

# SOUTH SUDAN

December 2018

**20,000+**

Refugees and IDPs received relief packages across South Sudan in December 2018.

**19,000+**

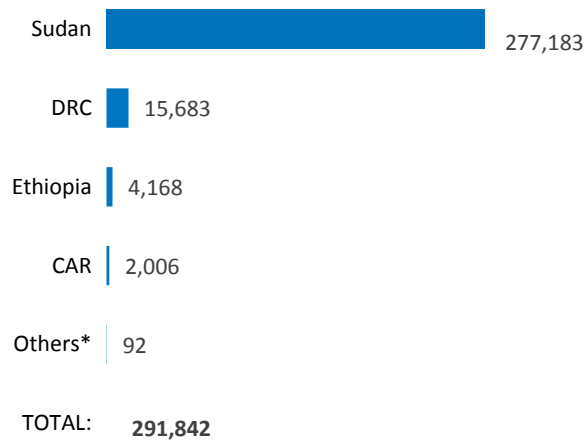
Refugees relocated to Pamir and Ajoung Thok refugee camp in 2018.

**400+**

Refugee newborns registered in December 2018 in Upper Nile.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

### Countries of Origin

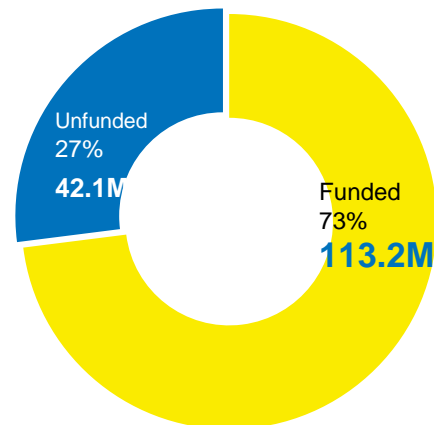


\* Refers to refugees from Uganda, Somalia, Eritrea, Syria, Burundi and Egypt

## FUNDING AS OF 31 DECEMBER

**USD 155.3 M**

requested for the situation



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff

**295** national and  
**78** international staff  
(as of 31 December 2018)

### Offices

**1** Branch Office in Juba  
**2** Sub Offices in Jamjang and Bunj  
**5** Field Offices in Yambio,  
Yei, Bor, Malakal, Bentiu  
**2** Field Units in Wau and Yida  
(as of 31 Decemberr 2018)



UNHCR partner HDC conducting an interview during a profiling exercise at Bor PoC site. © UNHCR

# Working with Partners in 2018

- 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**, the main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing partners in 2018 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), Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), and World Vision International (WVI).
- **In the IDP response**, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC). Implementing partners in 2018 are: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), UMCOR, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Handicap International, Humanitarian Development Consortium, INTERSOS, Nile Hope, Hope Restoration, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) and Women Development Group.
- **Within the Inter-Agency Cluster System** for IDP response, UNHCR in South Sudan is the Protection Cluster Lead (with the NRC co-leading), Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and undertakes enhanced participation in the Shelter/NFI Cluster.
- **On the prevention of statelessness**, UNHCR's main counterpart is the Directorate of Nationality, Passports, and Immigration (DNPI).
- **UNHCR maintains operational partnerships** with CAFOD, Caritas, CMMB, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), ICRC, Jesuit Refugee Service (JSR), Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium), 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.

## Main Activities – Refugee Programme

### Protection

- As of 31 December 2018, the refugee population in South Sudan stood at 291,824 individuals, consisting of 67,587 households in 21 different locations across South Sudan. UNHCR registered 1,065 new arrivals and 1,417 newborn babies mainly from Sudan's South Kordofan and Blue Nile. Women represent 53% of the total refugee population, while women and children represent 83% of the total refugee population in South Sudan. The Sudanese refugee population remains the largest at 269,924 individuals (93%) followed by Democratic Republic of Congo 15,617 individuals (5%), Ethiopia 4,203 (1%) individuals, Central African Republic 2,006 and 92 refugees of other nationalities. The majority (90%) of refugees are hosted in Upper Nile and the Unity regions in South Sudan. Compared to November 2018 Monthly Statistics Report (294,776 individuals consisting of 68,750 households), there was a decrease of 2,952 individuals due to inactivation of individuals who failed to turn up during the Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) and verification of the population exercise in December 2018. An estimated 1.97 million people are internally displaced in South Sudan. Furthermore, South Sudan hosts 2,541 asylum seekers.

