

HIGHLIGHTS

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

260,453

Refugees in South Sudan

1,61 M

IDPs in South Sudan, including
202,019 people in UNMISS
Protection of Civilians site

US \$276 million

Funding requested for
comprehensive needs in 2016

US \$128 million

Funding requested for priority
needs in 2016

OUTSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

1,248,230

South Sudanese refugees in
neighboring countries (before and
after 15 December 2013):

- Uganda: 517,491
- Ethiopia: 320,767
- Sudan: 254,757
- Kenya: 90,073
- DRC: 60,211
- CAR: 4,931

US \$649 million

Funding requested by UNHCR for
South Sudanese refugees in the
region

US \$153.9 million

Funding received by UNHCR for
South Sudanese refugees in the
region

- **UNHCR profiles 58,843 for humanitarian assistance in Yei** - Following the joint assessment of IDPs in September, UNHCR profiled and confirmed 58,843 IDPs due to receive humanitarian assistance. Registered IDPs include 66.2% families of persons with special needs (PSNs) while 63% are children below 18 years of age.
- **1,043 IDPs in need of humanitarian assistance in Upper Nile** - Following the conflict between armed groups and host community in the border area of Shatta Boma, which is 20 kilometers from Doro refugee camp, UNHCR led an interagency initial rapid needs assessment mission with the participation of World Food Programme (WFP), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), Relief International (RI) and Samaritan Purse (SP) to Gasmalla area. During the assessment, the team profiled 1,043 displaced persons from Ardeba, Hila Nafar, Yawanji, Lon Wiew, Shatta, Ban Buli, Jal Bero, and Bonaji.
- **Refugees receive three-month food rations in Makpandu settlement.** In Makpandu refugee settlement UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) completed General Food Distribution (GFD) for the months of October, November and December to refugees and asylum seekers. Food items included cereals and pulses.
- **Refugees from Central Equatoria In Juba Relocated to Unity:** UNHCR relocated 18 Sudanese refugees previously based in Yei and Lasu settlement to Ajuong Thok refugee camp in northern Unity. Refugees fled violence and conflict in the Greater Equatoria region in mid-September. UNHCR also interviewed and profiled 55 Sudanese refugees, who fled insecurity in Yei and Lasu settlement to Juba. Majority of refugees requested for relocation to Ajuong Thok refugee camp.
- **Refugees exhibit handicrafts during UN Day** - In Juba, as part of the annual UN Day on 25, UNHCR displayed on sale handicrafts made by refugees from Maban, Gorom and Ajuong Thok.

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- **The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in South Sudan to step down in November** – The head of the United Nations peacekeeping operation in South Sudan, Ellen Margrethe Løj, has informed Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon that she will be stepping down at the end of November after more than two years of leading the Mission in a statement released today by the Mission. Ms. Løj was appointed by the Secretary-General as his Special Representative and head of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) in July 2014 and assumed her duties in Juba in September 2014.
- **South Sudan former Vice President Dr. Machar says he could return next month** – South Sudan's former Vice President Dr. Riek Machar says he could return to South Sudan as early as next month. He broke his long silence in an interview in South Africa. Machar said his country's peace deal had "collapsed" and a new political process is needed to revive it, but did not commit to rejoining the peace agreement on the same terms.
- **Chairman of JMEC renews hope for South Sudan peace agreement** – Speaking to local and international media in Juba, Festus Mogae, chairman of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC), a body tasked with overseeing implementation of the signed peace deal in South Sudan, says South Sudan peace accord is still alive since several opposition groups are still serving in the unity government in Juba. Mogae stated that the peace agreement is still alive because it is the only option for South Sudan. He stressed that JMEC would be waiting for the other opposition groups to join the peace process.
- **Ethiopian Prime Minister Visits South Sudan, signs trade, border and military cooperation** – The Prime Minister of Ethiopia Hailemariam Desalegn visited South Sudan on Friday. While in Juba Desalegn met President Salva Kiir, the first vice president, and parliament members. President Kiir and Desalegn signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on bilateral trade, borders, and military cooperation. The cooperation agreement includes road projects that will improve roads from Ethiopia to South Sudan. Ethiopia as one of guarantors and mediators of South Sudan's peace deal signed in August in 2015 assured the people of South Sudan that Ethiopia will not support any rebel group inside its territory to destabilize South Sudan.
- **145 child soldiers are released, but recruitment continues** – According to UNICEF, the armed opposition group? Cobra Faction, and SPLA-In Opposition released a total of 145 child soldiers in Pibor. UNICEF estimates more than 16,000 children who have been recruited by armed forces since South Sudan's civil war began, and 800 this year alone according to the U.N, who noted that both the government and opposition have continued to recruit child soldiers even though both have made promises to stop.
- **Continued insecurity in Torit town forcing citizens to flee** – According to local media, residents in Torit town in South Sudan's newly created Imatong State (formerly Eastern Equatoria) have expressed their concerns about the deteriorating security situation in the area. Several citizens said that the area is witnessing rampant insecurity, forcing many families to flee to Kakuma refugee camp in neighboring Kenya. Citizens pointed out that government troops and armed groups clashed in Mogi and Salori areas outside Torit town- with many residents fearing that fighting could erupt between the two sides at any time.
- **Renewed fighting displaces 600 in Leer, Unity State** - According to the local media, 600 civilians have fled into the United Nations Mission in South Sudan base in Leer county as a result of renewed clashes in the area between armed opposition led by former first Vice President, Riek Machar and forces loyal to President Salva Kiir. The fighting is reportedly heavier than previous clashes that occurred in the area early October 2016.

