

South Sudan

15-31 December 2017

9,056 refugees

issued Biometric ID cards in Upper Nile

600 +

refugees participated in SGBV awareness sessions in Unity State

255

newborn children registered in Kaya and Gendrassa refugee camps in Upper Nile

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

283,409

Refugees in South Sudan as of 31 December 2017.

1.9 million

IDPs in South Sudan including 209,898 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites as of 31 December 2017

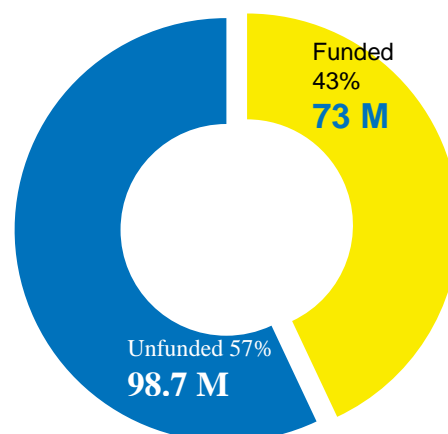
US \$883.5 million

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

FUNDING AS OF 12 DECEMBER 2017

USD 171.7 M

requested for South Sudan

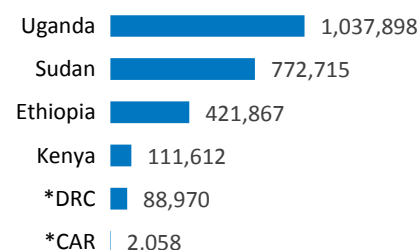


A young woman demonstrating crops she managed to produce with UNHCR's support. Photo: UNHCR South Sudan/Anita Corluka

POPULATION OF CONCERN

South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries as of 31 December 2017.

Host Countries



TOTAL: 2,435,120

*DRC – Democratic Republic of Congo

*CAR – Central Africa Republic

Update on Achievements

Operational Context



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Yida, a total of 685 new arrivals were registered during the last two weeks of December, thus bringing the total number of new arrivals in the month of December to 1,880. In 2017, 14,469 new arrivals were registered, 45% more than in 2016 (9,917).
- A total of 831 refugees were relocated to Jamjang refugee camps during the reporting period, including 32 from Yida settlement and 799 new arrivals. In December, a total of 2,055 refugees were relocated, including 110 refugees from Yida settlement and 1,945 new arrivals. Total number of refugees relocated to Jamjang camps in 2017 was 16,791, including 2,025 refugees from Yida settlement. As of 31 December 2017 refugee population in Jamjang camps was as follows: Ajuong Thok refugee camp: 39,655, Pamir refugee camp: 19,132, Yida refugee settlement: 54,943.
- UNHCR strengthened its monitoring activity against fraud during the General Food Distribution (GFD) in Yida: 110 ration cards, involving 300 individuals, were confiscated for further investigation and follow-up action.
- As part of capacity building, UNHCR conducted safe identification and referral training for 59 outreach workers of which 29 were from UNHCR and 30 from the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). In addition to increased understanding of categories of persons with specific needs, the training provided practical skills on the community-based support the outreach teams can extend to those persons.
- 68 (36 boys, 32 girls) separated children were received in Ajuong Thok refugee camp. 33 of them (12 girls and 21 boys) were reunified with their biological parents and the remaining 35 children (20 girls and 15 boys) were placed under foster care with their relatives.
- During the reporting period, five new SGBV incidents were reported and supported, including one physical assault, three cases, involving psychological abuse and a sexual assault case. UNHCR and partners continued to follow up on 8 previously reported cases (2 physical assault and 6 psychological abuse cases). The follow up action included provision of psycho-social and material support to Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) survivors.
- A total of 231 refugees, including 47 women, 90 girls, 12 men and 82 boys participated in sessions on SGBV services and referral pathways upon their relocation to Ajuong Thok refugee camp. Furthermore, 390 refugees (115 women, 110 girls, 69 men and 96 boys) participated in SGBV community sensitization sessions run by UNHCR partner, International Rescue Committee (IRC), in Pamir and Ajuong Thok refugee camps.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, 8 inactive refugees were re-activated for resettlement processing. During the reporting period, 3 asylum seekers were registered in Juba, bringing the total number of refugees and asylum seekers in Juba to 4,200 persons (1,830 asylum seekers and 2,370 refugees). All registered persons were enrolled in the Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) and were issued relevant registration documents.
- In Gorom, over 500 Refugee ID cards that were issued in late 2014 expired. UNHCR jointly with the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) is currently working to renew the IDs.
- In Lasu, UNHCR partner UMCOR distributed in-kind assistance to 17 SGBV survivors (13 women, 4 men). The assistance included sugar, rice, and maize flour, cooking oil, salt and soap.
- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR reported five SGBV cases, involving 2 men and 3 women in Kukuyi and Lomi. Of the reported cases, 2 cases involved domestic violence, 1 case - early marriage and 2 cases - rape. All cases are being followed up, while SGBV survivors are receiving necessary assistance and counselling.
- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR reported death of 3 refugees in refugee locations, including 2 cases of women living with HIV/AIDS.

