic feeding Program (OTP) and Supplementary feeding program (SFP). In the BSFP program 481 children under-five and 72 pregnant and lactating women are enrolled.
- Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) services are ongoing at nutrition centres. The number of children under five years currently under Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) is 3,090 (631 Jewi, 978 Tierkidi, 747 Kule and 559 in Pugnido camps and 175 at Pagak entry point). A total of 440 new cases were admitted in the Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP). The number of children under five years with Severe Acute Malnutrition stands at 843 (118 Jewi, 159 Tierkidi, 266 Kule and 234 Pugnido camps and 66 at Pagak entry point). A total of 210 new SAM cases were admitted in the Outpatient Therapeutic Feeding Program (OTP).
- Targeted Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program (BSFP) services are being provided for children under five years and pregnant and lactating women in the camps and transit centers. A total of 40,278 children under-five years are enrolled (9,194 Jewi, 13,690 Tierkidi, 13,769 Kule; 3,144 Pugnido camps and 481 in Pagak entry point); 437 new cases were admitted in the BSFP during the week. A total 10,961 pregnant and lactating women are enrolled (1,311 Jewi, 3,619 Tierkidi, 3,672 Kule and 2,287 Pugnido camps); 174 new cases were admitted in the BSFP.
- Community screening to actively identify cases of malnutrition and provide information on health, nutrition and hygiene is ongoing through community outreach agents. During the week a total of 21,642 children under five years were screened for malnutrition in the camps and entry points (10,783 Jewi, 2,621 Tierkidi, 8,024 Kule, 214 Pugnido and 1,104 Pagak).
- WFP has been prepositioning food in Kule, Tierkidi, and Jewi camps, as well as Akula village while food distribution is going in Pugnido camp.
- WFP has set up two rub halls in Akula village for prepositioning of contingency stocks for food assistance for refugees in Akula



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- Platforms for 12 additional water points were installed in Jewi camp while one of three boreholes has been drilled by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF).
- In Jewi camp, number of functional latrines increased from 800 last week to 936; also in Jewi camp, the number of functional hand washing facilities increased from 75 last week to 145.
- Cleaning of the former Leitchuor camp environment continued as planned; 290 of the targeted 540 latrines have been already decommissioned.
- ADDRA, a UNHCR partner, handed over an assortment of sanitary/ cleaning kits to the local administration near the former camp of Leitchuor. The materials donated included 44 wheel barrows, 1,300 sanitary kits, seven Half barrels and 94 waste bins.
- In Kule camp, 5 water storage reservoirs and corresponding water points were maintained and their fencing rehabilitated. The fencing of tap stands has improved orderliness at the water collection points.
- In Kule camp, decommissioning of 90 blocks of communal latrines in zones E, F and G are ongoing with 60 latrine superstructures dismantled and usable materials salvaged. 11 of the 60 latrine pits have been already fully decommissioned.

- Water delivery in parts of Tierkidi camp was hampered due to issues related to road access. Repair of bad spots is ongoing and should improve water delivery in the coming weeks.
- The multi-agency UNHCR-led latrine inventory exercise was completed in Tierkidi camp. Apart from institutional latrines, there are a total of 2,472 latrine stances in the camp, 20.3% of which are not usable thereby leaving 1,969 stances as functional. With this information, latrine coverage by zone will be analyzed in the coming weeks and gap filling plans drafted



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- In Jewi camp, plot demarcation is in progress and a total of 278 plots were demarcated during the reporting week. So far approximately 85% of usable land has been demarcated. 732 households in Zone B of Jewi camp received their addresses.
- Road construction by NRC is ongoing in Jewi camp. To date, only 1.6km of the 6km road has been graded and shaped, and the delay has been attributed to unfavorable weather conditions.



Shelter

Achievements and Impact

- In In Kule Refugee Camp, NRC completed 2,600 (88%) of the planned 2,970 transitional shelters while IOM completed 1,490 (69%) of the planned 2,150 transitional shelters.
- In Tierkidi camp, NRC completed 2,482 (86%) of the planned 2,884 transitional shelters while DRC completed all 835 (100%) transitional shelters as planned. UNHCR office complex construction progress is at 87%.
- In Jewi camp, the construction of the emergency shelters has been suspended and will be done on a case by case basis since all the remaining families in the communal shelters have received emergency shelters. Overall, about 91% of the relocated population was allocated a plot and an emergency shelter. DRC is progressing with the construction of the transitional shelters; in Pugnido camp, NRC has completed 302 (60%) of the planned 500 transitional shelters.



Logistics & NFI

Achievements and Impact

- The following core relief items and other supplies were received in Gambella from UNHCR BO: plastic sheets – 10,000 pcs; mosquito nets – 50,000 pcs; plastic buckets – 4,000 pcs; plastic jerry cans – 4,000 pcs; Fleece blankets – 20,000pcs; Plumpy nuts – 2,994 Kgs; Solar lanterns – 1,614 pcs; Therapeutic milk F-75 – 123 Kgs; Prefabricated warehouses - 6 units, as well as 300 solar street lights with all accessories.
- 17,568 pcs of sanitary napkins and 17,568 pcs of laundry soap were released to ARRA for distribution in Pugnido .
- 4 pcs of plastic sheet rolls were released to NRC Gambella while eight pieces of plastic sheets were released to NRC Gambella.
- 40 pcs of plastic sheets were released to AHADA while two pieces of plastic sheet rolls were released to DRC Gambella.
- 10,000 pcs of mosquito nets were released to ARRA for distribution in Jewi camp; 5,000 pcs of mosquito nets were released to ARRA for distribution in Tierkidi refugee camp; 5,000 pcs of mosquito nets were released to ARRA for distribution in Kule refugee camp.

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.

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.

UNHCR is grateful to the following donors for their direct contribution to the South Sudan Situation:



UNHCR is grateful for the generous contributions of donors who have given unrestricted and regional funds in 2015:

United States of America | Sweden | Netherlands | Norway | Denmark | Australia | Japan | Switzerland | France | Priv Donors Spain | Canada | Afghanistan | Algeria | Austria | Belgium | Costa Rica | Estonia | Finland | Germany | Holy See | India | Italy | Kuwait | Latvia | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Monaco | Morocco | Mozambique | New Zealand | Peru | Portugal | Qatar | Republic Of Korea | Saudi Arabia | Serbia | Singapore | Slovak Republic | South Africa | Sri Lanka | Thailand | United Arab Emirates | Uruguay | Private donors

Contacts:

Bornwell Kantande, Deputy Representative, KANTANDE@unhcr.org, Tel: +251-116612822;
Kisut GebreEgziabher, Asst. Comm/PI Officer, GEGZIABK@unhcr.org, Tel: +251-116612822, Cell: +251-911208901