REFUGEE RESPONSE



Protection

Achievements and impact

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, in collaboration with South Sudan Commission for Refugees Affairs (CRA), UNHCR registered 33 asylum seekers from Eritrea bringing the total number of persons of concern in Juba to 4,363, including 1,517 asylum seekers and 2,821 refugees. Furthermore, UNHCR issued asylum seekers certificates to 33 people and 18 refugees received an ID card, bringing the number of cards issued so far to 889, including 777 ID card renewals.
- In Juba, UNHCR relocated 18 Sudanese refugees previously based in Yei and Lasu settlement to Ajuong Thok refugee camp in northern Unity. Refugees fled violence and conflict in the Greater Equatoria region in mid-September.
- In Juba, UNHCR interviewed and profiled 55 Sudanese refugees, who fled insecurity in Yei and Lasu settlement to Juba. Majority of refugees requested for relocation to Ajuong Thok refugee camp.

Unity

- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR received a total of 1,306 refugees relocated from Yida to Pamir since the opening of Pamir on 1 September. The relocation exercise has improved significantly as many refugees are signing up to relocated to Pamir camp in November and December 2016.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR and its government partner the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CPA) and Public Prosecutor Attorney held the first Access to Justice Forum (AJF) which brought together Maban statutory law enforcement actors including the Town Bench Court and Customary or traditional leaders including *Nazirs* and *Umdas* from the refugee and host communities as well as other humanitarian actors (DRC, ACTED, SCI and LWF). All actors agreed on the need to have continuous coordination, capacity building and exchange of information on statutory and customary law and a plan to establish three joint courts in Bunj, Doro and Gendrassa.
- In Maban, UNHCR and UNFPA conducted a 3-day training to 16 participants on the Gender Based Violence Information Management System (GBV IMS). The training built the knowledge of UNHCR and partner staff on the GBV IMS system and drew out some solutions for challenges related to Child and Youth Protection (CYP) and Sex and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) information and data management.

Education

Achievements and impact

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR conducted orientation to 12 refugee students who commenced their studies at the St. Mary's University on 17 October through the higher education scholarships awarded under Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative Fund, also known as DAFI programme. UNHCR partner HDC distributed 75 pieces of second hand clothes to three female students. Furthermore, UNHCR issued solar lanterns to the 12 students to help them study.

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil and Doro camps, during the reporting period, UNHCR partner the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) constructed 30 new classrooms. The total number of classrooms to date stands at 272 including 98 in Doro, 82 Batil, 47 Gendrassa and 45 in Kaya camps.

