



SOUTH SUDAN

December 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

6,544

Refugees relocated from Yida to Pamir camp as of 31 December 2016

16,791

Refugees and IDPs received non-food items assistance from UNHCR across South Sudan in December.

1,792

Asylum seekers hosted in South Sudan as of 31 December 2016

3,164

Refugee ID cards including renewals issued in 2016 across South Sudan.

Population of concern

A total of **1.853 million** IDPs

A total of **262,560** refugees

Refugees by country of origin

Country	Total
Sudan	241,510
DRC	14,476
Ethiopia	4,691
Central African Republic	1,853
Other nationalities	30
Total	262,560

Funding

USD 275,668,213

Requested for comprehensive needs in 2016



USD 132,611,215

Needed for top priority activities in 2016



UNHCR Presence

Staff: 409

284 national staff

125 international staff

Offices:

11 offices located in:

Juba, Jamjang, Bunj, Bentiu, Bor, Kwajok, Malakal, Rumbek, Yambio, Yei, Yida.

1 field unit located in: Mingkaman.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and IDPs.
- In the **refugee response**, the main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and Wildlife Conservation, and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing partners in 2016 are the following: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), ACROSS, ACTED, CARE International, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Relief International (IR), Samaritan's Pursue (SP), Save the Children, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), UNOPS, UNV and World Vision International (WVI).
- In the **IDP response**, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Committee (RRC). Implementing partners in 2016 are: ADRA, African Humanitarian Action (AHA), Danish Refugee Council, Handicap International, Health Link, Humanitarian Development Consortium, INTERSOS, International Rescue Committee, Nile Hope, TOCH, UNV, Women Aid Vision and Women Development Group. Within the IDP response cluster system, UNHCR in South Sudan is Lead of the Protection Cluster (with NRC co-leading), Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and undertakes enhanced participation in the IOM-led Shelter/NFI Cluster.
- On **prevention of statelessness**, UNHCR's main counterpart is the Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration (DNPI).
- UNHCR maintains an **operational partnership** with CAFOD, Caritas, CMMB, Food Agriculture Organization (FAO), ICRC, Jesuit Refugee Service (JSR), Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium), Medair, Mentor, OXFAM, SIM, UNAIDS, UNOCHA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMAS, UNMISS, World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO) and Women for Women International.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – REFUGEE PROGRAMME

Protection

- As of 31 December, 2016, the refugee population in South Sudan stood at 262,560 individuals, consisting of 65,316 households spread in 21 different locations across South Sudan. In December, South Sudan received 226 new arrivals and registered 507 new born babies. 52% of the refugees are female with women and children representing 82% of the total population. Sudanese refugee population remains the largest at 241,510 individuals (92%) followed by DRC Congo 14,476 individuals (5%), Ethiopia 4,691 individuals (2%), Central African Republic 1,853 (1%) and 30 individuals from other countries. Majority (90%) of the refugees are hosted in Upper Nile and Unity States in South Sudan. Also, South Sudan hosted 1,792 asylum seekers and an estimated 1.853 million IDPs as of 31 December 2016.

Unity

- In Pamir camp, as of 31 December, the population stood at 6,544 individuals including refugees previously settled in Yida settlement and new arrivals since the opening of Pamir in September.
- In Ajuong Thok camp, UNHCR identified and supported 54 most vulnerable women, girls, and children with specific needs with food and non-food items to reduce the risk of SGBV and improve the quality of response. Cumulatively, UNHCR assisted 622 extremely vulnerable women and girls since the beginning of the year. UNHCR also recorded nine new SGBV cases and assisted survivors with emotional and counselling support and referred them to seek other services on a voluntarily basis and informed consent. Cumulatively, 152 SGBV survivors have received psychosocial support since the beginning of the year.
- In Ajuong Thok camp, UNHCR supported 171 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) (90 boys and 81 girls); unaccompanied children were issued with pairs of clothes and bar of soaps each.