### Unity

- In December, UNHCR registered 768 new arrivals (411 women, 355 men) from South Kordofan, Sudan. Cumulatively, in 2018, UNHCR registered 16,026 new arrivals from South Kordofan, which is an increase of 11% compared to 2017 when 14,469 new arrivals were registered.
- In December 2018, UNHCR relocated 873 refugees to Jamjang refugee camps including 63 to Ajuong Thok refugee camp and 810 to Pamir refugee camp. This number includes 177 refugees who were previously settled in Yida and 696 new arrivals. Cumulatively, in 2018, UNHCR relocated 19,460 refugees including 14,618 as new arrivals and 4,842 refugees previously settled in Yida.

- In Yida refugee settlement and the two refugee camps in Jamjang, Pamir and Ajuong Thok camps, UNHCR and partner International Rescue Committee (IRC), identified and supported 11 new cases of Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). In 2018, a total of 509 SGBV survivors have been supported (Ajuong Thok: 220, Pamir: 166 and Yida: 123).
- UNHCR and partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) identified and supported 55 children at risk (28 girls, 27 boys) including three unaccompanied children (UAC) and 41 separated children (SC) who were among the refugees relocated to the refugee camps. Three UACs were placed under alternative foster care arrangements, while 41 SCs remained under the care of their extended families.
- With UNHCR's support, 1,077 children (393 girls, 684 boys) participated in play and recreational activities at 22 child-friendly spaces in Pamir and Ajuong Thok refugee camps, and Yida refugee settlement.

### **Upper Nile**

- In Doro and Gendrassa refugee camps, UNHCR registered 402 newborn babies and issued them with proof of registration (PoR) documentation. Registration ensures newborn children and their mothers have uninterrupted access to services available in the camps.
- UNHCR and partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted a Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) prevention and response training for 45 members of the refugee women committee, protection monitors and community leaders in Doro and Gendrassa refugee camps.
- UNHCR commemorated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and Human Rights Day across Maban's four refugee camps. Refugees performed activities including plays, music performances, traditional dances and poem recitals.

## **Education**

### **Unity**

- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR and partner Africa Action Help International (AAH-I) completed the construction of a laboratory and library at Soba secondary school to enhance the quality of learning for over 2,000 students.

### **Upper Nile**

- In Maban, UNHCR and partner Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) held a graduation ceremony for 283 women who completed English language courses. The 20-week long English courses are aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for languages.

## **Health**

### **Upper Nile**

- In Doro, Gendrassa, and Kaya refugee camps, UNHCR and partner International Medical Corps (IMC) trained 75 Mother Support Group (MSG) leaders on HIV Awareness and Prevention to enhance their knowledge on HIV/AIDS modes of transmission and prevention measures.
- UNHCR in partnership with Relief International (RI) and International Medical Corps (IMC) commemorated World AIDS Day in Yusuf Batil, Doro, and Gendrassa refugee camps with the theme 'Know Your Status'. During the celebrations, preventive HIV/AIDS messages and services were provided. These included free counselling and testing for HIV as well as the distribution of contraceptives. A total of 169 refugee and host community members were counselled and tested for HIV in Yusuf Batil refugee camp, 63 in Gendrassa refugee camp, and 55 in Doro refugee camp.

### **Unity**

- In Jamjang, UNHCR piloted the new Integrated Refugee Health Information System (IRHIS), a web-based platform, in Pamir and Ajuong Thok Primary Health Care Centers (PHCCs). This system will replace the paper-based system of

Health Information System (HIS). The IRHIS collects health data from the health units using an android tablet, and once a week the data is uploaded to the HIS website ([his.unhcr.org](http://his.unhcr.org))

### **Central Equatoria**

- In Yei, as part of the Ebola preparedness, UNHCR and partner UMCOR continued community sensitisation and awareness for 145 (95 women, 50 men) members of the community on the topics of transmission and prevention of Ebola in December. Also, the construction of an isolation facility has been completed at Yei Civil Hospital. Public announcements are ongoing on a regular basis in two Congolese refugee churches in Yei and Lasu as well as marketplaces in Lomi, Kukuyi, and Yago.

## **Food Security and Nutrition**

### **Upper Nile**

- In December, UNHCR and partners International Medical Corps (IMC) and Relief International (RI) conducted the 4th quarter Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening for 6-59 months old children as well as pregnant and breastfeeding mothers across Maban's four refugee camps. The screening was conducted to assess children and mothers' nutritional status. IMC and RI screened 31,555 children under the age of five years (21,730 in Doro, Gendrassa, and Kaya camps by IMC and 9,825 in Yusuf Batil camp by RI). Results across all four camps showed MUAC malnutrition levels of <3% (showing severity of the situation is low). For pregnant and breastfeeding mothers, 4,305 and 1,312 were screened by IMC and RI respectively.
- In Doro, Gendrassa, and Kaya refugee camps, UNHCR and IMC conducted six cooking demonstration sessions for 180 Mothers Support Groups (MSG) and mothers with children enrolled in nutrition programs. The sessions promoted the benefits of locally produced foods and which nutrients are contained in vegetables.
- In December, UNHCR and nutrition partners concluded the 2018 UNHCR annual Standardised Expanded Nutrition Survey (SENS) across the four refugee camps in Maban. The survey evaluates the impact of nutrition interventions in place and their effectiveness across the four camps. This will help guide the planning going forward into 2019. Preliminary findings show malnutrition prevalence in all camps below the emergency threshold of <15%.