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and impact

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR screened 155 children, both refugees and host communities for MUAC out of which 32 children were found with Acute Malnourishment.
- In Makpandu refugee settlement UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) completed General Food Distribution (GFD) for the months of October, November and December to refugees and asylum seekers. Food items included cereals and pulses.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Pamir, UNHCR erected 403 family tents since the opening of the camp on 1 September.
- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 18 refugees who fled the violence in Yei and relocated to Ajuong Thok. Items included blankets, kitchen sets, and mosquito nets, sleeping mats, jerry cans, sanitary kits, clothes, soap and family tents.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR provided NFIs and second hand clothes to 160 inmates in Yei Central Prison. The items included 160 sleeping mats, 160 blankets, 80kgs of soap, 1 bale of used clothes, six pieces of clothing and sanitary pads. This assistance will help inmates improve their hygiene and bedding situation in the cells.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and impact

- Across all refugees in South Sudan, refugees commemorated the Global Hand Washing day with extensive messages on good hygiene practices to prevent Public Health related diseases. The theme for this year is “Make Hand Washing a Habit”.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok, during the reporting period the crude latrine coverage was 9 people per latrine, with water coverage of 15.69 litres per person per day and in Pamir refugee camp the crude latrine coverage stands at five persons per latrine and water availability of 16 litres person per day.



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and impact

Central Equatoria

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Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) distributed 19 goats to 19 households, bringing the total number to 24 households out of 50 that have received goats.

Upper Nile

- In Doro camp, UNHCR and its partner the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) graduated 127 vocational trainees of skills development in general construction, solar maintenance and auto mechanics at Doro Vocational Training Centre (DVTC). The vocational courses serve to empower youth with employable and marketable skills.
- In Doro and Batil camps, UNHCR and partner Relief International (RI) supported the establishment of a school environmental club comprising 60 pupils. They were trained on the importance of trees and forest cover. The club will promote environmental awareness in schools as well as the community to curb rampant cutting of trees in areas surrounding the refugee camps.
- In Gendrassa camp, UNHCR and partner ACTED distributed 60 chickens as parent stock and 45 kilograms of chicken feed to 15 SGBV survivor households. This will promote dietary diversity and encourage consumption of protein rich foods as well as income generation activities.

Durable Solutions

- In Gendrassa and Kaya camps, UNHCR and partner ACTED supported 80 members of Agro-pastoral Field Schools in developing viable business ideas ahead of issuing start-up grants. The overall objective is to enable persons of concern generate sustainable business ideas to facilitate income generation and self-reliance.
- In Doro camp, UNHCR and its food security and livelihood partners together with persons of concern seedling nursery group raised 32,021 eucalyptus tree seedlings. The tree nursery seeks to promote restoration of the forest cover and livelihood diversification through afforestation and woodlot establishment for income activities.

IDP RESPONSE

Protection

Achievements and impact

COORDINATION

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, following the joint assessment of IDPs in September, UNHCR profiled and confirmed 58,843 IDPs due to receive humanitarian assistance. Registered IDPs include 66.2% families of persons with special needs (PSNs) while 63% are children below 18 years of age.

OPERATIONS

Jonglei

- In the Bor POC, UNHCR identified 71 persons with specific needs, bringing the total number of vulnerable families to over 296. UNHCR will support them with NFIs such as jerry cans, sanitary kits and washing soap.

Unity

- In the Bentiu POC, during IOM-led registration of new arrivals, UNHCR identified 417 vulnerable families (1,365 individuals) for inclusion in upcoming NFI distributions.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR in coordination with partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) conducted community-based protection training to 150 IDPs in Kongo Mamur, Ortiji and Dollo IDP sites on protection and human rights, community-based protection and community self-management; protection risks and advocacy strategy for protection risks by IDPs to ensure effective protection and assistance.
- Following the conflict between armed groups and host community in the border area of Shatta Boma, which is 20 kilometers from Doro refugee camp, UNHCR led an interagency initial rapid needs assessment mission with the participation of World Food Programme (WFP), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), Relief International (RI) and Samaritan Purse (SP) to Gasmalla area. During the assessment, the team profiled 1,043 displaced persons from Ardeba, Hila Nafar, Yawanji, Lon Wiew, Shatta, Ban Buli, Jal Bero, and Bonaji.

Shelter and NFIs

Jonglei

- In Bor, UNHCR distributed NFIs and sanitary kits to 109 inmates in Bor Central prison. The inmates include 9 females and 100 males. The distributed items include, mosquito nets, washing and bathing soaps, blankets and sanitary napkins for nine female inmates of reproductive ages.
- In Pochalla County, UNHCR distributed NFIs to 4,805 IDPs. The IDPs were displaced as a direct consequence of the inter-communal conflict of March 2016. Due to recurring insecurity since the outbreak inter-communal conflict, UNHCR was unable to access the displaced populations until conditions improved.

