

SOUTH SUDAN

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **UNHCR verifies and registers Sudanese asylum seekers in Juba:** UNHCR in partnership with ACROSS and the Commission for Refugee Affairs launched an operation to pre-screen, verify, register and issue ID cards to an estimated 6,000 asylum seekers from Sudan's South Kordofan and Blue Nile states living in Juba. To date, 530 individuals have been screened and 301 issued with refugee ID cards.
- **Nearly 15,000 Sudanese new arrivals registered in Unity since December 2014:** In Yida and Ajuong Thok, UNHCR registered 144 Sudanese new arrivals from Sudan's Kordofan during the reporting period, bringing the total number of new arrivals registered since 23 December 2014 to 14,954. Among them were 82 refugees from Sudan's Talodi County, including 56 minors, who crossed to South Sudan on 29 October using a new route through Wunkur, some 70 km southeast of Ajuong Thok camp. In the same reporting period, UNHCR relocated 159 refugees from Yida to Ajuong Thok, bringing the number of relocations since 23 December 2014 to 16,242.
- **UNHCR resupplies health facilities for refugee and host communities:** UNHCR shipped 405 cartons of medical supplies to Maban, Bunj and Gorom settlement to resupply health facilities serving the refugee and host communities.
- **UNHCR joins UNICEF and WFP in its first Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) mission:** UNHCR joined a one-week mission to Upper Nile's Ulang County on 9 November along with WFP and UNICEF to learn more about the RRM mechanism in view of future operational engagements.
- **Some 11,000 displaced people receive non-food items in Bunj:** UNHCR completed distribution of non-food items (NFIs) to 10,476 individuals who have sought safety in Bunj after fleeing armed clashes between government and opposition forces in Maban County's Liang Boma on 11 October.

418,882,292 USD

Funding requested for comprehensive needs (27 per cent funded so far)

143,921,611 USD

Funding requested for top priority activities (80 per cent funded so far)

Current population of concern

IDPs since 15
December 2013



Of them, 184,282 IDPs reside in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

Refugees in South
Sudan



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- Parties to South Sudan peace agreement appealed to mediators and international community to organize a donor conference to raise funds for implementation of the peace agreement signed in August, including from neighboring countries, United Nations, the Troika (U.S, Norway and United Kingdom), China and the Arab League. According to the Minister of Information, the funds would be used to enable cantonment of opposition forces, establishment of assembly areas, and provision of food, transport and clearance of access roads.
- Fighting erupted in Western Equatoria State's Tombora between government forces and armed civilian groups, known as the Arrow Boys, after the Tombora County Commissioner was ambushed but survived on 3 November. Some 5,650 registered refugees are living in the area, mostly from Central African Republic.
- On 3 November, a cargo plane also carrying soldiers and civilians crashed along the banks of the Nile minutes after taking off from Juba, killing more than 40 people according to media reports. Another cargo plane, which had been contracted by the Logistics Cluster, crashed in Malakal whilst heading to Wau. No injured were reported.
- On 27 October, the African Union Commission of the African Union (AUC) released the report of the AU Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan (AUCISS) and the Separate Opinion submitted by one member of the AUCISS. The report delivers evidence of killings, torture, mutilations and rape against civilians as well as forced cannibalism.
- The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) carried out an extraction operation on 1 November safely securing the release of 13 UNMISS contractors, who were part of the crew on board a fuel barge heading from Malakal to UNMISS's base in Renk and who were detained by SPLA in Opposition soldiers at Kaka, on 26 October. Eighteen peacekeepers, who were also part of the barge convoy, were released on 29 October.
- Violent criminal activities remain on the rise throughout the country with the international humanitarian community being prime targets. Several attacks have been recorded in the past weeks.

REFUGEE RESPONSE



Protection

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- In Kaya camp, UNHCR biometrically verified and registered 267 new arrivals from Sudan's Blue Nile State. As of 31 October, the population of Kaya stands at 22,229 refugees.
- In Maban, UNHCR identified and referred to relevant partners six cases of Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV), including cases of forced marriage, domestic violence and rape.

Unity State

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- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) distributed supplementary food to 165 foster care parents to help them provide a protective environment for unaccompanied minors and separated children.

Central Equatoria State

- In Juba, UNHCR in partnership with ACROSS and the Commission for Refugee Affairs launched an operation to pre-screen, verify, register and issue ID card to an estimated 6,000 asylum seekers from Sudan's South Kordofan and Blue Nile states living in South Sudan's capital. To date, 530 individuals have been screened and 301 issued with refugee ID cards.
- In Juba, UNHCR conducted a one-day protection induction training for 12 prison officers from the Juba Central Police Station, including on UNHCR's activities in South Sudan, international and domestic legal frameworks for the protection of refugees, and the roles and responsibilities of agents of the state for the protection of refugees.

