

South Sudan

01-15 December 2017

813 IDPs

were assisted to return or relocate to their places of choice from Protection of Civilians site in Bor and Melut

13,200

refugees received ID cards in Upper Nile during the reporting period.

26,623

children screened to determine their nutrition status

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

281,642

Refugees in South Sudan as of 30 November 2017.

1.88 million

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

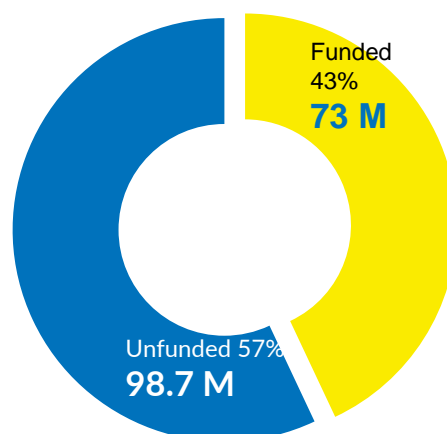
US \$883.5 million

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

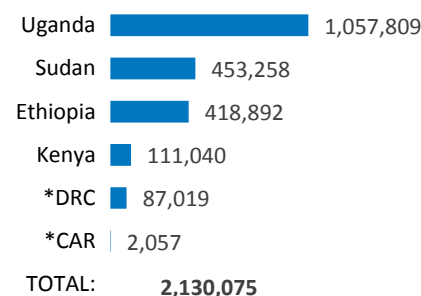


Nyajal Jock Ruach (elderly) meets her sister and niece in New Fangak after years of living apart.
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POPULATION OF CONCERN

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

Host Countries



*DRC – Democratic Republic of Congo

*CAR – Central Africa Republic

Update on Achievements

Operational Context



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Yida, 1,195 (661 women, 534 men) new arrivals, including 875 children were registered during the reporting period. The total number of new arrivals to date is 14,009 which is 42% more than during the same period last year when 9,872 new arrivals were recorded.
- A total of 1,224 refugees were relocated to Jamjang camps, including 865 to Ajuong Thok and 359 to Pamir camps respectively. This includes 78 refugees from Yida settlement and 1,146 were new arrivals. A total of 15,950 refugees have been relocated since the beginning of year, including 1,993 Yida refugees. As of 15 December 2017, the refugee population in Ajuong Thok stands at 38,910, in Pamir – 19,038 and in Yida – 55,106 persons.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir, UNHCR partners African Humanitarian Action (AHA) and International Rescue Committee (IRC) organized commemorations of the World AIDS Day under the theme “My health, my right”. The commemoration also marked the start of Voluntary Counselling Testing (VCT) for HIV at a community level.
- As part of 16 Days of Activism against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), over 200 participants from the refugee and host communities were engaged in sensitizing communities on the early marriage and its negative effects.
- In Jamjang, 5 new SGBV incidents were reported, including one physical assault, three psychological/emotional abuse cases and a rape case. All SGBV survivors were provided with emotional support and counselling.
- In Pamir camp, UNHCR partner, Lutheran World Federation (LWF), conducted 29 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) for 24 separated children (10 boys, 14 girls) and 4 unaccompanied girls and a boy who was later reunified with his biological mother.
- In Ajuong Thok, BIAs were conducted for 4 separated children (1 boy and 3 girls) currently living with their relatives. Three unaccompanied children (all boys) who were identified during the relocation convoys were put under temporary care as foster care placement is being finalized.
- In Yida, LWF and UNHCR held a focus group discussion with 23 boys on relocation and access to services, including better education in Ajuong Thok and Pamir. Seven children expressed their willingness to relocate and coordination activities to facilitate the relocation are under way. Children’s Centre in Yida provided counselling to 7 unaccompanied and separated children (5 unaccompanied and 2 separated children) during the reporting period.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, 57 inactive refugees were re-activated after joint UNHCR/CRA protection screening. A total of 38 persons, including 24 asylum seekers and 14 new arrivals were registered in Juba, bringing the total number of refugees and asylum seekers in Juba to 4,189 persons, including 390 persons with special protection needs. All registered persons were enrolled in Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) and were issued with relevant registration documents. In Gorom, 11 persons were registered, including re-activation of 4 persons. The total population of concern in Gorom refugee settlement now stands at 2,071 persons.
- The Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) was successfully introduced in Yambio after a technical training in Juba followed by a briefing of the larger protection team and the government in Yambio. In the next few weeks BIMS will be introduced in Bor following which the rollout of the system in South Sudan will be completed.
- UNHCR held a consultative meeting with WFP on sharing data of persons of concern to facilitate the implementation of Cash-Based Interventions (CBIs) in South Sudan. Sharing of data will be guided by the South Sudan data sharing agreement (DSA) between UNHCR/WFP and relevant global agreements. A relevant pilot project will be undertaken in Yambio and UNHCR will continue to support CBI initiatives, including cash for food/milling, based on the market and protection assessments.
- On 1 December refugee community in Gorom commemorated the World Aids Day. The activities included counselling, voluntary testing, and testimonies from Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH) and speeches from partner organization ACROSS, refugee and host leadership. The event was attended by over 700 people.
- In Yei, psychosocial counsellors and peer educators identified 5 new cases of SGBV (4 domestic violence and 1 early marriage of a 14 year old girl) in Lomi, Kukuyi and Jabara refugee locations.
- In Yei, psychosocial counsellors in five refugee locations conducted small-scale awareness raising sessions on early and forced marriages and effects of domestic violence on families for 97 refugees (57 women, 40 men).
- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR reported two Congolese refugee children aged 3 and 14 years to have been physically abused and mistreated by their foster care parents. The case was reported to the police by neighbours and UMCOR is following up on the case.