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR distributed NFIs to 2,102 IDPs. The items distributed include: blankets, sleeping mats, plastic sheets, soaps, kitchen sets, mosquito nets and jerry cans. Furthermore, some 510 women and girls of reproductive age received dignity kits.

Unity

- In Bentiu, UNHCR distributed NFIs to 505 households of Persons with Special Needs. Items distributed include plastic sheets, jerry cans, mosquito nets, sanitary kits and soap for women of reproductive age.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Central Equatoria

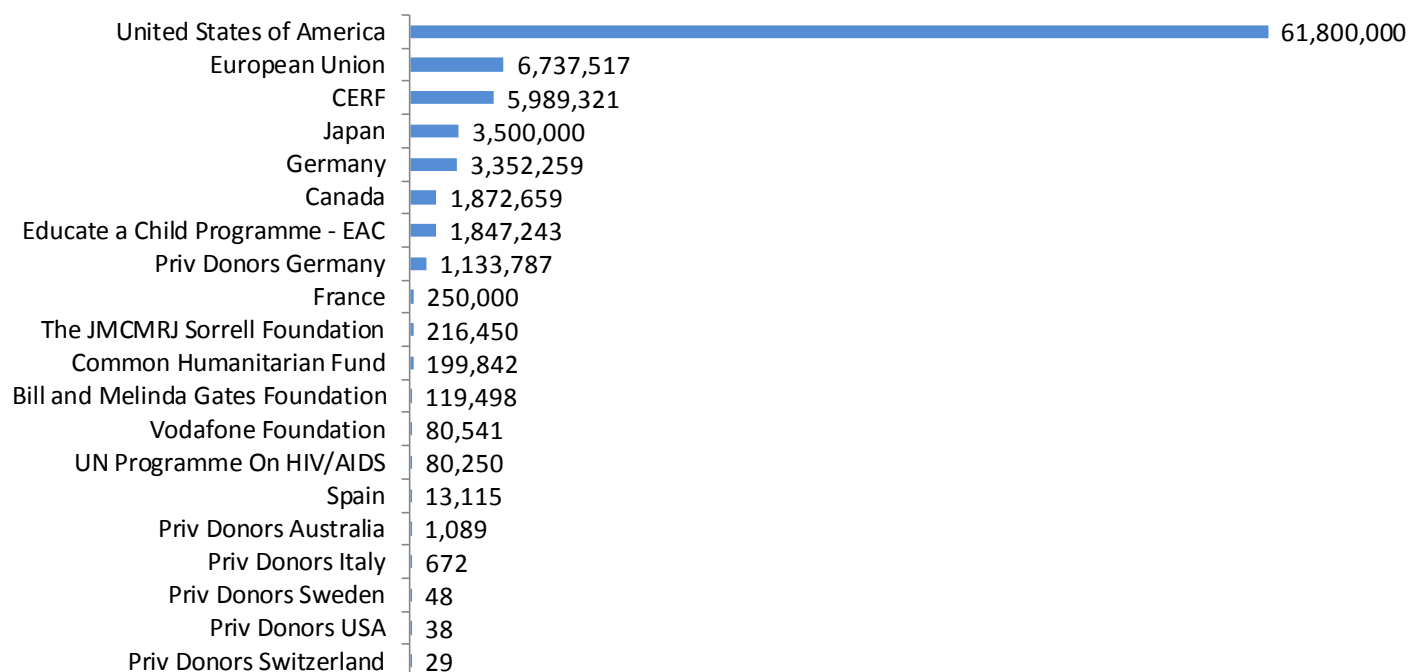
- In Juba, UNHCR team met with newly elected Camp Management Committee, an IDP leadership group in the POC. The team explained UNHCR's protection activities, the role of protection desk, and introduced UNHCR outreach workers.

Unity

- In Bentiu, the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) cluster led by UNHCR trained 44 community leaders on community participation and mobilization. Community leaders were drawn from the traditional chiefs, local court, women representative, churches representatives and youth representative from various payam of Guit County.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to USD 87,207,729 as of 31 October 2016. 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.



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