

UGANDA

EMERGENCY UPDATE ON THE SOUTH SUDAN REFUGEE SITUATION

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KEY FIGURES

350

Number of new arrivals yesterday
(as per field reports)

1,812

Number of new arrivals since 7th
July 2016 (as per field reports)

33,838*

Number of new arrivals registered
since 1st January in Uganda (RIMS)
(as of end of June)

229,176*

Total number of South Sudanese
refugees registered in Uganda
(RIMS) (as of end of June)

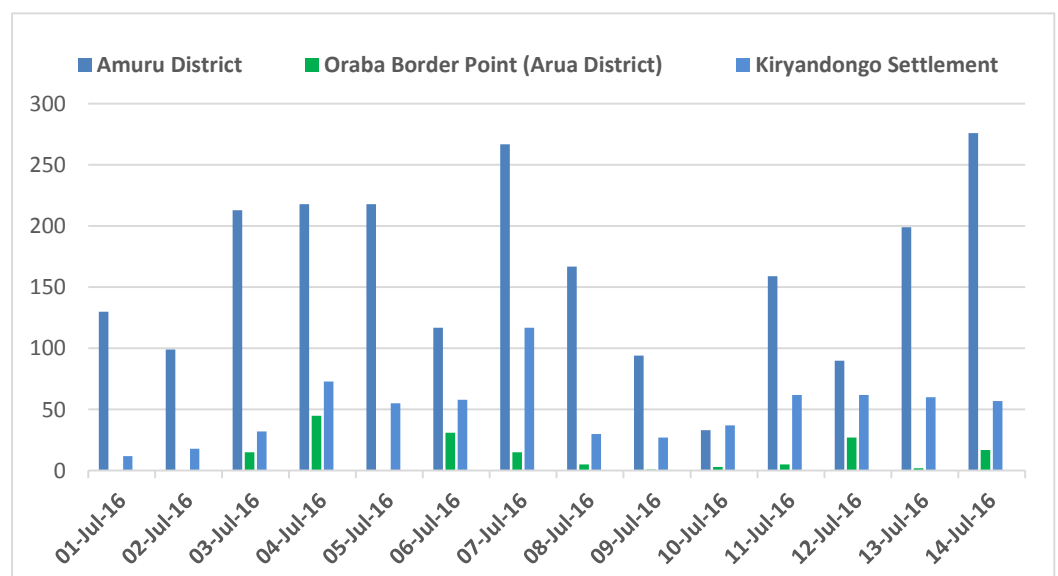
*Figures (not updated daily)
according to Uganda Government
Refugee Information Management
System (RIMS)

PRIORITIES

- Scale-up reception capacity at Elegu border point and Pagirinya settlement.
- Site assessment and preparations of new large refugee settlement.
- Transit and reception centres are being decongested to provide space for new arrivals

HIGHLIGHTS

- There was a slight increase in the number of refugees arriving in Uganda from South Sudan, however the size of the influx still does not yet constitute a major change or a mass influx. A total of 350 South Sudanese refugees crossed in to Uganda on Thursday 14th July.
- Despite fighting having stopped in the South Sudan capital of Juba, the security situation remains fragile. The Juba – Nimule road, the main road to Uganda, reportedly continues to remain obstructed by check points and road blocks. Border restrictions on the South Sudan side have been eased slightly. Vehicles continue to be prevented from crossing however, those on foot are now being granted access.
- In Adjumani, 98% of yesterday's 293 new arrivals were women and children under the age of 18. New arrivals reported their fear of a further deterioration in the security situation as there is little trust between trust amongst opposing groups and faith in the peace process is waning.
- An updated site planning evaluation of the Pagirinya settlement revealed that the site has a capacity of around 17,500, less than the initially anticipated capacity of around 22,000. Pagirinya by now is already hosting 4,000 refugees, leaving a remaining site capacity of only 13,500 individuals, possibly less.
- It is anticipated that once the border with South Sudan becomes fully passable, a mass influx of some 10,000, or more, refugees could take place within a few days. OPM and agencies are preparing for this eventuality.
- The identification of new large settlement area has become urgent, given the less than anticipated capacity in Pagirinya. Given that Adjumani district is already hosting a very large refugee population (some 135,000 refugees versus some 220,000 Ugandan population), the new site should be located in another district, possibly Yumbe or Moyo district. A joint assessment mission (Government/UN/NGOs) to Yumbe and Moyo is scheduled next week, starting 19 April.



UPDATE ON SITUATION

- Unconfirmed reports received yesterday indicated that around 50 people crossed using informal border points in the Lamwo region. Around 35 of these are expected to travel onwards to settlement areas, with the remainder understood to be residing with community relations.
- The majority of new arrivals presenting at Kiryandongo Reception Centre are from Unity State and Jonglei State, with smaller numbers arriving from Eastern Equatoria, Upper Nile and Western Equatoria. New arrivals reported fierce fighting and looting taking place in Eastern Equatoria, Upper Nile and Lakes states.
- In Arua, the majority of yesterday's 17 arrivals came from Yei, Central Equatoria. Refugees report having fled as armed groups have been looting properties and engaging in fighting.
- The revised inter-agency Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP) for South Sudan refugees was launched today at the regional level, amid concerns that the total number of people who have fled the country could reach more than 1 million by the end of the year. This revised RRRP does not fully include the anticipated needs in light of the current rapid deterioration of the situation. Should a major influx to Uganda take place over the coming weeks, this will require a new emergency appeal. The full RRRP launch statement is available at: <https://www.unhcr-regional.or.ke/news/agencies-launch-revised-appeal-south-sudan-refugees-amid-concerns-numbers-could-pass-1-million>
- Inter-agency emergency coordination meetings between the Government of Uganda Office of the Prime Minister, UNHCR and humanitarian partners are taking place in Kampala (country level) and Adjumani today 15 July.

Response Update

- Two temporary shelters have been constructed at Elegu collection point to increase its capacity to host new arrivals.
- Medical Teams International have increased the number of staff they have present in Adjumani for providing medical screenings to new arrivals. The Government of Uganda Office of the Prime Minister have also increased the number of staff at Elegu collection point to assist with initial registration of new arrivals.
- After a number of relocations to settlement areas, the number of people resident at Nyumanzi Transit Centre in Adjumani has gone down to 1,859 people. The Transit Centre is now within its 2000-person capacity. Further relocations are scheduled to take place to further free up capacity for hosting new arrivals.
- 226 people remain resident at Ocea Reception Centre in Arua, compared to its 1,000-person capacity. Further relocations to settlement areas are scheduled for Monday.
- A headcount will take place on Friday morning to determine the population resident at Kiryandongo Reception Centre following a number of relocations. Prior to the relocations, the latest figure stood at 2,386.
- Temporary structures have been set up in Pagirinya settlement to provide critical services such as health and education to new arrivals.

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