- In Juba, UNHCR conducted a one-day protection induction training for 24 urban refugee community leaders, including on UNHCR and its mandate, international and domestic legal frameworks for the protection of refugees, rights and obligations of refugees according to South Sudan national laws.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner CARE distributed 409 tree seedlings to refugees and the host community.

Education

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) conducted a four-day teacher training for both new host community and refugee teachers on schemes of work and lesson plans for Mathematics, English, Social Studies and Science subjects.

Unity State

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner LWF provided school uniforms for more than 400 children aged 3-6 years.

Central Equatoria State

- In Lasu settlement, UNHCR assisted 51 primary school candidates to obtain student ID cards to enable them to sit for the South Sudan Primary Eight Leaving Examination.
- In Lasu, UNHCR partner Word Vision International (WVI) distributed 300 school uniforms for primary school pupils.
- In Lasu, UNHCR distributed sanitary kits to 347 primary and secondary school girls in an effort to retain them in classes.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Central Equatoria State

- In Lasu, the drop-out rate for girls remains a challenge, with 61 having dropped out from Nyori 1 Primary School during the reporting period. UNHCR and partner ACROSS are assessing the context and reasons behind their decision.

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR and partners completed the 2015 Standard Expanded Nutrition Survey (SENS) in all refugee camps in Unity and Upper Nile states. The data is currently under review.

Unity State

- In Yida, UNHCR partner Samaritan's Pursue reached 4,632 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) with Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP). Of these 297 (6.4 per cent) had Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) less than 23 cm, which qualifies as moderate malnutrition.
- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner African Humanitarian Action (AHA) screened for malnutrition 867 PLW and 383 children aged 6 to 23 months. As a result, 13.7 per cent of PLW and 12.1 per cent of children had moderate malnutrition, while 4.3 per cent of children had severe malnutrition. As far as children are concerned, the rate of malnutrition is higher than previous months, when total malnutrition was below 10 per cent.

Central Equatoria State

- In Lasu settlement, UNHCR partner WVI carried out general food distribution for nearly 9,500 refugees. The food basket included sorghum, yellow peas, vegetable oil and salt.



Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- UNHCR airlifted 103 cartons of medical supplies to Jamjang to resupply health facilities for the refugee and the host communities.

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR airlifted 260 cartons of medical supplies to Bunj to resupply health facilities for the refugee and the host communities in Maban.

Central Equatoria State

- In Lasu, UNHCR partner ACRSOSS distributed 8,500 male condoms to help prevent transmission of HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI). Further, UNHCR procured more some 2,300 screening tests to boost HIV/AIDS counselling and testing services.
- UNHCR delivered 42 cartons of medical supplies to Gorom settlement health facility.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Unity State

- Malaria upsurge continued in Yida settlement and Ajuong Thok camp. Health partners reported that nearly half of outpatient department consultations are malaria cases. There is a shortage of antimalarial medicines in the country and shortage of malaria rapid test kits in Ajuong Thok camp. Pending the arrival of antimalarial medicines from abroad, UNHCR made a request to Population Services International for provision of antimalarial drugs and rapid diagnostic kits.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- Out of 2,130 transitional shelters planned in Doro in 2015, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) completed 1,814 units and an additional 230 are in progress. In Gendrassa camp, UNHCR partner ACTED completed all transitional shelters planned for 2015 (768).

Unity State

- In Yida, UNHCR partner Samaritan's Purse distributed mosquito nets, jerry cans and buckets to 10,931 families as part of the efforts to reduce the risk of malaria.
- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) provided 1,925 women and girls of reproductive age with sanitary kits.

Central Equatoria State

- In Lasu settlement, UNHCR distributed sanitary kits including soap to 2,803 women of reproductive age.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

Unity State

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner IRC constructed 59 family latrines during the reporting period, giving a cumulative figure of 3,143 family latrines and 489 communal latrines. The latrine to person ratio was 1:10, which meets UNHCR standard of a maximum of 20 persons per drop hole.
- In Yida, the latrine to person ratio was 1:10, in compliance with UNHCR's standards.

