

SOUTH SUDAN

UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE 32/2015

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HIGHLIGHTS

414,052,136 USD

Requested for the operation

Gap
73.1%



Funded
26.9%

- **UNHCR delivers aid relief in Western Equatoria** - On 14 August, UNHCR completed distribution of emergency relief items to an estimated 25,000 internally displaced people (IDP), many of whom lost almost everything they had in recent violence, in South Sudan's Western Equatoria state. The aid operation targeted nearly 5,000 vulnerable families who were driven from their homes in Maridi town in early June when conflict between cattle keepers and farmers triggered ethnic violence, in which at least 14 people were killed and much property was destroyed. UNHCR conducted focus group discussions with the affected population to understand the needs on the grounds and engaged the population on protection themes. Displaced South Sudanese told UNHCR that they needed shelters, food, education for their children and farm tools. Family tracing and creation of conditions conducive for return were the main protection priorities raised by the population.
- **UNHCR hands over host community support projects in Western Equatoria:** In Yambio, UNHCR handed over two projects for the host community of Western Equatoria and announced further cooperation with state and local authorities. On 13 August, UNHCR Representative together with Acting Governor Clement Juma Mbugoniwia and State Minister of Education Phillip Pia inaugurated two primary schools in Yabua and Nabagu, located in Nzara and Yambio counties respectively. A day before, two vehicles were donated to the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Local Government and Local Enforcement in Yambio.
- **UNHCR facilitates access to fistula treatment for refugees:** In Wau, some 16 refugees have successfully undergone fistula surgery. Patients continue to observe post-surgery medication. Awareness campaigns continue since 20 July 2015 and will officially end on 19 August 2015.

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



265,296

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- Opposition leader Riek Machar and SPLM Secretary General Pagan Amum signed the compromise peace deal on behalf of SPLM-IO and South Sudan Former Detainees respectively. President Salva Kiir initialed the signed agreement but declined to append his signature and demanded for two more weeks to consult with his constituency.
- On 16 August, President Salva Kiir issued a decree dismissing four elected governors of Central Equatoria (Clement Wani Konga replaced by Juma Ali), Western Equatoria (Bangasi Joseph Bakosoro replaced by Patrick Raphael Zamoi), Upper Nile (Simon Kun replaced by Chol Thon) and Warrap (Nyandeng Malek replaced by Akech Tong). Governor Bakosoro of Western Equatoria is reportedly under arrest. A separate presidential decree appointed Maj-Gen Akot Deng as the governor of Northern Bahr el Ghazal.
- In Nimule town, security remains volatile due to a deadly incident involving a SPLA vehicle on 12 August during a military exercise. In a separate security incident, the local media have reported an attack on SPLA barracks at Pageri Boma along Nimule road. UNHCR has put on hold road missions to Nimule until the situation returns to normal.

REFUGEE RESPONSE



Protection

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- In Yida, UNHCR registered 127 new arrivals from Sudan's South Kordofan, bringing the total number to 14,165 since the start of a new influx on 23 December 2014.

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR has biometrically verified 19,224 refugees out of 22,627 at Kaya camp since late July 2015. Upon verification, UNHCR identified and referred to relevant partners 43 cases of Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) and 128 child protection cases.

Central Equatoria State

- On 14-15 August, UNHCR conducted a training on refugee protection and refugee rights for 9 police officers - including the newly deployed police in Juba and Lasu refugee settlement- and staff of Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA).
- Fifteen new police officers have arrived in Lasu refugee settlement to help enhance security in the camp.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Central Equatoria State

- In Lasu, 358 new arrivals are pending registration. UNHCR and CRA are looking into the possibility of screening them.
- Absence of female police officers to handle SGBV cases is still a challenge in Lasu refugee settlement. UNHCR continues to engage CRA to ensure that at least two female police officers are deployed to the settlement.

Western Equatoria State

- At Makpandu and Ezo refugee settlements, UNHCR and partners organized a three-day training workshop on SGBV prevention and response for more than 50 participants, including members of SGBV working group, Child Protection Committee, camp leadership, youth and women committees, police and Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).

