

South Sudan

16-31 October 2017

5,402

Refugees and IDPs received aid items from UNHCR across South Sudan during the reporting period.

3,308

Refugee children attended child friendly space and community centres during the reporting period.

2,250

Tree seedlings planted in Upper Nile during the reporting period.

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

278,965

Refugees in South Sudan as of 31 October 2017.

1.88 million

IDPs in South Sudan including 214,763 in UNMISS Protection of Civilian sites as of 12 October 2017

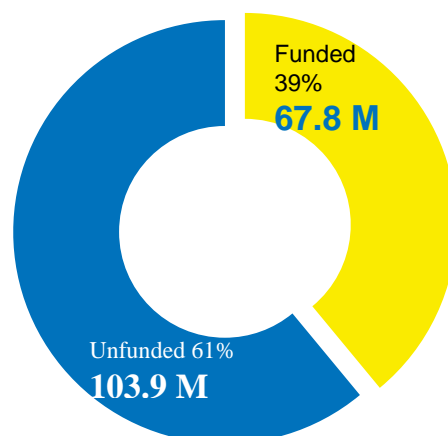
US \$883.5 million

Funding requested by UNHCR for the South Sudan Situation in 2017.

FUNDING AS OF 27 OCTOBER 2017

USD 172 M

requested for South Sudan

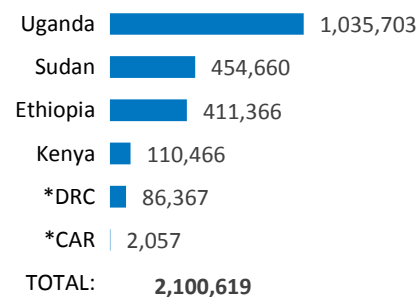


Farming yields display by Host community and refugee farmers during joint agriculture trade fairs held in Yusuf Batil refugee camp. UNHCR/Eujin Byun/

POPULATION OF CONCERN

South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries as of 15 October 2017.

Host Countries



*DRC – Democratic Republic of Congo

*CAR – Central Africa Republic

Update on Achievements

Operational Context

- **National Dialogue outreach faces challenges:** Members of the National Dialogue Steering Committee (NDSC) have highlighted logistical challenges, as a hindering factor to pursuing dialogue in the different communities. They appealed to the international community for support, and more coordination in travel arrangements, to enable the team implement its activities without further delays. The NDSC equally called on international media houses to cover national dialogue events and spread information to enlighten people in the diaspora, and assured that the national media was working hard to raise awareness on the dialogue process.
- **New work permit rates to go operational in November:** The Ministry of Labor, Public Service, and Human Resource has made public that adjusted rates for work permit for foreign workers will go operational as from 1 November 2017. Accordingly, all foreign professional and business class individuals are required to pay \$10,000, blue class employee \$2,000 while casual workers will pay \$1,000 annually. All foreign workers had been paying \$100.