### **Unity**

- UNHCR, World Food Programme (WFP) and partners conducted the December General Food Distribution (GFD) for 111,988 refugees in Pamir and Ajuong Thok refugee camps and Yida refugee settlement. The basket ratio consisted of vegetable oil, cereals and pulses all at 70% ration.

### **Western Equatoria**

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) conducted a two-month (November and December 2018) GFD and distributed cash to 3,290 individual refugees.

## **Water and Sanitation**

### **Unity**

- The water supply coverage stood at 21 litres per person per day in Ajuong Thok camp, while 17 litres per person per day in Pamir camp. In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, crude latrine coverage was nine persons/latrine while 11 persons/latrine in Pamir refugee camp.
- UNHCR and partner Samaritan's Purse (SP) constructed 69 family latrines (10 in Ajuong Thok, 59 in Pamir) while four communal latrines were constructed in Pamir refugee camp.
- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR drilled an additional borehole, which is estimated to produce 30m<sup>3</sup>/hr. The borehole will be solarised and is expected to significantly increase water supply within the area.

### **Upper Nile**

- The water supply coverage stood at 21.6 litres per person per day across the four refugee camps in Maban. The current coverage is higher than the UNHCR/SPHERE standard for daily water consumption.

- Across the four refugee camps in Maban, UNHCR and partner ACTED conducted environmental clean-up campaigns as part of a hygiene promotion; 1,226 refugee families (2,772 individuals) and host community members participated.

## Shelter and NFIs

### Unity

- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, 393 newly arrived refugees (135 families) received core relief items (CRIs) as a way to address their basic needs, allowing them to settle into the camp. The CRI kits comprised of mosquito nets, buckets, jerry cans, sleeping mats, soap, kitchen set, and blankets. 94 women and girls also received sanitary materials.

### Upper Nile

- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR and partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed CRIs to 5,094 refugee families. The CRIs comprised of blankets, buckets, solar lamps, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, and collapsible and rigid jerry cans.

## Camp Coordination and Camp Management

### Upper Nile

- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and partner Africa Action Help International (AAHI) carried out minor refurbishments on four kilometres of road to ensure that essential services reach 12,861 refugee families.
- UNHCR in partnership with Africa Action Help International (AAH-I) carried out minor refurbishments on 4.7 kilometres road in Doro refugee camp, four kilometres road in Kaya refugee camp and two kilometres on Maban airstrip.
- In December, UNHCR in partnership with Samaritan's Purse (SP) commenced the construction of a 20-bed stabilisation centre in Maban Hospital for the treatment of severely malnourished children with medical complications.

## Access to energy

- In December, UNHCR and partner Relief International (RI) completed an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Maban refugee-hosting areas and developed short and long term recommendations.

## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

### Upper Nile

- In Maban, with the support of UNHCR and partner ACTED, women enterprise groups (100 women) earned 68,419 South Sudanese pounds (SSP) from the sale of bakery and handicraft products. Groups like these help women access self-employment opportunities and facilitate businesses.
- In Maban, UNHCR and partner ACTED distributed 360 poultry parent stocks, poultry starter feeds, poultry equipment, poultry drugs including a powdered multivitamin, antibiotics and de-wormers to 60 families (27 Kaya, 27 Gendrasa and six host community).
- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR and partners monitored eight 2018 Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) groups (184 women, 6 men). Seven 2017 VSLA group's (140 women) savings portfolio collectively brought in 533,195 SSP while two 2016 VSLA group's savings portfolio earned 355,745 SSP over the review period.
- UNHCR and partner ACTED and Relief International (RI) organised a joint agriculture fair that brought together refugees and host community entrepreneurs on 5th December 2018 in Yusuf Batil refugee camp. The aim of the event was to strengthen access to cash income and to raise awareness together with local authorities on the importance of sustainable livelihoods for economic inclusion and peaceful coexistence for both refugees and host community. During the half-day event, a total sale of 188,725 South Sudanese Pounds was collected.
- UNHCR and partner RI provided small and micro business entrepreneurship and life skills trainings to 60 (41 women, 19 men) refugee entrepreneurs in Doro and Yusuf Batil refugee camps. In total, they recorded an income of 3,133,640



South Sudanese Pounds earned during the training. These refugee entrepreneurs were offered trainings on developing viable business plans, business costing, record keeping and financial literacy.