Upper Nile

- In Maban camps hosting over 137,000 Sudanese refugees, UNHCR and its partners undertook assessments in the aftermath of conflict which broke out between 25 and 28 December in Doro refugee camp between refugees and host community. Initial findings suggest over 8,000 local community members have been displaced locally. Approximately 10,000 refugees in Doro, one fifth of the camp, have relocated themselves to alternative nearby locations. Partners have already begun distribution of food and aid packages to IDPs, with assistance to displaced refugees and overall General Food Distribution for January scheduled to take place in the second week of January 2017. Provision of additional water supply, sanitation facilities and shelter are currently being assessed and scaled up.
- In Doro Camp, UNHCR and partners marked the International Day of Persons with Disabilities as part of the annual 16 days of activism campaign and HIV/AIDS awareness sessions were conducted in both Batil and Doro camp. In Kaya and Gendrassa, activities and small-scale events took place to raise awareness on issues related to gender inequality and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) at a village level.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, the active population figure stands at 4,915 individuals, of which 1,703 are asylum seekers and 3,212 are refugees. 94% of the refugees are from Sudan, while 47% of asylum seekers are from Eritrea. The overall population comprises of 26% female and 74% male; 269 persons have special needs.
- In Juba, UNHCR in collaboration with the South Sudan Commissioner of Refugee Affairs (CRA) registered 68 refugees and asylum seekers, bringing the total number of persons of concern in Juba to 4,823.
- In Juba, UNHCR printed and issued 36 refugee ID cards to refugees, bringing the total number of ID cards issued to 3,164 including 967 ID card renewals in 2016.

Education

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) established a space at HDC's premises with six computers fully equipped with the internet for 14 DAFI refugees' students. These computers will facilitate their coursework and easy access to reading materials online and enhance their academic performance.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) delivered school furniture that included 40 desks, 10 chairs and three tables for the newly constructed classrooms. While, WVI completed the construction of teachers' quarter latrine. =

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok, 235 refugee pupils sat for South Sudan Certificate of Primary Education examination over five days in Mid-December.

Upper Nile

- In Maban camps, pupils completed writing the National Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE). 706 candidates including 108 from the host community schools and 598 refugee pupils.

Food Security and Nutrition

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) completed the General Food Distribution to 2,998 refugees and asylum seekers who turned to receive food ratios for the month of January 2017.
- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR screened 71 children from the age of 6 – 9 months for Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC). Children included both refugees and host community respectively - out of which seven refugee children were found with Acute Malnourishment.

Upper Nile

- In Gendressa and Kaya refugee camps, UNHCR partner ACTED supported 100 refugees including men and women from five farmer field schools to carry out the harvest of seed multiplication gardens. As a result, 264.8kgs of maize, 246kgs of cowpea and 490kgs of shelled groundnuts were harvested. The overall objective of seed multiplication is to support farmer seed systems through development of sustainable access to seeds in the longer term.
- In Maban camps, UNHCR partner World Food Programme (WFP) and partners conducted General Food Distribution for December. The food items included; cereals at 350g, pulses 35g, and cooking oil 21g per person per day at a reduced ratio of 70%).

Health

Upper Nile

- In Kaya and Gendrassa camps, UNHCR partner Medair completed the third round of Polio National Immunization Days (NID). The exercise targeted children between 0 and five months with the polio vaccine. This is a national Government of South Sudan program as supplementation to the routine Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) to enable children to get an additional boost for their immunity.

Water and Sanitation

Upper Nile

- Across the four Maban camps, the water supply coverage stood at 20 liters per person per day during the reporting period. In Kaya camp, the borehole water sources resumed at 100% with five boreholes operational, an improvement, from 80% of four boreholes. In Gendrassa camp, UNHCR constructed a new water storage tank with the capacity of 45,000 liters. In Yusuf Batil and Doro camps, UNHCR successfully installed a new water pipeline connection bringing the total number of these pipelines to the total of 2,300 meters to improve access to water supply.

- In Doro camp, UNHCR partner ACTED completed the construction of 94 new household latrines bringing the cumulative number to 420 and ratio of 22 persons per latrine, from the previous figure of 23 persons per latrine. In Kaya, Yusuf Batil, and Gendrassa camps, the average sanitation coverage stands at 12 persons per latrine.

Unity

- In Pamir camp, the daily average water coverage stands at 23.55 liters per person per day. In Ajuong Thok camp, the daily average water coverage stands at 16.97 liters per person per day. In Yida settlement, the daily average water coverage stands at 8.78 liters per person per day.

Shelter and NFI

Upper Nile

- In Maban camps, UNHCR and partner ACTED distributed sanitary materials to 4,860 refugee girls and women between reproductive ages. The assistance will improve the hygiene and dignity of the girls and women in the camps.
- In Gendrassa camp, UNHCR partner ACTED delivered 15 sets of shelter materials to surrounding host community villages. The intervention was part of UNHCR's support to host community. Similar interventions are being implemented in the camp where 329 families (1,316 individuals) out of the 335 projected for 2016 have already been assisted.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) completed the distribution of second-hand clothes to 3,024 refugees.
- In Makpandu refugee settlement, WVI distributed 3,222 pieces of washing soap to 3,662 refugees for the month of January 2017.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

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- In Kukuyi boma, UNHCR partner UMCOR in collaboration with the extension workers trained 22 refugees on post-harvest handling aimed at minimizing losses of farm produce during this harvest period. They also made field visits to Kukuyi farmland and registered ten new farmers for support. Also, UNHCR and UMCOR secured vegetable seeds for 2,000 refugee households in Lasu from the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organizations (FAO).