Upper Nile

- Refugee population verification and issuance of identity cards to refugees progressed without any incident across four camps in Maban. On 23 December, refugee verification and roll out of the Biometric Identification Management System (BIMS) in Yusuf Batil camp was concluded and preparations for the same exercise in Doro refugee camp are under way. Since the start of the verification exercise, a total of 26,846 refugees have been verified with 9,056 issued with biometric ID cards. The ID cards will facilitate easy and positive identification of refugees as well as their access to services.
- In Kaya and Gendrassa camps, a total of 255 new born babies were registered and issued proof of registration, thus allowing their mothers to have access to relevant services within the camps.
- In view of the planned harmonisation of SGBV and protection networks in 2018, UNHCR Protection Team in cooperation with DRC conducted 174 interviews and selected 130 Protection Monitors who will carry out protection monitoring, prevention and response with regards to all human rights violations in camps and report cases to all relevant partners. The Network of Protection Monitors is expected to contribute to more effective response to refugee protection and ensure standardised service provision to refugees in all four camps in Maban area.

- In Kaya and Gendrassa, UNHCR partner ACTED handed over 2 women centres built with UNHCR support to refugee women committees.
- On 27 December 2017, 15 cases of separated children previously registered in CPIMS (Child Protection Information and Monitoring System) database were monitored to assess their living conditions. The children were observed to be in good health and staying with their caregivers under temporary care arrangement in Doro camp. 32 girls, including SGBV survivors, were provided with clothes and soap.
- In Yusuf Batil camp, two awareness raising campaigns on SGBV were conducted in Gabanit and Buk communities. The campaigns focused on early and forced marriage and its negative impact on both girls and boys.

**EDUCATION****Achievements and Impact****Central Equatoria**

- UNHCR Community-Based Protection conducted protection counselling for 6 SGBV survivors who are currently living in a shelter provided by Confident Children out of Conflict (CCC) NGO in Juba. Among other issues, education needs of refugee girls were also assessed. Refugee girls although willing to attend school complained about the learning process which they thought was not adequate to meet their learning needs. UNHCR is exploring options to shift refugee girls to a better school for the next academic term.

**HEALTH****Upper Nile**

- In Maban, about 1,500 participants, including refugees, community leaders and representatives from different Maban agencies attended the World Aids Day commemoration ceremony organized by UNHCR and partner International Medical Corps (IMC). The event was organized to once again raise awareness on HIV/AIDS prevention and response.
- On 1 January 2018 UNHCR partner Relief International (RI) will take over health and nutrition services delivery in Yusuf Batil camp following the phase out of Medair from the camp.
- In Maban, preparations for Formative Assessment on HIV/TB/Reproductive Health were under way. The research will assess knowledge, attitudes, and practices of communities on HIV, STIs and Reproductive Health and generate recommendations for prevention of HIV/STIs in the camps.

Unity

- During the reporting period, Pamir camp PHCC (Primary Health Care Clinic) received TB medicines and supplies from the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization (WHO). After Pariang hospital, it is the second facility to provide comprehensive HIV/TB services.
- Following the mission of the Ministry of Health HIV/AIDS Department to Jamjang and subsequent coaching of staff on antiretroviral therapy (ART) and provision of necessary tools, both Pamir and Ajuong Thok refugee camps have fully operational ART services.

