



SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION

REGIONAL EMERGENCY UPDATE

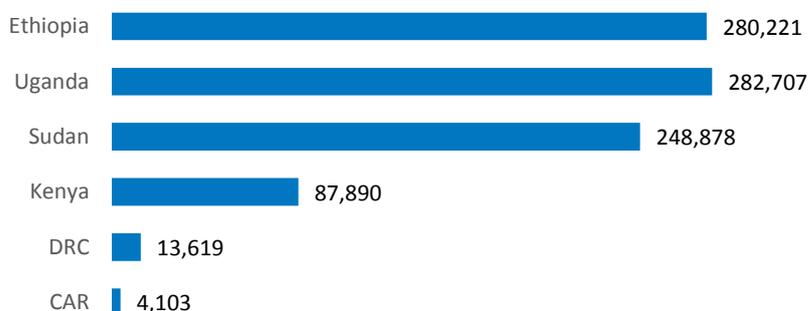
25 - 31 July 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- **The political and security situation inside South Sudan remains fragile and unpredictable.** UNHCR continues to provide assistance in Juba as the situation allows, and other areas of operation remain functional.
- **In Uganda, a total of 53,531 South Sudanese refugees have arrived in July, more than the total arrivals in the first six months of 2016.** Some 65% of the arrivals are children, and 88% are women and children. The daily rate of arrival has decreased slightly, but continues to number in the thousands.
- **South Sudanese refugees continue to seek asylum in other countries:** In Sudan, over 9,000 South Sudanese refugees have arrived in July, an increase on May and June arrivals, but lower than the monthly arrivals reported in the first quarter of 2016. DRC received an influx of 1,653 new arrivals in mid-July. The number of arrivals to Kenya has increased in the past week, though is still low compared to the influx in Uganda.

Population of concern

A total of **917,418** South Sudanese refugees as of 31 July*



| New Arrivals | New arrivals from 1 Jan 2016 to 7 July 2016* | New arrivals from 8 July 2016 to 2 Aug 2016* |
|--------------|--|--|
| Ethiopia | 2,525 | 34 |
| Sudan | 88,839 | 9,480 |
| Uganda | 44,429 | 55,920 |
| Kenya | 8,376 | 409** |
| DRC | 890 | 1,724 |
| CAR | 0 | 4 |
| TOTAL | 145,059 | 67,571 |

*The population and arrival figures are based on best available information at the time of production. UNHCR continues to verify the numbers and future updates may vary as new information becomes available. **409 new arrivals have been registered in Kenya. Some 596 new arrivals reportedly arrived in the past week, but have not yet been registered.

KEY FIGURES

67,571*

South Sudanese arrivals since 7 July 2016, based on field reports

917,418*

Total South Sudanese refugees as of 31 July (both pre Dec 2013 caseload and new arrivals)

973,000

Total South Sudanese expected by 31 December 2016 (RRP Planning Figure)

266,916

Refugees in South Sudan

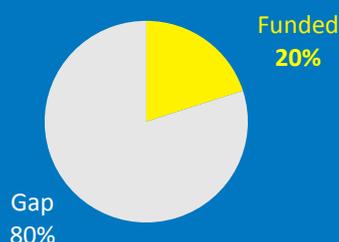
1.69 M

Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in South Sudan

FUNDING (as of 02 August)

USD 608.8 M

Requested by UNHCR for the situation



UPDATE ON THE SITUATION

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- **The relocation of former POC residents from Topping to UN House commenced on 27 July and is ongoing.** A total of 119 individuals (88 households) have been received at the reception point established by UNHCR's partner ACTED. UNHCR volunteers screen and verify the extremely vulnerable persons. Humanitarian partners ACTED and CONCERN are in process of constructing communal shelters and CONCERN has fenced and demarcated the plot, which is reportedly sufficient to accommodate no more than couple of thousand people.
- **UNHCR's protection desks are now open and functional in POC3 and POC1 in UN house.**
- **UNHCR and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) conducted a joint mission to the Gorom refugee camp on 26 July.** UNHCR and CRA expressed concerns about the movement of armed elements through Gorom which has led to several security incidents, and continues to compromise the safety of refugees in the camp. WFP, in cooperation with UNHCR and CRA, delivered food on 28 and 29 July. UNHCR's partner ACROSS, continues to undertake daily monitoring visits to the camp with unhindered access thus far.
- **The security situation around the Safe House in Juba remains stable.** The Safe house in Juba serves as a temporary shelter for the most vulnerable refugees in Juba, primarily those who exhibit immediate/serious medical and protection needs. In light of currency inflation and ongoing difficulties in securing food items in local markets, the daily food allowance was increased from SSP 20 per person to SSP 50.
- **UNHCR's reception center in Juba reopened on Tuesday 26 July and refugees approached the office for protection counseling and documentation.** The UNHCR Protection Hotline is now operating and receiving phone calls, with queries primarily relating to documentation, medical and livelihoods assistance, and requests for clarification on services provided by UNHCR's partners. UNHCR's legal assistance partner, HDC, also resumed activities at its Community Centre in Juba and has received approximately 20 clients to date.