Upper Nile

- Across four refugee camps in Maban, refugee population verification and issuance of identity cards to refugees was progressing. Up to date, a total of 42,048 refugees have been verified and 13,200 issued with biometric ID cards. The ID cards will facilitate easy identification of refugees as well as their access to services.
- In Doro camp, UNHCR and its partner Save the Children International (SCI) distributed aid materials such as buckets, sleeping mats, soaps, shoes and underwear to 151 vulnerable children.
- In Maban's Doro camp, UNHCR and its partner Save the Children International (SCI) conducted a training for 90 refugees (52 women, 38 men) from the Community Resilience Centre (CRC) and Community Activity Centre (CAC) committees on general child protection as well as consequences of early marriage and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- A total of 777 students (75 students from the host community and 702 refugee students) participated in South Sudan's National Final Primary Exam that was conducted across Maban's four refugee camps. The exam was coordinated by UNHCR and its education partners, LWF, Save the Children International, Food for Hungry and Jesuit Refugee Service, in collaboration with the County Education Office. The joint national exams for refugees and the host community signified incorporation of refugees' education into the national curriculum as well as contribute to peaceful coexistence between the two communities.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR and its partner Save the Children International (SCI) in collaboration with Rambur and Juba University conducted the final qualification exam for 22 refugee teachers.

Unity

- The national final primary school examination was conducted in all Jamjang refugee schools. Of 583 (436 boys, 147 girls) registered to take the exam, 570 (boys, 146 girls) candidates did the test, including 36 (32 boys, 4 girls) students from the host community.
- In Jamjang, 278 participants (88 girls, 190 boys) of English Language Program graduated after successful completion of the course. In addition, 214 participants (179 boys and 35 girls), including 26 young people from the host community, graduated from the ICT Program.
- UNHCR partner LWF, in cooperation with Emmanuel Christian College (ECC), held a graduation ceremony for 59 primary school teachers. With funding from UNHCR, LWF was able to secure this in-service training program facilitated by ECC to raise the standard of education in Pamir and Ajuong Thok refugee camps.

Central Equatoria

- UNHCR in collaboration with Radio Miraya and partner organization Lutheran World Federation (LWF) organised an open door debate for the refugee university students studying in Juba on Early Marriage as a Barrier to Girl Development. Albert Einstein German Academic refugee Initiative (DAFI) sponsored students as well as refugee and students from the host community studying in Juba participated in the debate. The debate was recorded and will be broadcast in different locations across the country to raise awareness of the population on harmful practices of early marriages.
- UNHCR commemorated the 25th Anniversary of DAFI in Juba, South Sudan. The event took place in the framework of the visit of HRH Sarah Zaed, the Princess of Jordan to South Sudan and was attended by the Ambassador of Germany in South Sudan H.E. Jan Hendrik van Thiel. 45 refugee students that are supported by the German Government had an opportunity to share their stories with the UNHCR Representative, Princess Sarah and German Ambassador.