Central Equatoria

- In Gorom, UNHCR partner ACROSS provided 143 out-patient consultations to 190 refugees and 92 members of the host community.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu, 103 refugees and 71 host community members were able to receive health consultations provided at a health facility in Makpandu refugee settlement.
- In Yambio, 48 confirmed cases (20 refugees and 28 host community members) of malaria were reported.
- In Yambio, 67 children below 5, including 38 refugee children and 29 children from the host community, received Vitamin A.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile**

- UNHCR partner IMC completed the construction of a nutrition facility in the Doro camp extension site. The nutrition facility will improve access of both refugee and host community to Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) nutrition services.

Unity

- In Maban camps, UNHCR partner WFP distributed December food ration and milling cash to 36,599 beneficiaries in Ajuong Thok, 18,484 beneficiaries in Pamir and 53,916 beneficiaries in Yida refugee settlement.

Central Equatoria

- In Gorom, UNHCR partner ACROSS distributed December food ration and soap to 2,038 refugees.

Western Equatoria

- In Yambio, 65 children were screened for malnutrition by the nutrition unit of the health facility. No severe acute malnutrition cases were found.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) completed the construction of 24 new classrooms for the refugees who were relocated to Doro extension following the 25 December 2016 and May 2017 conflicts. The relocated refugee children will be able to attend the school located in closer proximity instead of walking long distances to nearest schools. It is expected that this will boost school attendance, especially among girls.
- In Gendrassa refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner ACTED completed the construction of 1 block of teachers' office in Alsaïd Afeindi Primary School. Now the teachers in this school have a conducive office to stay and to prepare their lessons as well as to store their teaching materials. It is expected that more regular presence of teachers in the school will help instill academic discipline and improve quality of education.
- At the end of 2017 road works completed under UNHCR direct implementation totaled 426 km against the 2017 year target of 417 km. Owing to the road construction and airstrip maintenance, the airstrip remained operational throughout the year including the rainy season, ensuring that UNHCR and partners received necessary materials to deliver life saving services to refugees. Roads to all camps and surrounding host communities remained accessible despite 3 floods in the area.

Unity

- In Jamjang, UNHCR partner DRC distributed mattresses, sleeping mats, and soap to 152 households in Ajuong Thok and 8 vulnerable households in Pamir refugee camp.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok, crude latrine coverage was 7 while water supply stood at 19.69 liters per person per day. In Pamir refugee camp crude latrine coverage was 8, while water supply stood at 20.54 liters per person per day.
- During the reporting period, 36,604 refugees in Ajuong Thok refugee camp and 18,988 refugees in Pamir refugee camp received 250g of washing soap.
- Hygiene promotion activities in Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps previously implemented by Samaritan's Purse (SP) were taken over by African Humanitarian Action (AHA) and IRC which will implement hygiene promotion activities in these camps in 2018.
- In Pamir, UNHCR partner SP completed drilling of the 4th borehole for the refugee camp.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) repaired 3 boreholes, while in Yambio WVI drilled a borehole for a secondary school and made necessary installations as part of UNHCR's support to the Ministry of Education.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

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 items and soap to 139,914 refugees.

Central Equatoria

- In Gorom refugee camp, UNHCR completed upgrading of one village solar powered borehole which supplies clean water for drinking and sanitation purposes to residents of villages one and two, police post and Gorom camp office.
- In Gorom camp, the following construction activities were completed or at a near completion stage: 1) the early childhood and primary school classrooms are completed and ready for handover; 2) roofing is completed for three blocks of teachers' accommodation, while installation of doors and windows, painting and floor works continue; the facility will be ready for handover by mid-January 2018; 3) Police confinement space construction completed, flooring and painting works are in progress; 4) Youth recreation centre construction is completed and flooring and painting works are under way; the facility will be ready for handover by early January 2018.
- Relief-line company completed installation of 20 solar street lights in Gorom camp. The lights were installed in the clinic, school and other strategic locations to facilitate movement and safety of refugees in the camp during evening hours.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile**