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Yida refugee settlement, UNHCR registered 308 new arrivals (143F, 165M) including 218 children. Cumulatively, 11,017 new arrivals have been registered in 2017. Last year within the same period, 9,583 new arrivals were registered, which represents 15% increase due to the increased number of children leaving their parents in South Kordofan to pursue education opportunities in refugee camps.
- In Yida, UNHCR relocated 582 refugees to Jamjang camps: 106 to Ajuong Thok and 476 to Pamir refugee camps, including 76 refugees previously settled in Yida and 506 new arrivals. Cumulatively, 12,821 refugees have been relocated in 2017, out of which 1,824 individuals were previously residing in Yida refugee settlement. The Pamir refugee camp population stands at 16,893 individuals, while the population in Ajuong Thok refugee camp is 37,697 individuals and Yida Refugee Settlement - 54,928 as of 31 October 2017.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, the Conflict Resolution Committee (CRC) resolved five cases; theft (2), threat (1), physical assault (1), and adultery (1). 11 detention cases were monitored; theft (5), physical assault (3), others (3), out of which five were released on bail, while others are in custody, pending resolution.
- In Ajuong Thok, 33 men graduated from the Engaging Men through Accountable Practices 4-month training. The participants committed to sensitise communities on violence against women and the role men can play to minimise such abuse.
- Eight new SGBV cases (6 in Ajuong Thok and 2 in Pamir), involving emotional abuse (4), physical assault (2), denial of resources (1) and rape (1) were provided with case management services.
- In Pamir, UNHCR trained 31 Youth Peer Educators to carry out awareness on SGBV through peer to peer sessions.
- UNHCR conducted Child Protection training including the specific topic on child protection case management to 60 staff from Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and UNHCR staff.
- In Ajuong Thok, LWF provided clothes, petroleum jelly, and blankets to 179 separated children. While 44 Best Interest Assessments were conducted for 24 boys and 20 girls.
- In Ajuong Thok, 1,025 children (321 girls and 704 boys) attended and participated in games and other activities in 13 child-friendly spaces in the camp.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR reinvigorated the process of accession of South Sudan to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol. During the roundtable attended by 30 members of the South Sudan Transition National Legislative Assembly (TNLA), the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management Hon Hussein Mar Nyuot urged parliamentarians to accelerate the ratification of this key international document.
- In Juba, UNHCR held a briefing with the newly appointed Chairperson of the Refugee Eligibility Committee, an inter-ministerial committee established by the Refugee Act to consider and deal with applications for refugee status and advise the minister on matters relating to refugee status. The Chairperson then travelled to the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Italy to undertake the Refugee Law Course.
- In Juba, 17 inactive refugees were re-activated after a joint UNHCR- Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) protection screening. Also, UNHCR registered 71 newly arrived refugees, including 11 new-borns and 48 asylum-seekers, bringing the total number of persons of concern who were registered and issued UNHCR/CRA registration documents (Refugees ID card, asylum certificates) to 130 during the reporting period.
- In Yei, UNHCR recorded 4 SGBV cases (1 Male and 3 Female), involving domestic violence and early marriage in Kukuyi, Yago and Jabara refugee hideout locations. Psychosocial counselling was provided to the survivors and their family members. Also in Yei town, UNHCR partner UMCOR followed up on two female rape cases and one domestic violence case. All refugees

were supported with psychosocial counselling and non-food items (NFIs) that included second-hand clothes, mats and sanitary kits.

Upper Nile

- Across Maban camps, as part of the ongoing verification and issuance of identity cards to refugees, 7,633 refugees in 1,622 households have been verified with 2,406 issued with biometric ID cards. The ID cards will facilitate easy identification of refugees as well as their access to services.
- In Maban camps, UNHCR registered 206 new arrivals (70 households) mainly women and children from SPLA-North liberated areas of Sudan's Blue Nile State. Refugees have been internally displaced in the region since May 2017. Upon arrival, they underwent medical screening and were provided with aid items, including blankets, mats, jerry cans and mosquito nets.
- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and partners Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and Save the Children International (SCI) identified and screened 17 Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs), including 12 children at-risk and 5 elderly persons among the group of new arrivals to be prioritised during aid delivery.
- In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and DRC conducted a two-day refresher training for 67 focal points and advocates on SGBV basic concepts. The training was meant to build their knowledge on Prevention and Response in the camps as well as to strengthen their advocacy skills supporting the community to address violence against women and girls.
- Across Maban camps, the average number of children who attended Child Community Centre (CCC) stands at 2,283 (1,288 boys, 995 girls). UNHCR partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) equipped the centre with recreational materials such as hula hoops, volleyballs and volleyball nets, skipping ropes, drawing books, crayon, and playing cards.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR registered 16 new arrivals from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 2 arrivals from Central African Republic (CAR) and 3 new-borns.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR partner ACROSS distributed pieces of soap to 126 (77 male, 49 female) refugee schoolchildren and students to improve their personal hygiene.
- In Makpandu refugee settlement, 24 female students of reproductive age received a cash transfer of 250,000 SSP each to improve their coping mechanisms.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Maban refugee camps, UNHCR, World Food Programme (WFP), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), ACTED and Samaritan's Purse (SP) distributed food supplies to 139,405 refugees. The 70% food basket included cereals, pulses, and vegetable cooking oil.
- In Maban camps, UNHCR and partners Medair, International Medical Corps (IMC), Relief International (RI) and SP together with WFP concluded the 2017 Standardized Expanded Nutrition Survey (SENS). The survey will help in evaluating the impact of the nutrition interventions in place, their effectiveness and guide the planning in 2018.

