

SOUTH SUDAN

UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE 29/2015

22-29 July 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- **More police for Lasu:** UNHCR, with the assistance of the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA), has managed to secure an extra 15 police for Lasu refugee settlement in Central Equatoria State, bringing the total to 27 (no women). They were due to arrive on 28 July.
- **Solarized boreholes:** 14 boreholes in the 4 refugee camps in Upper Nile State, i.e. 38 per cent of all motorized boreholes in the camps, are now solarized.
- **Fewer refugees in Western Equatoria State:** Following a verification exercise ending on 22 July, the refugee population has reduced slightly to 8,921.
- **Classroom block handed over:** A primary school classroom block built by UNHCR partner the Norwegian Refugee Council has been handed over to the community in the Makuac returnee site (for IDPs who fled to Khartoum before independence), Twic County, Warrap State.

414,052,136 USD

Requested for the operation

Gap
73.1%



Funde
d
26.9%

Current population of concern

IDPs since 15 Dec
2013



1,600,000

Of them, 166,142 IDPs reside in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

Refugees in South
Sudan



265,887

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- UNHAS has suspended flights to Malakal until further notice.
- The UN humanitarian chief has called on South Sudan to lift restrictions on aid supply movements on the Nile.
- IGAD-plus is calling for peace talks in Addis on 5 August, with a proposed final peace deal on 17 August.
- The African Union report on alleged atrocities was released on 24 July, but only to Government representatives.
- 1,399 cholera cases including 42 deaths have been reported in Central Equatoria and Jonglei States since 1 June. No refugee camps are affected at present.
- UNHCR's Bor Office is closely monitoring (through its partners Norwegian People's Aid and International Medical Corps) fighting in the Pochalla area of Jonglei State between different Anyuak groups. It is not clear whether any Anyuak refugees are involved.
- Fighting between the Aguok and Apuk communities of Gogrial West and East in Warrap State left 17 dead on 27 July.

REFUGEE RESPONSE



Protection

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- 88 new arrivals from Sudan's South Kordofan State were registered in Yida, and 112 refugees were relocated from Yida to Ajuong Thok during the week.
- Two Child Rights Clubs were formed in Makuria and Napata primary schools in Ajuong Thok. Training was given to 41 children (18 boys and 23 girls) from these schools by LWF. The clubs will help facilitate reporting of issues related to children through child help desks in the schools.

Upper Nile State

- Level I registration was conducted for 197 new refugee arrivals in Kaya camp on 20 July.
- UNHCR co-facilitated with DRC 2 SGBV training sessions targeting camp-based police officers, including community night watch groups and Bunj police headquarters in Batil and Doro camps.
- UNHCR trained 17 partner staff on the protection of people with special needs and guidance on the use of Needs Codes in preparation for the upcoming refugee biometric verification.
- The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), CRA, Kaya camp leaders and UNHCR witnessed the official handover of 6 wheelchairs to the most vulnerable children in Batil camp.

Western Equatoria State

- Following a verification exercise which ended on 22 July and the distribution of ID cards to refugees, the total population of refugees in the state has reduced to 8,921 individuals (3,211 households), as follows: Makpandu 3,018, Ezo 3,229, Naandi 257, Andari 316, Tambura 828, Source Yubu 983, and Maridi 290 (all figures for individuals).
- 75 vulnerable refugees (45F female) were supported with extra food in Napere.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Central Equatoria State

- The two primary schools in Lasu refugee settlement are not fenced and the surrounding refugee community is using the school pit latrines, raising protection concerns.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Doro camp chairman and CRA held a meeting on 22 July to revive community watch groups for night and day patrols. Similar groups have been formed in Batil and Gendrassa camp. This is a community-based voluntary initiative intended to prevent, monitor, and deter crime in the camps.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Upper Nile State

- The commitment of refugee leaders to play an active role in safeguarding humanitarian aid in the camps needs further improvement. 10 youth were selected as night watch guards but more needs to be done.



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria State

- Mobilization of refugees in Lasu settlement was done in preparation for farming activities. Refugee farmers cultivating in nearby Kukuyi planted the maize seeds distributed in early June 2015.

Unity State

- A second batch of students have graduated from a UNHCR-sponsored tailoring course run by DRC in Ajuong Thok. Over the past year 59 students, including 5 males and 10 persons with special needs, have graduated from two six-month courses.

Upper Nile State

- A peaceful coexistence meeting between women from the host and refugee community in Kaya camp was held on 21 July. It was agreed to undertake joint livelihood activities (vegetable gardening, weaving of baskets, bead-making and a village savings scheme).



Education

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- UNHCR partner LWF took delivery of laboratory equipment for Soba secondary school in Ajuong Thok in a bid to boost science education.
- LWF replaced 7 damaged temporary learning spaces (UNICEF tents) which were blown down during a recent storm.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Upper Nile State

- 60 school desks were distributed to a school in Gendrassa and 100 to a school in Batil by LWF. However, given that there were 2,745 desks in the four refugee camps in Maban County, with a pupil-desk ration of 33:1 (way below the UNHCR standard of 3:1), the additional desks will only marginally improve the situation. (By way of comparison, the primary school pupil-desk ratio in Ajuong Thok is 19:1.)

Central Equatoria State

- Only 762 pupils out of 2,175 in the two primary schools in Lasu refugee settlement are attending classes due to the ongoing teachers' strikes over salaries. Only 11 teachers are working. UNHCR and ACROSS are addressing this and the number of attendees is starting to rise.