### **Unity**

- In December, UNHCR and partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) organised the second annual harvest festival in Ajuong Thok refugee camp, gathering refugees farmers from both Jamjang refugee camps and the host community. Refugees used the occasion to applaud the host community in granting them farmland and maintaining security on the farms, while the host community representative expressed willingness to allocate more land for farming if needed.

### **Western Equatoria**

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR conducted a crop yield assessment with farmers who benefited from the crop seeds distribution in early 2018. As a result, 475 farmers were interviewed out of 600 beneficiaries. From that 65% of farmer's crops yielded high production of groundnuts, maize, and rice.

## **Main Activities – IDP Programme**

### **COORDINATION**

#### **Jonglei**

- UNHCR in collaboration with partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) conducted an IDP profiling exercise at UNMISS Bor Protection of Civilian (POC) site. The profiling exercise recorded the overall protection situation of IDPs thereby allowing UNHCR and partners to better understand protection concerns, identifying protection risks and vulnerabilities, enhancing referrals and case management for those in need; as well as identifying gaps in services and assistance. The profiling team conducted 450 interviews, covering 880 families and profiled 1,967 individuals (92% of total IDPs in Bor POC). The final report of the profiling exercise will be finalised by the end of January 2019.
- In Pibor, UNHCR in collaboration with South Sudan's Directorate of Nationality, Passport and Immigration (DNPI) completed the application process for a Nationality identity card for 564 individuals (356 women, 208 men). The project provided nationality documents to the vulnerable local populations of Boma State, who have no access to this service due to inter-tribal conflict, cattle raiding and child abductions.

#### **Upper Nile**

- From 20 to 22 December 2018, UNHCR undertook a protection mission to Renk and Joda border areas between South Sudan and Sudan to monitor potential spontaneous South Sudanese refugee returns to South Sudan. UNHCR established contacts with the government and local authorities for active and regular monitoring and coordination of the potential spontaneous refugee returns. It was observed that some South Sudanese refugees residing in Sudan were returning to carry out self-assessments of the situation to make well-informed decisions on their return options. During interviews, it was indicated that they are closely monitoring the developments of the recently signed peace process.
- In Maban, UNHCR and partner Humanitarian and Development Consortium (HDC) in collaboration with South Sudan's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) finalized a list of internally displaced families in Banabowa and Hofra IDP sites, who expressed interest in returning to their places of origin. Over 800 families expressed their intention to return by mid-January 2019. However, IDPs are concerned about their access to potable drinking water, which UNHCR and partner are currently following up.

### **OPERATIONS**

### Upper Nile

- In Malakal, UNHCR and partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) distributed sanitary kits to 600 women and girls with special needs. They were identified during a routine protection outreach and monitoring.

### Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR and partner UMCOR distributed Core Relied Items (CRIs) to 10,602 Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs) within nine IDP sites. CRIs included plastic sheets, mosquito nets, sleeping mat, buckets, collapsible jerry can, washing soap and second-hand clothes

### Unity

- UNHCR and partner the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed CRIs to 2,827 internally displaced families including persons with specific needs (PSNs). Items included 757 buckets, 474 blankets, 1,000 solar lanterns and 19 bales of second hand clothing were distributed during the reporting period.

### Jonglei

- In Duk and Twic East Counties, UNHCR and partner HDC distributed CRIs to 1,122 PSNs (522 Twic East, 600 Duk). CRIs included; plastic sheets, blankets, kitchen sets, buckets, sleeping mats and washing soaps. The distribution aimed at improving the living conditions of the PSNs.
- UNHCR and partner HDC distributed core relief items (CRIs) to 1,115 most vulnerable internally displaced persons including adolescent girls and women in Bor town, and in five areas in Ayidi payam (Akonybany, Thonebuor, Ritnom, Jarwong, and Mingkaman IDPs site). The persons were identified included; persons with disabilities, elderly at risk, women at risk and children at risk.

## Community empowerment and self-reliance

### Upper Nile





- In Malakal, UNHCR trained 98 IDPs (60 from POC and 38 from Malakal town) on the production of soap. At the end of the six-day training, participants were able to produce bars of soap.

## Camp Coordination and Camp Management

### Jonglei

- UNHCR, through Bor Solution Working Group (SWG), supported the voluntary relocation of 23 families (47 individuals) to Greater Fangak by the Nile River. The support includes their transportation and distribution of cash to address the needs of vulnerable IDPs.

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