Unity

- General Food Distribution (GFD) for October was conducted by WFP partner SP. A total of 46,519 refugees were provided with food assistance in Ajuong Thok and 54,055 in Pamir on 15-20 October 2017.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) distributed WFP-provided food to 3,480 refugees. Food items included 36.54 MT of cereal, 3.654MT of beans and 2.19 MT of vegetable oil.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok, water supply coverage stood at 18.78 litres per person per day, while in Pamir camp – 18.78 litres per person per day. Crude latrine coverage stood at 7 in Ajuong Thok and 8 in Pamir.

- UNHCR partner Samaritan's Purse constructed 18 family and 7 communal latrines in Ajuong Thok and 25 family and 1 communal latrines in Pamir. Pamir has now 1,493, while Ajuong Thok 4,551 family latrines.
- As part of the pilot project, UNHCR fabricated 58 slabs in Ajuong Thok and 25 slabs in Pamir.

Upper Nile

- In Maban camps, the average water supply stands at 17 litres per person per day. The low levels of water supply (3 litres below the UNHCR minimum standard) is due to the positive impact of rains on water supply during the rainy season.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR distributed pieces of laundry soap to 3,480 refugees to improve their hygiene.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR and Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted a refresher training for 25 participants (14 men, 11 women) on roles and responsibilities of outreach workers to improve coordination and community mobilization.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR facilitated 52 trainees including 35 refugees and 17 host community members on tree nursery establishment and management.
- UNHCR partner UMCOR Community Based Extension Workers (CBEWs) trained 12 female farmers on Village Saving Loans Association (VSLA) with specific emphasis on record keeping, conflict resolution and audits in refugees hideout location of Lomi.
- In Lasu, CBEWs conducted 13 field visits and on-farm training on field management to 13 (8 M, 5 F) refugee farmers with the aim of equipping them with agricultural knowledge in assessing the progress of their farms.

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil, Kaya and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and partners Relief International (RI) and ACTED facilitated climate-smart nutrition-focused permagardening training for 190 refugees (119 female and 71 male). As a result, five permagardens were established and persons of concern provided with assorted tools comprising hoes, spade and watering can as well as vegetable seeds to enable them establish their gardens. The overall aim of permagardening is to promote year-round vegetable production for nutritionally vulnerable households ensuring increased access to nutrient-dense vegetables for consumption.
- In Kaya and Gendrassa refugee camps, UNHCR and ACTED provided support to 30 SGBV survivors engaged in poultry rearing. All participants were provided with 180-parent stock comprising 60 cocks and 120 hens. Support for poultry rearing is aimed at promoting consumption of protein at the household level and income generation.
- In Yusuf Batil and Doro camps, UNHCR and RI provided technical support to 37 Village Saving Loans Associations. As a result, members were able to save 148,770 South Sudanese Pounds. The Village Saving Loans Associations have increased members' access to financial and social capital for microenterprise creation. Additional training provided to sustain microenterprises established included: marketing, gender in entrepreneurship, financial literacy and financial record keeping.
- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR and partner RI in collaboration with LWF organized a week-long Inter-School Environment Sports Competition and tree planting campaign in eight primary schools. During the campaign, 2,250 tree seedlings were planted. 401 students including 80 community youth group members participated in the tree planting campaign and sports competition.
- In Yusuf Batil and Gendrassa refugee camps, UNHCR and partners RI, ACTED, DRC, SCI, SP and Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) facilitated host community and refugee farmers participation in joint agriculture trade fairs. At the event, 151 farmers exhibited agricultural produce including staple crops, assorted vegetables, poultry and handicraft items. The event promoted access to the market as well as increased cash income for both refugee and host communities while creating awareness on agricultural livelihood interventions. Refugee and host community participants raised 135,750 South Sudanese Pounds from sales of agricultural commodities during the events.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) was carrying out community awareness campaign on environment protection through Jamjang FM radio.
- In Ajuong Thok, DRC distributed 170 tree seedlings to host and refugee communities.
- In Yida refugee settlement, DRC expanded the Yida Orchard from 3.3 feddans to 6.7 feddans (1 feddan=70m by 60m), which will enable to plant a wider variety of fruit trees and establish an agro-forestry demo corner.