Upper Nile State

- In Maban, the latrine to person ratio increased from 1:16 in September 2015 to 1:14 during the reporting period.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Unity State

- In Ajuong Thok, water availability stood at 12 litres per person per day (l/p/d) - below the UNHCR standard of 20 l/p/d. However, all water bladders are full, all taps are functional, with no queues.
- In Yida, water availability stood at 14 l/p/d - below UNHCR's standards.

IDP RESPONSE



Protection

COORDINATION

- The Protection Cluster submitted its Cluster Response Plan (CRP) as part of ongoing milestones in the 2016 humanitarian planning cycle. After consultations with partners and as per the objectives in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) Protection Strategy, the selected objectives in the CRP consist of improving the safety and dignity of vulnerable individuals through prevention programming and protection mainstreaming, ensuring that quality protection response services are available and can be safely and freely accessed, supporting individuals to achieve durable solutions and freedom of movement, and strengthening the resilience of communities.

OPERATIONS

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR joined its first Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) mission to Upper Nile's Ulang County on 9 November along with WFP and UNICEF to learn more about the mechanism in view of future operational engagements.

Unity State

- Upon arrival at the Protection of Civilians site (POC) in Bentiu, UNHCR identified 17 vulnerable families from Leer and Koch in need of accommodation and non-food items as well as eight separated children, who were then reunited with their parents with UNICEF's support. Bentiu POC is currently hosting 121,340 individuals.
- In Bentiu town, UNHCR held a two-day protection training for 30 participants from the local police, the army, government officials and religious leaders, including on legal frameworks, community-based protection, and mandate and role of the Protection cluster.
- In Pariang, UNHCR supported Samaritan's Pursue to distribute food to 9,844 individuals.

Lakes State

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) distributed non-food items to 300 extremely vulnerable families, including buckets, jerry cans, mosquito nets, sanitary napkins, kitchen sets and sleeping mats.
- During an Inter-agency Rapid Needs Assessment (IRNA) in Makuriric Rumbek Centre, UNHCR and partners registered 33 families (114 individuals) who had arrived from Mayendit and Panyijiar Counties of Unity State. They reported that they have fled due to increasing insecurity, food shortage and lack of basic services.

Western Equatoria State

- From 27 to 30 October, UNHCR participated in an IRNA mission to Mundri, following reports of high-level displacement due to armed clashes between government forces and unknown armed elements. Approximately 54,882 individuals have been displaced and dispersed in 27 locations. Preliminary results show that IDPs are in urgent need of shelters, non-food items and health care. Many families have been reportedly separated as they rushed to flee for their lives. UNHCR drafted key protection recommendations that will be conveyed to relevant authorities.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR completed distribution of non-food items (NFIs) to 10,476 individuals who had sought safety in Bunj after fleeing armed clashes between government and opposition forces in Maban County's Liang Boma on 11 October.
- UNHCR partners HDC and ADRA completed 530 emergency shelters for IDPs in various displacement sites in Maban, Maiwut and Nasir counties, including 380 by HDC and 150 by ADRA. Another 699 shelter are to be constructed by HDC (670) and ADRA (29).

Unity State

- UNHCR distributed plastic sheets to 302 vulnerable individuals to help them set up temporary shelters in Bentiu town. Upon fleeing to Bentiu some three months, they found refuge at Liech Primary School. In September 2015, a state order called for resumption of education activities at Liech, forcing more than 50 displaced families to vacate the school and relocate elsewhere in town.
- In Pariang, UNHCR partner AHA distributed dignity kits to 600 vulnerable girls and young women of reproductive age, including SGBV survivors, female-headed households, and lactating and pregnant mothers. Ten persons with specific needs and six separated children received food and soap in Yida and Aliny *payams*.

Central Equatoria State

- At Juba POC 3, UNHCR distributed plastic sheets to 352 vulnerable families affected by heavy rainstorms, in coordination with IRC and ACTED.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Unity State

- The lack of shelters remains a major concern in Bentiu POC. Some IDPs who have been so far hosted by family members and friends were asked to find their own shelters, forcing them to relocate to the already overcrowded registration area. UNHCR tents are being erected on any available space as a temporary solution.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to USD 114,162,611 as of 10 November 2015. 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 earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

Funding received (in USD)

USA	90,300,000
Japan	10,016,945
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Canada	1,573,564
United Kingdom	1,538,462
CHF - SSD	1,488,963
CERF	1,451,678
Republic of Korea	800,000
Luxembourg	625,782
Switzerland	520,291
Private Donors USA	509,936
UN Prog. On HIV/AIDS	490,000
Sheika Moza Bint Nasser	342,933
The Church of Latter-day Saint	336,548
France	250,000