



Camp Opened: 1993

Camp Phase: Care and Maintenance



Population: 62,836

Pre 15th December 13: 43,837

Post 15th December 13: 18,999



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Contextual Background

Historical background

Pugnido is the oldest refugee camp in the Gambella Region of Western Ethiopia, and is hosting both refugees that arrived twenty years ago (since 1993) and those who arrived within recent months (after 15th December 2013). There are also refugees who arrived in 2012 following 2011 tribal conflict in Jonglei State of South Sudan. Since 18 Nov, 2014, some 16,183 refugees relocated from different entry points arrived in Pugnido of which 14,746 have been fully registered (level II).

Areas of Origin

The camp population is primarily comprised of refugees from South Sudan's Jonglei State (70.92%) and Upper Nile (28%), while 1.08% are from other states in South Sudan.

Ethnic composition

The main ethnic groups are the Nuer (65%) and Agnuak (34%), Others (1%)











Administrative Structure

- UNHCR provides **Coordination Support, Protection, Registration, Logistics, and Technical Expertise** and monitors the delivery of services.
- Camp Management and coordination, protection, registration, distribution of Food and Core Relief Items, Primary education, Health services and Security is conducted by Ethiopia's governmental body, the **Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA)**
- UN Agencies** (WFP) and **Partners** (IRC, RaDO, SCI, NRDEP, NRC, DICAC and Concern) work together with ARRA and UNHCR in the provision of various essential services
- Monthly Camp Coordination Meeting** is co-chaired by ARRA and UNHCR, on one of the working days between 01st - 05th of each month.
- The camp is divided in 4 sites: Old Nuer, Agnuak, Village-12 and the New Site.

Operations and Services

- Core protection activities include continuous registration, documentation, training of **refugee community leaders, legal assistance, protection counseling, empowerment of vulnerable groups** and human rights monitoring. Capacity building and training of police and Woreda authorities on key subjects like Ethiopian refugee policy, child protection and refugee rights is yet to be strengthened.
- Refugees have access to legal counseling through UNHCR's partnership with ARRA protection teams. Refugees are assisted in bringing their cases to either the Police Station in Pugnido Town or the judicial court in Abobo.
- There are 1,196 unaccompanied and 4,228 separated children as at end of July 2015 (UNHCR proGres database). UNHCR and partners have community systems in place that allow for continued identification of such children and their placement into community-based foster care.
- Refugee Central Committee (RCC) is elected for each of the four sites of the camp and is composed of a chairperson, a deputy, secretary, treasurer and about 7-10 ordinary members. The RCC is the main link between the refugee community, ARRA, UNHCR and other implementing partners with regard to community mobilisation and implementation of activities in the refugee camp.
- ARRA distributes food rations once a month at the three distribution points where refugees collect food and non-food items. Concern started operating in Pugnido and providing all services including supplementary, therapeutic and complementary feeding programs.
- There are 11 pre-schools, 4 primary schools, 1 secondary school and 2 Vocational training centres. Further, there are 3 primary health care facilities in the camp; one in each site, run and managed by ARRA.

Pugnido Refugee Camp: Who does What Where (the 3Ws)

Health 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Health services, including vaccination and anti-malaria campaigning activities	ARRA
▪ Reproductive health	ARRA
▪ Support to health centers with drugs and medical equipment's	UNHCR, RHB
Nutrition 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Provision of supplementary, complementary and therapeutic feeding	Concern
▪ Implementation and monitoring of school feeding program	ARRA
▪ Food supply for supplementary, school feeding and therapeutic feeding	WFP
▪ Food supply for complementary feeding program (supply of Plumpy Nuts)	UNHCR
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Existing water system management and monitoring, Borehole drilling	IRC
▪ Sanitation and Hygiene promotion	IRC
▪ Construction and maintenance of family latrines	IRC / NRC
▪ Construction and maintenance of refuse pits	IRC
▪ WASH related capacity building trainings	IRC
▪ Emergency water supply and sanitation	IRC
Protection & Community Services 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Camp management and security	ARRA
▪ Support for person with disability and other vulnerable groups	RaDO
▪ Child Protection	SCI
▪ SGBV prevention and response services	RaDO
▪ Capacity building trainings on SGBV	UNHCR, RaDO
Shelter 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Construction and Provision of transitional shelter, pitching, allocation of make-shift tents (emergency shelter)	NRC
Core Relief Items 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Supply of Core Relief Items E.g. Sleeping mats, jerry cans, buckets, kitchen sets, soap and blankets	UNHCR
▪ Distribution of Core Relief Items E.g. Sleeping mats, jerry cans, buckets, kitchen sets, soap and blankets	ARRA
Logistics and Site Planning 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Relocation and transportation of refugees for in camp transfer and other cases	IOM
▪ Physical planning of camp layout	UNHCR / ARRA
▪ Site clearance & plot demarcation	ARRA
▪ Emergency road opening, in camp access road construction	NRC
Education 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)	SCI
▪ Primary Education	ARRA
▪ High School Education	DICAC
▪ Vocational Training	DICAC
▪ Support for University students	ARRA/UNHCR
Environment & Livelihood 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Environmental protection and reforestation of the camp and surrounding host community	NRDEP
▪ Implementation of small scale livelihood activities for the refugees and host community	NRDEP, NRC
Food 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Food supply and transportation	WFP
▪ General Food Distribution and monitoring	ARRA

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