HEALTH

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR facilitated two trainings for health partners' staff on HIV Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT). This training was aimed at improving technical skills and knowledge of staff working in refugee camps, particularly, those who are directly involved in HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment activities.

Unity

- UNHCR in partnership with African Humanitarian Action (AHA) and International Rescue Committee (IRC), completed data collection for a reproductive health, HIV and TB formative assessment in Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps. Results will guide the development of HIV behavior change and communication (BCC) strategies and production of HIV-related communication materials.
- UNHCR partner AHA completed a Basic Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care training for 11 health workers in Ajuong Thok with the aim of enhancing their skills in handling of complicated obstetric conditions.
- UNHCR partner IRC conducted a training for 39 community health workers on TB. The training will help to improve TB case detection and treatment at community level.
- In Pamir and Ajuong Thok, UNHCR conducted Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program (BSFP) for pregnant and Lactating women (PLW) and under five children (<5). A total of 3,430 under five children and 647 PLWs in Pamir, and 5,607 under five children and 1,150 PLWs in Ajuong Thok benefited from the program.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR partner AHA held a graduation ceremony for 28 students (11 Nurse Assistants, 10 Laboratory Assistants and 7 Midwife Assistants) of Hakima Yakoub Health Training School which was established in December 2016 to breach the critical gap in the availability of health workers in Ruweng State. Of 28 graduates, 7 were from the host community. A total of 38 students (17 Nurse Assistants, 11 Laboratory Assistants, and 10 Midwife Assistants), including 15 students from the host community, started classes of the 2017/2018 academic year.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR partner ACROSS conducted awareness raising sessions on reproductive health with messages on Family Planning for 28 refugees.
- In Yei town, 52 refugees, including 18 children under five, received medical consultations at UNHCR partner's ACROSS health desk. In addition, 8 people were provided with malaria treatment.
- In Yei, 5 patients on Anti-Retroviral Therapy were supported to visit Yei Civil Hospital for review and replenishment of their ARV drugs.
- In Yei, UNHCR partner ACROSS distributed 240 male condoms to visiting clients at the clinic.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- UNHCR and its partners jointly conducted Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) roll out training for 20 participants (2 women and 18 men). The main objective was to enhance the capacity of nutrition workers from the different health and nutrition agencies in the management of acute malnutrition along the continuum of care across three components of CMAM namely Community mobilization, Outpatient Therapeutic Care, and Supplementary Feeding Program.
- Across four refugee camps in Maban, UNHCR and its health partners conducted the last quarter Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening of all children of 6-59 Months. A total of 26,623 children were screened to determine their nutritional status.

Central Equatoria

- During the reporting period, UNHCR partner ACROSS distributed the December 2017 General Food Ration to 2,038 individuals at Gorom refugee settlement. The food assistance included cereal, pulses, oil and salt. In addition to the food, refugees were also provided with soap as part of the hygiene promotion in the settlement.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and its partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) completed the construction of 33 transitional shelters for the vulnerable refugee families. A total of 1,000 transitional shelters have been built in 2017 across four refugee camps in Maban (515 shelters in Doro, 213 shelters in Yusuf Batil, 200 shelters in Gendrassa and 72 shelters in Kaya camp).
- UNHCR and its partners DRC and ACTED completed the upgrading of 89 classrooms across four refugee camps in Maban, providing conducive learning environment to more than 6,800 children.

- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner DRC completed the construction of the Youth Centre which will provide young people from the refugee and host communities to engage in various activities, such as sports and learning.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok crude latrine coverage stood at 8, while crude liters coverage stood at 20.3 liters per person per day. In Pamir - crude latrine coverage stood at 9, while crude liters coverage – at 22 liters per person per day.
- UNHCR WASH partner, Samaritan's Purse (SP) hygiene promoters, reached 1,593 refugees (293 new arrivals) with hygiene awareness messages in Ajuong Thok refugee camp and 558 refugees (28 new arrivals) in Pamir refugee camp.
- UNHCR conducted a capacity building training for 15 water department staff of the State Ministry of Physical Infrastructure in Panrieng.
- As a part of WASH exit strategy SP completed installation of steel tank for the host community in Yida refugee settlement with the aim of improving water supply for the host community to promote peaceful co-existence.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, the water demand across all the four camps has remained at an average level of 21 liters per person per day. UNHCR and its WASH partners ACTED and MEDAIR were able to meet water supply demands of the refugee population.
- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR finished the construction of 40 institutional and 62 house latrines.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- UNHCR, World Food Programme (WFP), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), ACTED and Samaritan's Purse (SP) started this month's food distribution to 140,234 refugees across four camps in Maban. The food distributed includes cereals, pulses and vegetable cooking oil.