Countries of Asylum

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

- **Latest developments:** There has been no significant influx of South Sudanese arrivals into CAR.
- **Preparedness and emergency response:** Emergency camp pre-fabricated buildings have been received in Bambouti, with further preparations underway to move equipment and staff in case there is a sudden influx.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- **Latest developments:** There was a new influx of arrivals from South Sudan into Aba, Faradje territory, in the province of Haut-Uélé, in mid-July. UNHCR and CNR conducted monitoring missions resulting in the registration of 1,653 individuals (533 households). The refugees arrived mainly from Central Equatoria in South Sudan.
- **Preparedness and emergency response:** Protection monitoring staff from INTERSOS have been deployed at all entry points, including Aba/Lasu, Ingbokolo, Kengezi-base, Doruma and Bitima, to continue border monitoring.
- **Critical needs and challenges:** Access to the refugee hosting areas remains a challenge. The lack of a reliable communication network is affecting emergency communication and coordination between UNHCR and partners.

ETHIOPIA

- **Latest developments:** 37 new South Sudanese refugees have arrived in July, including 16 in the past week.
- **Preparedness and emergency response:** UNHCR and the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) conducted a border monitoring mission on 28 July to assess the condition of Matar Transit Centre. Most of the areas in Burbiey are flooded and the infrastructure in Matar transit centre needs to be completely reconstructed in case of a refugee influx.

KENYA

- **Latest developments:** There has been a noticeable increase in the number of South Sudanese arrivals entering Kenya via Nadapal, with some 596 new arrivals reported in the past week. UNHCR organized two transfers of individuals from the border to the Kakuma Reception Center for a total of 404 individuals, up from 129 individuals the previous week. The remaining 192 individuals arrived over the weekend and will be transferred to Kakuma on 2 August. UNHCR Kakuma has received up to 1,120 South Sudanese refugees in July, including 524 who have been registered, and the 596 latest arrivals awaiting registration.
- **Preparedness and emergency response:** Regular border monitoring is ongoing. An additional 280 new arrivals were transferred to Kalobeyei bringing the total number of individuals to 2,532.
- **Critical needs and challenges:** UNHCR continues to see an increase in the number of new arrivals under five years old with severe malnutrition, particularly from the Lotuko community. UNHCR is working with partners to hire Lotuko interpreters to assist with nutrition messaging, screening and response.

SUDAN

- **Latest developments:** Over 9,000 South Sudanese have arrived in Sudan in July. Over 5,000 South Sudanese, originally registered by Sudan Red Cross Society (SRCS), have left Abu Sinaidira and are moving onwards mainly to El Ferdous town and the old Raja camp in Ed Daein, reportedly due to a lack of access to basic services in Abu Sinaidira. On 26 July, IOM began registration and verification activities in El Ferdous and Abu Jabra localities, the first IOM verification exercise permitted to take place outside of Khor Omer camp in East Darfur.
- **Critical needs and challenges:** Due to the rainy season, there is an urgent need for emergency shelters and additional core relief items (CRIs) in El Ferdous town.

UGANDA

- **Latest developments:** According to field reports, 16,796 new arrivals crossed the border into Uganda in the past week, with a total of 53,531 arriving in July. The majority of arrivals in Adjumani are of Madi and Lutuko ethnicities. Most of recent arrivals in Adjumani and Kiryandongo were from Eastern Equatoria with smaller numbers arriving from Juba and Upper Nile. In Arua, the majority of arrivals are Kakwa, Pojulu and Kuku and most are fleeing from Yei. New arrivals report fears that the security situation in South Sudan is set to deteriorate further, with refugees reporting widespread shooting in Magwi, killings by militias in Torit and violence and looting in Yei. New arrivals in Arua report that men suspected of being sympathetic to the SPLA-IO are being targeted by armed groups. Others report having received anonymous warnings in Yei to flee the town before the onset of fighting between rebel and government forces. There are reports that others are looking to flee but they do not have the financial resources to reach the border. Some female refugees report that their husbands have stayed behind to protect their property should war break out.
- **Preparedness and emergency response:** The Government of Uganda has decided to open a new refugee settlement in Yumbe, called Bidibidi, with a capacity of more than 100,000 individuals. The settlement will start receiving refugees this week, as early as Wednesday 3 August. The Office of Prime Minister (OPM) and UNHCR agreed with a group of UN and NGO partners who will respond during the initial emergency response phase in Yumbe. All partners have initiated their operations. The land clearing of the reception centre site is progressing well, and the construction of communal shelters at the reception centre has started.
- **Critical needs and challenges:** Transit centres remain severely overstretched. In Kiryandongo, Global Acute Malnutrition was at 14.05% over the last week, above UNHCR emergency standards. A hot meal supplementary feeding programme targeting malnourished mothers and children has been launched.



A young refugee girl who fled the fighting that began on 7 July 2016 in South Sudan, checks her pot of food at the newly established Pagarinya 2 camp in Adjumani District, northern Uganda. © UNHCR/Will Swanson

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