

KEY FIGURES

218,675

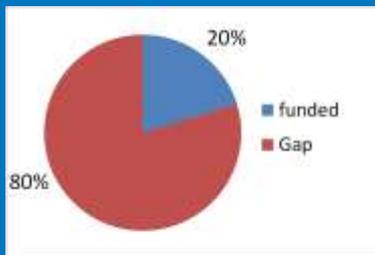
UNHCR PoC for the situation

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FUNDING

USD 153.2m

Requested for the UNHCR operation



PRIORITIES

- The main objective of the Gambella refugee response operation is stabilization of the new arrival from 2014 and development of the Jewi and Pugnido 2 camps to accommodate refugees awaiting relocation at the entry points.

ETHIOPIA

UNHCR ETHIOPIA: SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION OPERATIONAL UPDATE

22 July- 27 July 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- The general security situation in Gambella Region has been calm. In Jewi camp, the relevant authorities made significant progress in maintaining law and order; 10 suspected thieves were arrested.
- South Sudanese refugees continue to arrive in Ethiopia at a daily average rate of 255 individuals. They entered Ethiopia through the Pagak, Akobo, Burbiey and Raad entry points. Level 1 registration at Raad and level 2 registration at Akobo was completed for 137 new arrivals that came through the Raad entry point.
- The total number of new arrivals from South Sudan since 15 December 2013 is 218,675, (214,825 in Gambella and 3,678 individuals in the Benishangul-Gumuz, near Assosa). This brings the cumulative number of South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia to 282,142 including 63,639 that were in the country before December 2013.
- Verification of refugees relocated from Leitchuor and Nip Nip camps to Jewi camp in April continues with a total of 44,991 refugees so far processed by the end of the reporting week. This includes 2,197 refugees from Nip Nip who underwent Level 2 registration and 42,794 refugees from Leitchuor who are being verified against the proGres database. The verification process will be completed in the coming days. Verified refugees were issued with new ration cards and proof of registration documentation. Information on their current camp addresses was entered into the database.
- In Benishangul-Gumuz region, 971 refugees were relocated from Sherkole reception center to the new Tsore camp (724 on July 22 and 247 on July 25). The next relocation movement is scheduled for 29 July.
- 7,820 refugees are awaiting relocation at Pagak entry point. Of these, 3,939 completed Level 1 registration in May 2015. An additional 3,881 individuals are awaiting Level 1. Service provision has been scaled up at Pagak.
- UNHCR and ARRA registered a total of 4,259 individuals (1,033 households) during the ongoing level 1 registration exercise at Burbiey entry point. Of these, 448 unaccompanied minors and separated children were identified. Out of 4,259 refugees, a total of 4,163 were relocated by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) from Burbiey to Matar way station bringing the total number of refugees awaiting relocation at Matar to 6,515. This includes 2,353 who had already been relocated to Matar from Akobo entry point.

- In Pugnido, the mid-year programme review that commenced in the second week of July was concluded. Five Implementing partners in Pugnido and the Field Office held bilateral discussions on the achievements, best practices and existing the gaps in service delivery.

Population of concern

A total of **218,675** people of concern

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- The total number of South Sudanese refugees who have entered Ethiopia and crossed the border into Gambella region since the outbreak of the conflict in mid-December 2013, stands at 214,825 individuals. The objective of the Gambella operation is to stabilize the new arrivals from 2014 and develop two new camps (Jewi and Pugnido 2) to accommodate the new arrivals in 2015. South Sudanese refugees continue to arrive daily mainly through Pagak, Akobo, Burbiey and Raad entry points at an average rate of 255 individuals.

Achievements

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- The Child Protection Information Sharing Protocol (ISP) was revised based on inputs received from the UNHCR Regional Support Hub and ICRC. Version 5 of the protocol was shared with Child Protection partners in Gambella and revisions will be presented in the Information Management, Case Management Protection Working Group for final adoption next week. This protocol will help in boosting the data harmonization efforts between CPIMS (Child Protection Information Management System) and UNHCR proGres database and will also ensure that child information is shared in a confidential and protected manner among relevant actors.
- Registration at Burbiey was temporarily suspended. Consultations with the government are underway to address the situation.
- The registration centres in Kule and Tierkidi camps were completed and are undergoing technical checks pending handover in the coming days.
- The refugee leadership elections are ongoing in Jewi camp. In addition to the 13 elected Refugee Central Committee (RCC) members, election of Zone, Block and Community leaders is underway.
- The last round of training for foster parents was conducted in Pugnido camp (at the re-emergency Nuer site); 49 foster parents (44 female) attended the training. The major topics covered included: understanding parenting; understanding children; learning parenting skills; being a good example for children. Cumulatively, through four rounds of foster parent training, Save the Children International reached a total of 194 foster parents.
- In Kule camp, the Mothers and Children Multisectoral Development Organization (MCMDO) distributed 1,500 chickens and 100 chicken coops to 500 women organized into 100 groups, (each group consisting of five women). In Tierkidi camp, MCMDO constructed a chicken distribution centre (in Zone C), and distributed 1,400 chickens to 500 households (100 groups) of beneficiaries; each group received 14 chickens and one coop.

Education

- In Kule camp, World Vision organized a school closing and Parent's Day event on 25 July. Students performed cultural dances, poems, drama and prizes were awarded to students who excelled from the two learning centres. A total of 2,172 students were present for the event, as well as parents, teachers and community members.
- A joint assessment was conducted in Tierkidi and Kule camps on Early Childhood Care and Education; primary education and Alternative Basic education from 20 – 25 July. All Education actors participated in the needs assessment (ARRA, UNHCR, UNICEF, Save the Children International, Norwegian Refugee Council, Plan International and World Vision). The objective was to establish the education situation in the two camps as of the end of 2014/15 academic year and to share lessons learnt, inform decision-making processes, guide advocacy and fund raising for continuity.