Access to Energy

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- In Ajoung Thok, refugees have constructed more than 120 fuel efficient stoves with the assistance from Community Environmental Action Group. While production of more stoves continues, UNHCR has already noticed a reduction in fuel wood consumption.
- In Ajoung Thok UNHCR partner CARE International distributed 401 seedlings to community members as part of a broader strategy to address the environmental degradation caused by the unsustainable cutting of trees for firewood and shelter construction. CARE has distributed more than 20,000 seedlings so far this year.

Central Equatoria State

- UNHCR conducted a needs assessment for tree planting in refugee and host community schools in and around Lasu. The plan is to plant 1,500 seedlings of different species in public facilities in the camp and surrounding areas.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is a need to increase environmental awareness among the new arrivals from Yida to Ajuong Thok.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

Western Equatoria State

- UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) completed the procurement of 300 hoes with handles and 300 machete for 300 refugee families at Makpandu and Ezo settlements as well as procurement of food crop seeds such as groundnuts, maize, rice and soya beans. These materials will be soon distributed to the refugees.
- WVI vaccinated 77 goats, 126 ducks and 143 chickens in Napere settlement and another 42 goats, 75 sheep, 8 ducks and 28 chickens in Makpandu settlement.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- Following the implementation of 30% food ration reduction by WFP, refugees in Makpandu and Ezo settlements have requested agricultural tools and seeds to be able to better harness farming for self-reliance.

Education

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- Teachers in Yusuf Batil camp have ended their strike over payment of incentives in US dollars. They have now signed contracts and resumed teaching.

Unity State

- Soba Secondary School students in Ajoung Thok have successfully completed the second term curriculum examination.

Central Equatoria State

- In Yei, daily average primary and secondary school attendance improved by 23.6% and 4.9% respectively from the previous week's record of 1,063 and 149 respectively.
- UNHCR and partner ACROSS conducted village-to-village "Come back to School" mobilization targeting nearly 2,200 registered pupils to sit for end of term two examination (lower and upper primary classes) from 17 to 24 August.
- UNHCR partner ACROSS distributed stationery in Lasu settlement to facilitate the conduct of term two examinations. Here, 51 primary eight candidates from two primary schools sat for mock final examinations (39 boys and 12 girls).

Western Equatoria State

- UNHCR partner WVI distributed 1,692 exercise books to both Makpandu and Baikpa Primary and Makpandu Secondary schools.
- WVI distributed sportswear, football and volleyballs to all primary and secondary schools in Makpandu and Ezo settlements.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**Upper Nile State**

- Teachers in Gendrassa camp have split over incentives. UNHCR and partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) together with the refugee leaders continued engaging teachers for the resumption of normal activities.

Unity State

- As a direct consequence of recent insecurity close to Jamjang, the Adult Literacy Education Program was disrupted. UNHCR and partners are in discussion with the community to resume the program.

**Food Security and Nutrition****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile State**

- General food distribution for the month of August took place in Doro and Gendrassa camps. During the reporting period, refugees in Kaya and Yusuf Batil camps received cereals, pulses, oil and soap.

Unity State

- In Yida, UNHCR and partners continued implementation of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) programming, with 762 mothers and caregivers having reached with various IYCF messages through a peer-to-peer counselling and mother support group sessions.

Identified needs and remaining gaps**Upper Nile State**

- Thirty per cent food reduction by WFP remains a concern. UNHCR and Livelihoods partners will engage in post-seed distribution monitoring to check agricultural practices of farmers and assess the status of plantation of cash crops and vegetable seeds that were distributed in June 2015.

Central Equatoria State

- Delivery of seeds and farm tools for 2,828 families in Yei (2,174 refugee and 654 host community) was delayed ahead of the second planting season.
- The insecurity on the Juba-Yei road continued to inhibit WFP's efforts to dispatch food assistance to refugees in Lasu.

**Health****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile State**

- In Maban, UNHCR and partner Samaritan's Pursue kicked off a week-long eye care campaign at Maban County Hospital to provide eye care services for patients (refugee and host communities) with various eye problems including cataract, glaucoma, corneal ulceration, allergies and refractive errors.