Upper Nile

- In Doro and Yusuf Batil camps, UNHCR and partner Relief International facilitated agri-business mind-set change training to 295 Village Saving Loan Association members (207 females and 88 men). Participants benefited from training topics such as enterprise selection and cost-benefit analysis aimed at promoting farming with a market orientation in contrast to subsistence farming, which is currently a common practice in Maban's refugee camps.

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- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR distributed 100 goats (50 male and 50 female) to refugees to promote self-reliance among the refugee community. Chickens were also given out to 50 households (200 individuals) of vulnerable refugees.

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- In Lasu area, UNHCR partner UMCOR trained 39 refugee farmers on good post-harvest practices and techniques. Participants were drawn from rural areas such as Lomi, Jabara and Kukuyi. The training equipped the farmers with good post-harvest handling techniques such as drying and storage to minimize losses since the farmers have limited facilities for drying and storing of their farm produce in their hideouts.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – IDP PROGRAMME

Protection

COORDINATION

- UNHCR participated in the OCHA-led Inter-Agency Rapid Needs Assessment (IRNA) to Kajo Keji County. The team met with IDPs and church leaders, as well as county commissioners. The team also visited the three IDP locations of Ajio, Kerwa and Igo. Approximately 30,000 IDPs were reported in the county and assessment findings have been shared with the respective clusters for review and humanitarian response.
- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR established two child-friendly spaces for 110 IDP children at Sudan Pentecostal Church and African Inland Church.

- In Juba and across South Sudan, UNHCR joined the IDPs and partners to commemorate the annual International Human Rights Day (IHR). The event was marked with activities such as drama on the rights of the girl child to education, songs to end violence against women, traditional dances, and speeches on Human Right (HR) awareness. UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) presented certificates and driving licenses to ten IDPs at Mahad and Don Bosco collective sites.

OPERATIONS

Lakes

- In Rumbek, UNHCR facilitated protection training for 30 social workers of the state Ministry of Education and Social Development, Police, and Prison service department. The training module covered topics on general protection, Human rights, SGBV, Child protection and roles of social workers in emergency response.

Shelter and NFI



Shelter and NFIs

Jonglei

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 1,993 persons with specific needs (PSNs). The PSNs were identified as a result of a protection assessment carried out by UNHCR and partners in early December.
- In Bor, UNHCR partner Intersos distributed NFIs to 628 PSNs including persons living with physical disabilities, visual impairment, Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) survivors, female and children heads of of household.
- In Bor's Leudier Boma, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) distributed NFIs to 450 vulnerable persons. Items distributed included soaps, kitchen sets, blankets, jerry cans, mosquito nets, plastic sheets and sleeping mats.

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- In Yei, UNHCR distributed NFIs to 508 extremely vulnerable persons in two IDP centers, the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) and Merkule area, who were not served in previously organized NFI distribution due to insecurity. Cumulatively, UNHCR distributed NFIs to 4,836 in Yei town as result of the UNHCR-led interagency assessment in September.
- In Yei, UNHCR and its partners conducted targeted distribution of non-food items (NFIs) to 320 IDPs of most vulnerable persons (PSNs) with special needs. Items included kitchen sets, buckets, dignity kits, sleeping mats, blankets, mosquito nets and soap. The targeted distribution aims at improving the conditions of the PSNs.
- In Juba, UNHCR commenced the distribution of dignity kits to 207 PSNs including women of reproductive age and girls at POC 1.

Upper Nile

- In Longochuk County, UNHCR and its partners Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) and ADRA distributed NFIs including plastic sheet, blanket, sleeping mat, soap, jerry can, mosquito net and kitchen set to 3,097 IDPs following the UNHCR-led interagency mission conducted in late November. The majority are women and children displaced from Malakal, Melut, and Nasir due to ongoing conflict in Upper Nile State.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Central Equatoria

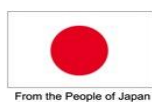
- In Yei town, UNHCR partner, UMCOR identified and registered 3,674 IDP farmers in the nine IDP sites for the upcoming distribution of assorted vegetable seeds and tools supplied by FAO targeting 8,000 families including 5,600 families of IDPs and 2,400 families from the host community to enhance their coping mechanisms and promote peaceful coexistence between the IDPs and the host community.
- In Juba, UNHCR organized community-based protection training for Camp Management Committee (CMC) 80 participants women and youth representatives drawn from POC 1 and 3. Participants benefited from topics such as Human rights, General protection, SGBV and its causes and consequences, SGBV referral pathway, and PSNs and their identification process.

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