IDP RESPONSE

COORDINATION

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR in partnership with HDC, DRC and UNMISS Civil Affairs Department facilitated a three-day workshop under the theme of “enhancing the abilities of community and traditional leaders in conflict mitigation and management and social cohesion”. 50 participants comprising refugees, IDPs and host community, including 11 women. This training is organized to build capacity of the community leaders to identify and resolve communal conflicts at early stages.

OPERATIONS

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- During the General Food Distribution for IDPs in Malakal, UNHCR and HDC and DRC prioritized 1,275 PSNs (929 female, 346 male).
- In Maban, UNHCR and Protection Cluster partners launched a new awareness-raising campaign. This included the joint development of common messaging about how what and why to report cases of harassment.
- In Maban, in various IDP sites, UNHCR and HDC conducted community-based protection training on general protection, SGBV, child protection and peaceful coexistence for 90 members of the community-based protection networks.
- In Makak Payam, Nasir County, UNHCR and its partner ADRA conducted training for 20 persons on SGBV prevention and response. The training focused on the rule of law and SGBV prevention and response.
- In Melut, UNHCR concluded the Comprehensive Household Survey for IDPs inside the POC and New Palouge Primary School Site to ascertain actual return/relocation intentions and intended places of return of the IDP population residing in these locations. This will facilitate planning and preparation to support the possible relocations or return of the IDPs, with the overall aim of phasing out of the POC. Preliminary reports indicated that in the Melut POC, the majority of families had expressed willingness to return to their place of origin. However, many have expressed concerns about the lack of security on the roads and preferred air transport.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR and its partner UMCOR conducted a four-day training for 92 participants (46 IDP and 46 host community leaders) on Leadership, Communication, Conflict Resolution and Management. The issues identified during the training included tribalism, poor leadership, violation of human rights, jealousy, alcoholism, hunger, lack of access to livelihoods and insecurity as a cause of conflict in the community.
- In Yei, UNHCR conducted a two-day SGBV training for 47 Chiefs (Paramount Chief, Head Chiefs, Headmen) as part of a strategy to create awareness on SGBV, response mechanisms in place and the need for the Chiefs to play frontline roles in eliminating stigmatization of rape survivors.
- In Yei, UNHCR provided fencing materials including poles, nails and chain link to facilitate IDPs relocated from UNMISS site to fence the area to enhance physical safety.

Western Equatoria

- In Riimenze, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) identified 106 PSNs. UNHCR will provide targeted distribution of shelter and core relief items (CRIs) as well as follow up with other humanitarian actors.
- During a protection monitoring visit to Riimenze and Bangasu areas. UNHCR assessed 291 HH/ 1,420 individuals who came to the site in late August- early September. UNHCR will provide core relief items to the newly arrived IDPs.

Jonglei

- In Akobo, UNHCR partner Nile Hope trained 35 (10 female, 25 male) Community Leaders on Gender Based Violence (GBV), human rights, and the laws of South Sudan related to sexual gender-based violence.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR and HDC supported the completion of 30 shelters. Cumulatively, 267 shelters have been constructed for IDPs since July 2017.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR and UMCOR identified 350 IDPs and supported them with second-hand clothes.

Jonglei/Lakes

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR distributed sanitary kits to 1,000 women and girls of reproduction age as a result of identification done by UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), South Sudan Women Empowerment Network (SSWEN) and UNHCR. Each sanitary kit contained one bucket, one sanitary cloth, two pieces of soap and two pairs of underwear.



COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Achievements and Impact

Jonglei

- In Bor, UNHCR facilitated the issuance of Nationality Identification Certificates to 158 IDPs following applications and registration process through the Directorate of Nationality Passport and Immigration (DNPI).