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- Performance indicator monitoring of the curative nutrition programme in Ajuong Thok showed a 93% cure rate in the Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme and 88.9% in the Outpatient Therapeutic Programme.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Upper Nile State

- Inconsistent availability of nutrition products in the 4 Maban camps will have a negative impact on the nutrition situation of children and pregnant and lactating women, in particular during the peak of the rainy season. Advocacy is taking place at field and Juba level with WFP for pre-positioning of nutritional supplies.



Health

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- The incidence of acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) is decreasing and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) has closed the two Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) points while MSF will be closing the ORT centres it operates next week.
- A 5-day Clinical Care for Sexual Assault Survivors refresher training was held.
- Nine patients were booked for UNFPA-facilitated fistula repair in Wau, Bahr el-Ghazal State.
- IRC has received anti-retroviral (ARV) drugs for HIV-positive prevention of mother-to-child transmission cases in Yida.

Upper Nile State

- Mentor Initiative have started training on Indoor Residual Spraying to clear dwellings of malaria-spreading mosquitoes. Spraying will start in Doro camp in the coming weeks.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Unity State

- Stock out of blood grouping reagents in Yida is hampering the delivery of blood transfusion services; IRC is requesting UNHCR support.
- Health partners in Yida are trying to encourage the community to be more responsive with blood donations to ensure adequate supply of blood for transfusions.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- 57 families size 8 and above received shelter materials in Chali-2 extension site in Doro refugee camp.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- 7.4 tons of soap was distributed to 29,387 refugees in Ajuong Thok as part of the general food distribution.

- 976 refugees (61 new arrivals) participated in health, hygiene and sanitation awareness-raising focused on AWD and hygiene improvement in Yida settlement. Crude water supply coverage was 15 l/p/d (just meeting the Sphere standard).
- 67,775 bars of multi-purpose soap were distributed to 67,488 refugees in Yida during the general food distribution.



Logistics

- Nine commercial trucks transporting construction materials procured by AAH-I for Pariang hospital, schools in Ajuong Thok, and other projects, are stuck on the road due to bad road conditions. Two are stuck in Wau (Western Bahr el-Ghazal State), 2 in Gogrial (Warrap State), 2 in Wunrok (Warrap State), 2 in Bentiu, and for one there is no contact. AAH-I is trying to get more information from the transporter.

IDP RESPONSE



Protection

Achievements and Impact

Jonglei State

- 12 solar lights have been installed around latrines in Bor POC site.
- UNHCR undertook a protection monitoring visit to Mareng Boma, Makuach Payam to understand the protection situation in areas of return, increase its protection outreach and identify needs/gaps.
- 12 vulnerable households identified by UNHCR at Bor Dock received NFIs.

Lakes State

- Mingkaman: UNHCR supported UNFPA, the SGBV sub-cluster lead, to dispatch 50 dignity kits to women and girls in Marik.

Unity State

- 1,495 individuals were biometrically registered and issued temporary ration cards in Bentiu POC site. 328 individuals arrived in the POC in the reporting week. They cited hunger and insecurity as the cause of their flight to the POC from Guit and Rubkona areas.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Unity State

- Child soldiers have been seen in Bentiu and Rubkona town wearing uniforms and carrying guns. The Child Protection Working Group, of which UNHCR is a member, has been tasked with drafting an advocacy paper against child recruitment.
- Pariang County: In Jamjang *payam* 668 households are living without food and livelihood opportunities, according to an assessment conducted on 13-15 July by UNHCR, WFP, AHA and SP.

Upper Nile State

- 5,000 newly arrived IDPs were received in Malakal POC from Wau Shuluk and Panyikang Counties. The POC site's unofficial population has risen to 35,000.

Jonglei State

- The last distribution of charcoal in Bor POC was on 16 June 2015. Women are complaining they cannot cook food. It is too dangerous for them to leave the POC to look for firewood.
- Most of the 3,858 returnees (including some refugees) identified since profiling began in June 2015 at Bor dock are unable to proceed immediately to their places of origin before the December 2013 crisis, resulting in overcrowding in Bor town and demands for assistance from agencies.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

Warrap State

- UNHCR took part in a mission to Manah-awan and Manangui IDP sites in Twic County on 17 and 18 July; 18 households (53 individuals) were verified as genuine IDPs.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Lakes State

- Mingkaman Site 1: IDPs raised concerns over water shortages in sector 5 due to the large population, and requested additional hand pumps.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Jonglei State

- UNHCR in Bor released 5 boxes of soap, 400 pieces of women's underwear, 200 sanitary towels, 1,000 jerry cans and 500 blankets to the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) for Leer IDPs.

Lakes State

- Local NGO and UNHCR partner the Humanitarian Development Consortium received materials for the repair and rehabilitation of 150 shelters for vulnerable persons. The repair work has yet to start.

Unity State

- Samaritans' Purse distributed fishing kits, vegetable kits and farm tools to 130 households in Alilang (1 and 2) of Aliny *payam*, Pariang County.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Funding received (in USD)

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to US\$ 111,324,020 as of 29 July 2015.

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CHF - SSD	376,962
Luxembourg	1,573,564
UN Prog. On HIV/AIDS	1,488,963
Holy See	800,000
	625,782
	520,291
	490,000
	250,000
	3,362