Unity State

- In Yida, UNHCR partner IRC is currently piloting the use of smart phones to collect data about pregnant mothers and follow up on each mother in regards to attending antenatal care (ANC) and detection of obstetric emergencies.
- In Yida, through UNICEF, the County Health Department received vaccines and plan are underway for the third round of short additional dose for polio for camp refugees and the host communities of Pariang County.

- In Yida, UNHCR delivered 1,900 mosquito nets to partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) for further distribution to all new mothers attending ANC.
- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner African Humanitarian Action (AHA) received a drug consignment, which is enough to cover the needs of the refugees until the end of 2015.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- There is a need to renovate the old health facility in Ajuong Thok, and construct a new Primary Health Care Unit (PHCU) to meet the needs of an increasing population and demand for health services.
- There is a need for hospital beds at the Ajuong Thok primary health care facility.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR noted shortages of long-term family planning methods and delivery kits at health facilities in Ajuong Thok. UNHCR partner AHA is following up with UNFPA.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR partner DRC completed 828 transitional shelters (73%) out of 1,140 units planned in Doro camp, while partner ACTED completed another 646 (84%) out of 768 shelters planned in Gendrassa camp in 2015.
- UNHCR has delivered non-food items to 92 new arrival families in Doro (40) and Kaya (52) camps.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- An Associate WASH Officer from Ajuong Thok camp paid a visit to Kenya's Kakuma refugee camp to learn about procurement, installation, operation and maintenance of elevated pressed steel tanks and solar pumping design. The lessons learnt during the visit will inform the desired shift from emergency water facilities to permanent infrastructure in the camp.
- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR and partners constructed 37 family latrines, bringing the total number to 3,165 (480 communal and 2,685 family-based). Crude latrine coverage is 11 people per drop hole, which meets UNHCR standard of a maximum of 20 persons per latrine.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Central Equatoria State

- In spite of ongoing discussion with the community, the refugee population in Lasu settlement remains reluctant about taking responsibility for maintaining water points clean.



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria State

- UNHCR dispatched assorted seeds from Juba to Yei, including maize, groundnuts, sesame and cowpeas in addition to agricultural tools. They will target 2,826 families from the refugee (2,174) and host communities (652) with a view of promoting self-reliance and enhance food security.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Central Equatoria State

- There is a need to organize a training in agronomic practices in Yei to boost production.

IDP RESPONSE

Protection

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- At Balchuk, Dollo and Ortiji, UNHCR conducted biometric verification and registration of 78 families (257 individuals), bringing the total number of IDP families biometrically registered in Maban County to 4,577 families (14,406 individuals).

Unity State

- In Bentiu, an IOM-led biometric registration exercise inside the Protection of Civilian site has covered a total 410 new arrival families (3,426 individuals) -who were provided with temporary ration cards. New arrivals cited hunger and insecurity as the main reasons of fleeing locations of their origin. According to IOM, the latest population figure is 111,323. During registration, UNHCR identified and referred to relevant services 29 separated children, 25 women at risk, 40 elderly people, 11 disabled persons and 7 people with severe illnesses. Among them were 6 SGBV cases from Leer and Mayendit counties.
- In Jamjang, UNHCR conducted awareness-raising and sensitization campaign for 35 IDP and host community members in Alilang 1 Boma on SGBV prevention and response, Child Protection and child rights.
- UNHCR and partners helped 3 unaccompanied minors in Kong Boma of Nyiel Payam reunite with their parents.
- During August's food distribution in Bentiu POC, UNHCR fast-tracked 4,784 vulnerable individuals, including elderly, lactating mothers, pregnant women and minors.

Northern Bahr Ghazal State

- On 4-5 August, UNHCR participated in an early warning and preparedness workshop organized by the National Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- UNHCR distributed 100 sleeping mats and 100 blankets to IDPs in Jamjang Payam.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is a very high need for shelter materials/NFIs like mosquito nets, soap, mats and blankets to be distributed to the vulnerable IDPs in Unity state.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to US\$ 111,326,720 as of 18 August 2015.

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Funding received (in USD)

USA	90,300,000
Japan	10,016,945
ECHO	3,769,682
Canada	1,573,564
CHF - SSD	1,488,963
Republic of Korea	800,000
Luxembourg	625,782
Switzerland	520,291
UN Prog. On HIV/AIDS	490,000
France	250,000
Holy See	3,362