Achievements and Impact

- The distribution of Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Bed Nets (LLITNs) continued whereby 5,900 and 2,300 LLITNs were distributed in Kule and Tierkidi, respectively, to reduce the risk of malaria infection.
- UNHCR and partners established a rapid response team (RRT) in Dimma and Matar which is comprised of people with different professional backgrounds. The team members were sensitised and their capacity was boosted to respond to a potential outbreak of acute watery diarrhoea (AWD). Audio, audio-visual and print messages were prepared to increase the awareness of people in prevention and control of AWD.
- A health team composed of experts from ARRA, UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF and the Gambella Regional Health Bureau (RHB) conducted a monitoring mission to Matar transit centre and nearby health facilities to determine how best to improve access to healthcare for refugees.
- Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) sent one ambulance to Matar to assist in transporting patients to Gambella Hospital and UNICEF sent an additional emergency drug kit (EDK) to Matar health centre to improve access to antibiotics for refugees.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) services are ongoing at nutrition centres. The current number of Moderate Acute Malnourished (MAM) children under five years is 3,189 (813 Jewi, 847 Tierkidi, 663 Kule; 624 Pugnido camps and 242 Pagak entry point); a total of 235 new cases were admitted in the Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP). The population of children under five years with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) is 1,088 (567 Jewi, 99 Tierkidi, 190 Kule and 224 Pugnido camps, and 8 Pagak entry point); a total of 143 new SAM cases were admitted in the Outpatient Therapeutic Feeding Program (OTP).
- July GFD inat Pugnido and Okugu camps was completed and the distribution was smooth in both camps. July GFDs were progressing well in Kule and Tierkidi camps and distribution will be completed early next week. Food deliveries to Jewi camp was progressing well over the week end and distribution will commence early next week.
- Danish Church Aid (DCA) started arrangements to activate a fresh food voucher (FFV) program for one year targeting children 6-23 months in Tierkidi camp. DCA conducted a baseline assessment that included a fresh food trader selection process.
- WFP provided HEB to the new arrivals in Akobo, Burbey and Pagak as transit ration and as part of a welcome package. New arrivals coming through Akobo and Burbey entry points that were relocated to Matar way station received 65mt of assorted food commodities. The 6,373 registered refugees awaiting relocation at Matar way station have received 15 days ration since the date of relocation is not yet confirmed.
- Nutrition partners (GOAL, ACF and CWW) reported good progress in both programmes (TSFP and BSFP) since sufficient stock was available to run the programmes.
- As of 23 July 2015, a total of 19,171mt, 3,593mt and 938mt of assorted food commodities were dispatched to South Sudan through air, river and road respectively (since the start of 2015).

Achievements and Impact

- Design of the Jewi permanent water system was completed and will be initialized soon most likely with the use of a surface water treatment plant.
- Gambella WASH Working Group focused its attention on the acute watery diarrhoea preparedness plan, as well as the Pugnido 2 WASH strategy and action plan.
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC) began the community-driven construction of household latrines in Jewi camp. The beneficiaries will assist in the construction of their the latrines by digging their own household pits according to the expected standard.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- In Jewi Refugee Camp, gravelling and compacting of the 6 km main road is in progress by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC); 3 km of the planned 5.1 km internal road has been opened and graded; 122 households received their addresses.
In Pugnido Refugee Camp, NRC started rectifying the defects on the 6 km road construction. The maintenance of the 35.4 km road between Abobo and Pugnido also started. About 500m of road has been graded.
- The proposed site at Pugnido 2 was visited by a joint ARRA/UNHCR technical team. Detailed assessment of the site is ongoing in order to produce a draft of camp development map.



Shelter

Achievements and Impact

- In Kule Refugee Camp, NRC completed (99%) 2,960 out of 2,970 planned transitional shelters. Construction of the UNHCR Kule camp office complex was completed, inspected, and will be handed over next week.
- In Tierkidi Camp, NRC completed 2,800 (97%) out of 2,884 planned transitional shelters. Construction of the UNHCR Tierkidi camp office complex was completed, inspected, and will be handed over next week.
- In Jewi Refugee Camp, DRC completed the construction of 392 out of 770 planned transitional shelters And NRC completed 250 out of a planned 1,100 shelters.
- In Pugnido camp, NRC completed 400 (80%) of the planned 500 transitional shelters.
- In Jewi camp, marking of refugee shelters is ongoing and registration team has so far collected addresses for a total of 5,095 households which will be subsequently updated in the proGres database.



Logistics & NFI

Achievements and Impact

- The Supply Unit organized transportation of 10,000 mosquito nets from Gambella to Kule and Terkidi while 4,085 blankets, 4,085 mosquito nets, 4,085 collapsible Jerry cans and 6,618 pieces of soap were delivered at Matar way station for distribution to new arrivals.
- In addition, the Supply Unit released 24 household solar lamps to light up transit centres in Matar and Pagak; and five plastic sheets to ARRA for GFD activities at Matar way station.
- Two light vehicles previously borrowed from Assosa were returned over the weekend.
- Procurement plans for the third and fourth quarters of 2015 are in progress and will be concluded in the coming days.

- Sub-Office Gambella has run out of critical supplies including mosquito nets, sleeping mats, ready-to-use therapeutic food (plumpy nut) and F75/F100 therapeutic milk. The Supply Unit is addressed this gap with Programme colleagues.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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