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Malakal town, UNHCR partner DRC distributed phone airtime to 62 Committee members (4 executives and 58 block representatives). This intervention will enhance timely reporting of protection concerns and to better be able to mobilise and communicate with the communities.
- In Malakal town, UNHCR and HDC conducted a verification exercise for 100 beneficiaries for livelihood support. This intervention targets youth and women. It is aimed at providing livestock inputs, which include goats and sheep.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR and UMCOR trained 57 IDPs and host community members with specific needs on business management skills. The trainees that included SGBV survivors will be supported with starter kits/grants to start and boost their various businesses.

Jonglei

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR partner HDC supported 40 youth to establish 1 agro-pastoralist field school. Latest production has allowed them to earn 4,700 SSP that will help them meet some of their basic livelihood needs.
- In Twic East and Duk counties, UNHCR partner HDC provided 130 families with goats as part of restoring livelihoods to families who lost everything during the crisis. Cumulatively, 300 families have been provided with 600 goats in Twic East and 150 families with 300 goats in Duk. A total of 450 households have been provided with 900 goats.

Working in partnership

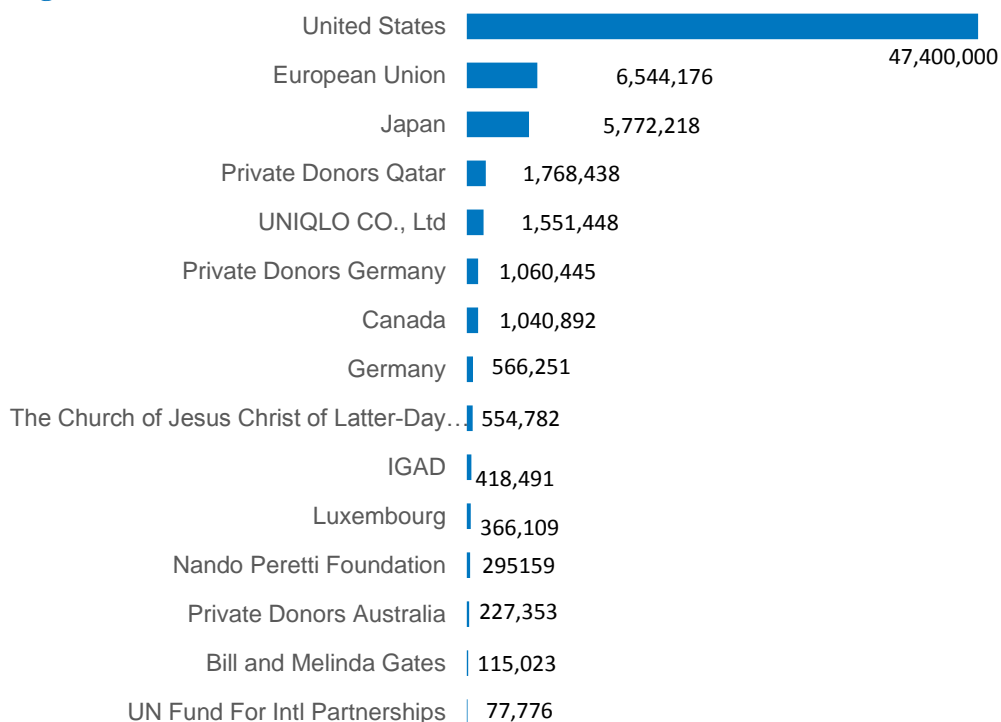
- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- In the **refugee response**, main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and Minister of Wildlife Conservation and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing partners in 2017 are : 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 (RI), Samaritan's Purse (SP), Save the Children International (SCI), UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), UNV and World Vision International (WVI).
- In the **IDP response**, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC). Implementing partners in 2017 are ADRA, UMCOR, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Handicap International, Humanitarian Development Consortium, INTERSOS, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Nile Hope, 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 and Agriculture Organization (FAO), ICRC, Jesuit Refugee Service (JSR), Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium), Medair, Mentor Initiative, OXFAM,

UNAIDS, UNOCHA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMAS, UNMISS, World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), Women for Women International and UN Women.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 67.8 million**, for the financial year 2017 as of 27 October. 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 unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds. UNHCR's comprehensive needs for 2017 amount to US\$172 million, with most priority needs being equal to US\$126 million.

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