Central Equatoria

- In Gorom refugee settlement, 20 solar street lights were installed at identified strategic locations in the settlement as measure to improve security. These solar lights will provide general protection, help reduce the incidences of SGBV as well as provide lighting for school pupils to study in the evening time.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR and its partner Relief International (RI) provided entrepreneurship training to 71 refugees (39 women and 22 men) to facilitate running of viable business enterprises in Doro camp.
- In Maban's Yusuf Bail and Doro camps, UNHCR and its partner RI conducted capacity development training for 204 refugees (174 women and 30 men) on linkages between agriculture and nutrition. Activities undertaken as part of the exercise included cooking demonstrations on nutrient dense vegetables such as comprising cow pea leaves, kales, amaranths and pumpkin leaves to improve consumption of vegetables in refugee households as well as establishment of 10 climate-smart nutrition-focused perma-gardens as part of the training. Overall, 624 refugees (363 women and 261 men) have been trained and 93 perma-gardens established with nutrient dense vegetables.
- In Maban's Doro camp, UNHCR and its partner RI provided training on post-harvest management of grains to 396 refugees (372 women and 24 men). The training was aimed at equipping refugees with relevant knowledge and skills to better handle harvested crops and reduce post-harvest loss.

- In Maban, UNHCR and its partner ACTED continued to provide technical support to 30 SGBV survivors engaged in poultry rearing in Kaya and Gendrassa camp. Support for poultry rearing is aimed at promoting consumption of protein at household level and income generation.
- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner RI trained 16 children on school gardening as part of their activities under Environmental Education in Schools Program.

Central Equatoria

- Following the training on solar installation, UNHCR and UMCOR handed over two solar panels with accessories to 10 refugee youths to help them establish mobile phone charging business outlet in Yei town.
- UMCOR community based agriculture extension workers conducted 11 on-farm visits in Lomi and trained 46 refugees on post-harvest handling practices in Kukuyi and Yago to help reduce losses during the upcoming harvest season.
- A total of 18 farmers received refresher training on business management skills conducted by community based agriculture extension workers in refugee locations of Lomi and Jabara. The training will enable refugees to improve their small businesses.
- In Juba, 20 urban refugees completed three-month driving training conducted by ABC driving school in cooperation with UNHCR partner, the Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC). Each graduate was issued with a driving license that will enhance their employability and facilitate their entry onto the job market.

IDP RESPONSE

COORDINATION

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR, through Bor Solutions Working Group (SWG), supported the first voluntary relocation of the 251 IDPs (90 households) to New Fangak, by providing cash for transportation between Bor and New Fangak. The IDPs have safely arrived in Fangak, and the local authorities and the NGOs on the ground are currently assisting them to settle down.
- UNHCR jointly with UNMISS assisted 562 IDPs, previously residing in Melut Protection of Civilians site, to return/relocate to their places of origin or places of their choice. The return/relocation was implemented with full participation of IDP community of Melut POC. As of today, Melut POC is closed. Out of 562 IDPs of the former Melut POC, 76 IDPs opted for relocation to Malakal POC. Upon their arrival at Malakal POC, the IDPs were received and assisted by UNHCR and its partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC).

OPERATIONS

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Bentiu, UNHCR in collaboration with UNMISS conducted a four-day training for 172 youths on IDP protection and peacebuilding.
- In Malakal, UNHCR and its partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) identified and registered 183 Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs) in three villages of Wau Shilluk (Ogot, Pamath and Wau) on the West Bank.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR verified and issued tokens to 219 returnee households (31 from Uganda, 25 from DRC Congo and 163 from other rural areas of Yei and other States of South Sudan).

