

KEY FIGURES

1,633

Number of new arrivals Sunday 17th July (as per field reports)

5,015

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

- Life-saving assistance at Elegu border point and in Adjumani transit and reception centres.
- Identification of new settlement sites and launch of site preparations.

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EMERGENCY UPDATE ON THE SOUTH SUDAN REFUGEE SITUATION

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **The influx significantly increased yesterday**, with a total of 1,633 new arrivals crossing in to Uganda on Sunday 17th July (as of 1900 on Sunday evening). This constitutes the highest daily new arrival figure since the fighting began in South Sudan earlier this month, and for 2016. There are reports that other nationalities, including Ugandan nationals, were amongst the new arrivals.
- 1,378 individuals were received at Elegu collection point (Adjumani axis), 102 at Oraba border point (Arua axis), 89 in Moyo and 24 in Lamwo. 47 people reportedly directly at Kiryandongo Reception Centre. In addition to these figures, new arrivals continue to cross the border throughout the night.
- Yesterday in West Nile, around 90% of the new South Sudan refugee arrivals were women and children under the age of eighteen.
- The response system continues to transport new arrivals to reception centres from where they are allocated plots in settlements. Of yesterday's arrivals in Elegu, by yesterday evening some 550 were transferred to reception centres. Capacity is being strengthened at Elegu to ensure that life-saving services, including medical screening and distribution of high energy biscuits, is able to meet the needs of new arrivals while they await their transfer.
- Pagirinya settlement in Adjumani, capable of hosting 12,500 individuals, will have reached its maximum absorption capacity within two days. Agojo (Adjumani district, with an anticipated capacity of around 20,000) and Yumbe (Yumbe district, 2 sites with an expected combined capacity of 60,000) are potential new settlement areas under discussion with the Government of Uganda and indications are that these will be assigned as the next receiving sites.
- UNHCR Uganda has triggered deployments from a country internal staff deployment roster (relocating staff from other offices to the North for an initial two weeks). In addition, further emergency deployments and other staff support will be requested from UNHCR global mechanisms.
- A replenishment of non-food relief items for 60,000 individuals has been requested from UNHCR global preparedness stocks. Shipments are being arranged.
- The inter-agency site assessment mission is scheduled to depart tomorrow and will proceed directly to Yumbe, from there to Moyo, Adjumani and Kiryandongo.

UPDATE ON SITUATION

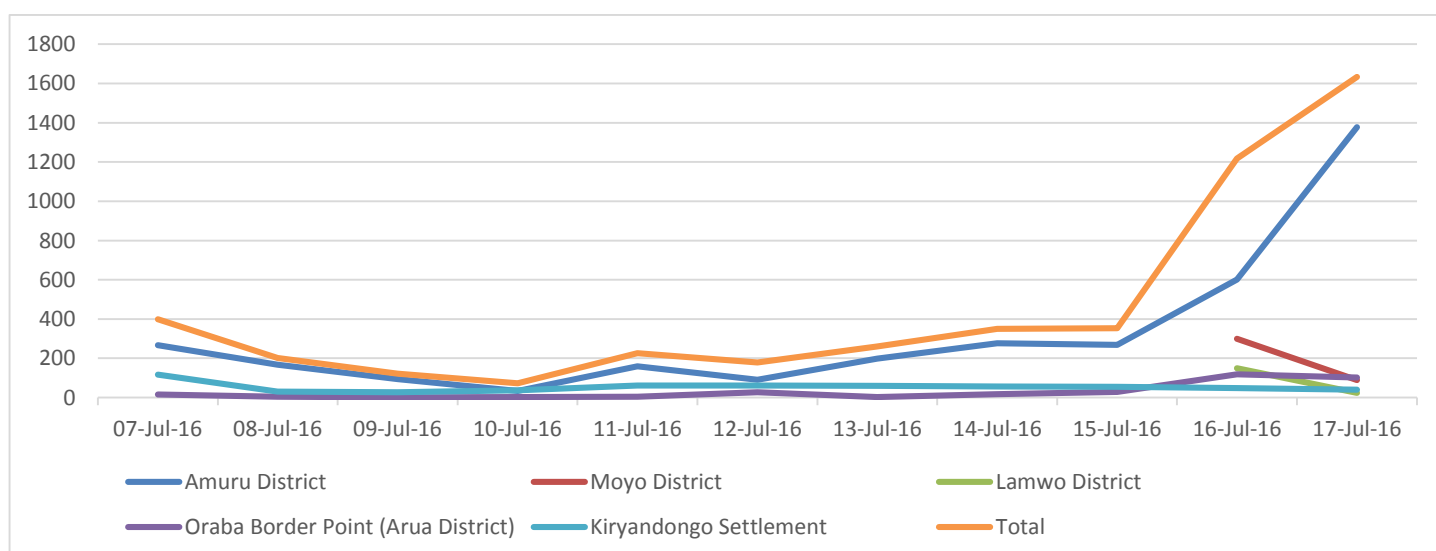
- The majority of South Sudan Refugee arrivals in West Nile originate from Eastern Equatoria (between 70-75%) with the remainder arriving from Juba. New arrivals report that the security situation is fragile and that they expect many more to follow them in to Uganda in the days ahead. People are reportedly congregating in public spaces such as churches or schools. Due to the breakdown in the public transportation system, many people are reportedly finding it difficult to flee.
- In Arua, new arrivals from Lanya County in South Sudan report that their houses and property were burnt down by armed groups.
- A joint Government of Uganda Office of the Prime Minister – UNHCR team travelled to Moyo district where they confirmed a total of 389 refugees had arrived in the previous few days. Another team travelled to Lamwo where 174 refugees had arrived in previous days and were taken to Nyumanzi Transit Centre. These arrivals have been or will be transferred to reception centres in Adjumani.

Response Update

- Nyumanzi Transit Centre in Adjumani is currently host to 1,886 refugees, close to its 2,000-person capacity. 335 refugees are staying in Ocea Reception Centre in Arua is host to 335 refugees, well in excess of its 130-person capacity. Kiryandongo Reception Centre is hosting 1,068 people, in excess of its 1,000-person capacity.
- In Arua, Yumbe District Local Government has called a contingency planning meeting with OPM, UNHCR and partners to strategize on how to respond the potential South Sudanese refugee influx in Yumbe district. The meeting is scheduled to take place on 21st July in the office of the LC5 Chairperson.
- In Kiryandongo, the majority of new arrivals were from Juba, with smaller numbers from Magwi, Equatos and Shukudum.

Critical Needs

- The high volume of new arrivals is stretching the capacities of the border collection points. They need to be expanded with temporary structures to accommodate all of the new arrivals. The capacity of life-saving service provision needs to be increased.
- Additional funding for ground preparations at new settlement sites.



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