- In Kaya and Gendrassa camps, UNHCR partner ACTED provided technical support to 30 SGBV survivors engaged in poultry rearing. Refresher training provided during routine field visits include skills and knowledge on poultry rearing, feeding, disease management and poultry record keeping. A total of 766 eggs have been produced, 377 chicks hatched and 182 birds are at grower's stage whereby in 5-6 weeks the birds will be ready for consumption and market.
- In addition, UNHCR partner ACTED provided 20 donkey carts to 600 persons of concern (349 women and 251 men) who are members of seed multiplication groups in Kaya and Gendrassa camps. The donkey carts will be used to facilitate transportation of agricultural produce to the market when need arises.
- In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR partner RI provided 100 business grants (approximately 500 to 700 USD per person) to facilitate self-employment through enterprise creation and business establishment. Prior to issuing grants, a training needs analysis was undertaken followed by a comprehensive training on business idea generation and business planning.
- In Maban, UNHCR partner RI completed establishment of agro-nutrition site at Yusuf Batil camp. The agro-nutrition site will seek to promote local production of vegetables and consumption of nutrient dense vegetables especially during the dry season when vegetable production drops and refugees rely mainly on cereals.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok camp, UNHCR partner IRC organized the first ever Harvest Festival. During the celebration, refugees presented seeds to the host community as a token of appreciation for the land. Both communities pledged to work together to increase food production in 2018.

Central Equatoria

- In Gorom, vegetable farm irrigation system installation was under way. The project is expected to be completed by 20 January 2018.
- The installation of three reservoirs for harvesting of rain water was under way in Gorom camp. The system will provide irrigation for seedling nursery as well as planted seedlings during the dry season.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu, farm land demarcation was in progress. So far, 175 plots have been demarcated. The plots will be distributed to farmers who need land for cultivation in the coming season.

IDP RESPONSE**COORDINATION****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile**

- During the reporting period, UNHCR and its partner ADRA conducted protection monitoring and population movement tracking in Jekow, Turu, Nor Thok and Maker of Maiwut and Nasir Counties respectively. In Jekow, about 8,000 people displaced from Urieng and Maiwut, including refugee returnees from Kule and Nguenye refugee camps in Ethiopia, were observed. Every

month an average of 10 households every are observed returning from Ethiopia to a place called Jerusalem and other surrounding villages in Jekow, allegedly due to dire living conditions in the camps. Presence of humanitarian agencies (ADRA, UNKEA and Nile Hope, World Vision) in Jekow is acting as a pull factor for returnees from Ethiopia. World Vision is reported to have provided NFIs to about 3,036 households in Jekow.

- In Turu, there is an estimated 1,400 IDPs, mainly women and children, who were displaced from Charjekow, Malual, Wunkir in Maiwut, and Malow and Pamach in Longechuk during the clashes between the government and SPLA-IO forces in July 2017. Key humanitarian gaps include lack of medical facilities, dire WASH situation, and lack of food and NFIs.

Unity

- In Bentiu, the Rubkona deputy commissioner made available a land plot to IDPs who had been evicted from the Rubkona collective sites. This move is seen as a positive contribution of the local authorities towards decongestion of different informal and collective sites.
- In collaboration with the rest of the protection partners and UNMISS-RRP, and with support from the CCCM (Camp Coordination and Camp Management) cluster, UNHCR managed to ensure clearance of a space adjacent to UNMISS perimeter gate to be used as safe house for protection cases. More development will be done at the site to ensure the protection cases are handled in a respectful and adequate manner.

OPERATIONS

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- UNHCR and its partner HDC (Humanitarian Development Consortium) conducted a verification exercise after the successful completion of 411 shelters as part of shelter support to the host community in Doro village affected by the conflict between refugee and host community in December 2016.
- UNHCR partner HDC repaired two broken boreholes in Banchulk and Dangaji IDP site. In order to ensure sustainability and ownership, UNHCR in coordination with HDC conducted a training on maintenance of damaged boreholes targeting water management committee members from all 12 IDP sites and host community villages.