Jonglei

- In Bor, UNHCR Protection Team participated in the joint assessment in Duk Payuel and Poktap to follow-up on the previously reported cattle raiding, killing and child abduction cases. Follow-up action plans were shared with the ICWG (Inter-Cluster Working Group) and the Protection Cluster members in Bor.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Lakes

- In Rumbek, UNHCR distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 75 IDP households with Persons with Specific Needs who were displaced from Western Equatoria. The IDPs were displaced from Yieri and Munderi after military operation in October. Items distributed included: blankets, cooking sets, jerry cans, buckets and clothes.

Unity

- During the reporting period, UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) completed the construction of 123 shelters for the vulnerable families in Baliet.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 148 (61 men, 123 women) IDPs displaced from Mukaya, as well as new arrivals from Uganda, Congo and other parts of Yei County.

Jonglei

- In Mingkaman IDP camp, UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) distributed NFIs to 227 households. The items distributed include blankets, washing soaps, kitchen sets, collapsible jerry cans as well as sanitary kits. In addition, solar lamps were distributed to 15 vulnerable students of Kon Anok secondary school (11 girls, 4 boys).
- In Mingkaman IDP camp, UNHCR Bor Field Office also donated 6 bicycles (2 for UNHCR Enumerators, 4 to RRC Volunteers). The bicycles will help in carrying out protection activities within the IDPs settlement.



COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Bentiu, CCCM cluster (UNHCR and DRC) in coordination with the local authorities conducted verification exercise for distribution of shelter materials to IDPs. 28 out of 64 households were verified and will receive the assistance.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR, through community-based agriculture extension workers, provided extension services to IDP farmers including on-farm training on dry season vegetable production, manure composting, and pest and disease control measures.
- In Yei, 5 additional dry season vegetable farmer groups formed by UNHCR partner UMCOR. UMCOR agriculture extension workers continued to provide on-farm trainings to various farmer groups within the IDP centres, including transplanting, mulching, pest and disease control activities.

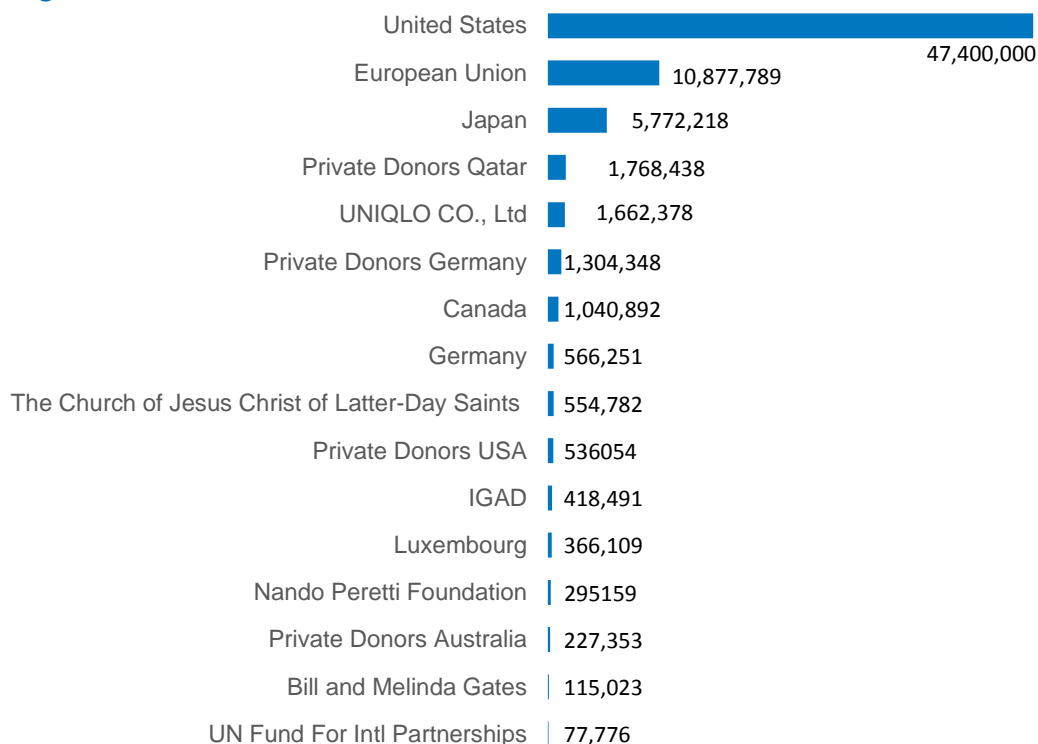
Working in partnership

- 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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