Unity

- UNHCR began updating its PSNs data for 2018 by conducting house to house visits and so far 264 individuals have been identified and verified.
- During the reporting period, two child protection cases were reported to UNHCR. One is SGBV related incident and the other case involves violence against a child. Both cases were referred to child protection partners for further intervention.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UMCOR through CBPN (Community-based Protection Network) reported inflow of new arrivals from DRC, Lasu and Uganda. A total of 21 persons (8 women; 13 men) were assisted with NFIs.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Jonglei

- UNHCR partner INTERSOS Italy distributed sanitary materials to 86 women and girls of reproductive age as contribution to the women protection and empowerment activities implemented at the Women Friendly Space in Bor town. The sanitary materials included sanitary napkins, soaps, bucket, and a pair of underwear. As part of this distribution, 14 elderly women also received some protection-based NFIs including soap, bucket and underwear.
- In Bor, UNHCR distributed sanitary materials to 81 girls in two primary and one secondary school.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Jonglei

- In Bor, UNHCR in collaboration with the State Ministry of Education, Gender and Social Welfare organized and supported a soccer game with participation of teams from two secondary schools. This activity was part of the Peaceful Coexistence initiative during which UNHCR provided sport uniforms, balls as well as the referees' outfit.
- In Bor, UNHCR partner INTERSOS Italy conducted a training on SGBV key concepts, prevention, and response for 23 (9 women, 14 men) participants at the women friendly space. The participants included selected representatives from different

departments including police, prison and the court as well as traditional chiefs and youth leaders whose role in the SGBV prevention and response is critical. The training, in particular, sought to equip authorities with knowledge and skills in efficient handling of SGBV cases especially at police stations.

Upper Nile

- In Malakal, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) distributed livestock to 50 persons with specific needs to strengthen their resilience.
- In addition, 20 IDPs (15 women and 5 men) graduated from a tailoring training organized by UNHCR and DRC (Danish Refugee Council) in Malakal POC.
- UNHCR in partnership with the Mental Health Working Group members initiated a multimedia campaign to promote a sense of hope among internally displaced persons living in Malakal POC and strengthen their coping mechanisms. The multimedia campaign will particularly focus on young people and will seek to engage them in various activities and events to build their resilience.

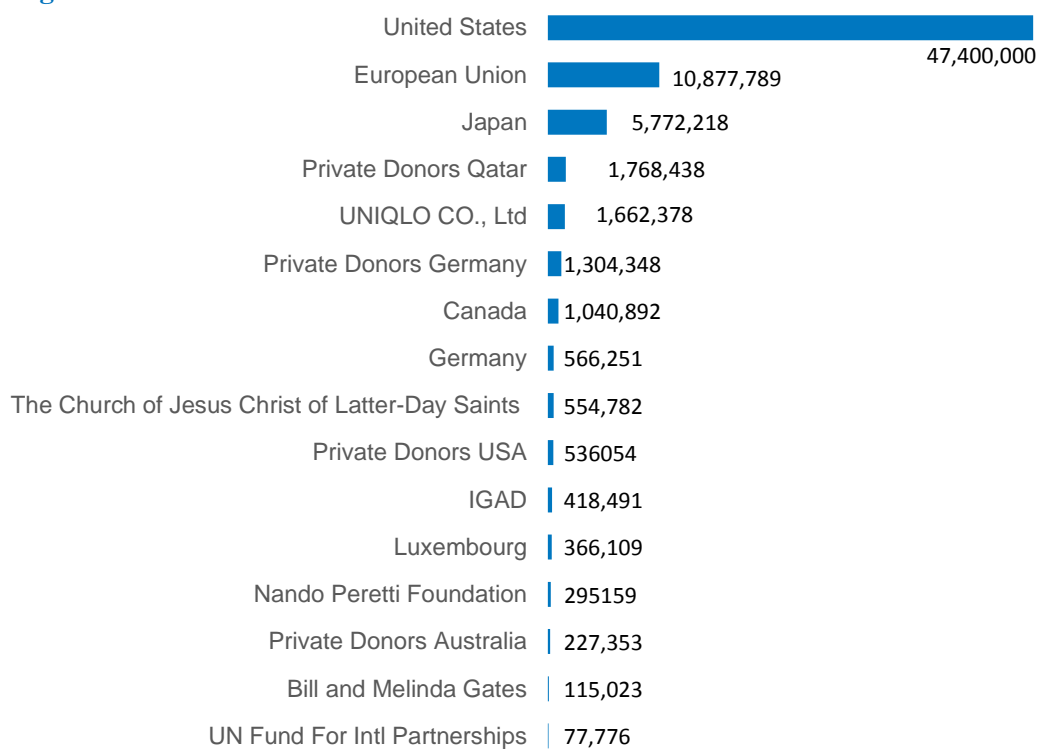
Working in partnership

- 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

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