

South Sudan

1-15 March 2019

24,000+

Refugee children and mothers received Supplementary Feeding Program in Upper Nile and Unity

22,000+

Refugees and IDPs received relief packages across South Sudan

1,500+

Refugee children participated in recreational and psychosocial activities in Upper Nile

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

293,966

Refugees inside South Sudan (as of 28 February 2019)

1.87 million

IDPs in South Sudan including 181,891 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites (as of 14 March 2019)

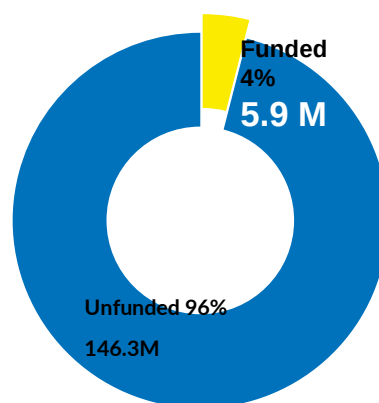
US \$750.6 million

Funding requested by UNHCR for the South Sudan Situation in 2019

FUNDING AS OF 25 FEBRUARY 2019

USD 152.2 M

requested for South Sudan in 2019



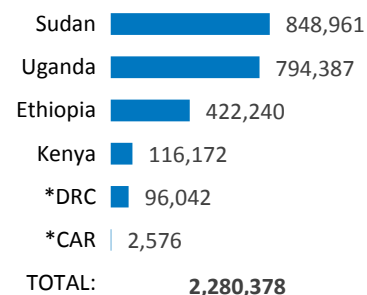
Vulnerable IDPs collect non-food items at a distribution point in Yei town

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POPULATION OF CONCERN

South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries as of 31 January 2019.

Host Countries



*DRC - Democratic Republic of Congo

*CAR - Central Africa Republic

REFUGEE RESPONSE



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR and its partners in collaboration with refugees, host community and IDPs celebrated International Women's Day on 8 March. The annual event was marked under the theme: "Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change." UNHCR and partners organised a series of events, including drama, processions, songs and speeches that recognised the achievements and contributions of displaced women who promote gender equality, social and economic empowerment of women and girls.

Unity

- UNHCR registered 1,605 newly arrived Sudanese refugees (820 women, 785 men) from South Kordofan, Sudan. This is a decrease of 28% when compared to the same period in 2018.
- UNHCR relocated 969 refugees to Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps (126 - Ajuong Thok, 843 - Pamir) including 821 new arrivals and 148 refugees previously settled in Yida. In the same period in 2018, UNHCR relocated 1,520 individuals including 387 refugees previously settled in Yida.
- To date in 2019, 6,025 refugees have been relocated to Jamjang camps (5,235 - new arrivals, 790 – refugees previously settled in Yida). In 2018 during the same period, 6,111 refugees were relocated (5,561 - new arrivals, 550 - Yida residual caseload).
- As of 15 March 2019, the total refugee population in Unity stood at 37,875 in Ajuong Thok refugee camp, 30,966 in Pamir refugee camp, and 51,844 in Yida refugee settlement.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps and Yida settlement, UNHCR and partner, International Rescue Committee (IRC), received 24 sex-and-gender-based violence (SGBV) cases. UNHCR provided psychosocial and material support to all survivors.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, IRC supported 73 extremely vulnerable women and girls with food and non-food items to reduce protection risks.
- In the above camps, UNHCR and partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) received 76 separated children (24 girls, 52 boys) relocated from Yida reception centre. All separated children remained in pre-arranged kinship care.
- In order to build the capacity of community structures, LWF trained 26 child protection committee members (9 women, 17 men) in Pamir refugee camp. The training focused on the basic concepts of children protection, type of child abuse, case identification and prioritisation, referral pathways and community mobilisation.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR registered 408 newly arrived Sudanese refugees. New arrivals cited severe hunger due to drought and poor harvests in 2018 in parts of Blue Nile State in Sudan.
- Across the four Maban refugee camps, UNHCR and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) verified and recommended 1,041 individuals for fingerprint verification and registration/reactivation. These refugees were previously settled in the Maban camps. However some missed biometric registration after travelling to the oil fields in Upper Nile in search of jobs and others fled the camps as a result of the ethnic conflict between the Uduk and Ingasana in 2017.
- In Maban, UNHCR registered 80 new-born babies and issued parents proof of registration documents.
- Also in Maban, 1,542 children (772 boys, 770 girls) participated in recreational and psychosocial support activities at Child Activities Centers. Children played dominos, snakes and ladders, and letters and number puzzles, and football and jump rope. Also, they engaged in cultural activities including singing, dancing and storytelling.
- In Maban, UNHCR and partners engaged 261 community members (221 women, 40 men) from the Child and Youth Protection committees, Child Right Clubs and foster parents group to discuss protection issues. They focused on the challenges and consequences of forced and early marriages, importance of girls' education and the leadership of foster parents in managing Income Generating Activities groups.

Western Equatoria

- During the reporting period in Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR registered 25 new-born babies, activated 5 cases and verified 7 cases that were marked as a no-show during the verification exercise conducted in November 2018.

**EDUCATION****Achievements and Impact****Unity**

- During the reporting period, UNHCR and partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) organised a four-day workshop for 133 Parent Teacher Association (PTA) members (55 women, 78 men) from Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps on the PTA's roles and responsibilities as well as school management skills.
- In the same period, UNHCR and LWF trained 261 primary teachers (60 women, 201 men) from Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps on inclusive education focusing on professional teaching and handling of children with disabilities in schools.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei town, UNHCR and partner UMCOR distributed scholastic materials to 161 refugee students (91 boys, 70 girls) attaining education at Yei secondary schools.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, primary school average attendance increased to 71% (9,938 boys, 9,754 girls) as compared to 69% in 2018. While secondary attendance increased to 80% (259 girls, 259 boys) from 70% in 2018. The increase is attributed to the distribution of scholastic materials and the ongoing enrolment.
- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp in Maban, UNHCR and partners distributed sanitary pads and 70 bars of soap to all girls to encourage their enrolment, attendance, retention and improve hygiene among girls. Furthermore, school uniforms were distributed to the pupils.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR and partner World Vision International (WVI) distributed assorted scholastic materials to 810 refugee and host community pupils (428 boys, 382 girls) learners. School materials included books, pens, pencils, chalk, cartridge, staplers, paint, paper glue, staple pines, dusters and printing papers.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**Unity**

- As a result of a routine school inspection in Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR, LWF, officials from the Ruweng State Ministry of Education noted inadequate furniture and scholastic materials and congestion of pupils in classrooms (1:170) as the main challenges, in particular under the Accelerated Learning Programs (ALP). UNHCR and partners plan to address this gap in 2019.

**HEALTH****Achievements and Impact**

- During the reporting period, UNHCR engaged and participated in the National and State level Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) preparedness and response activities. UNHCR is closely working with partners to ensure that surveillance is strengthened in the refugee camps and that partners staff are included in all aspects of training and the ongoing EVD vaccination campaigns in Yambio and Yei.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR and its health partners Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA) and International Rescue Committee (IRC) completed the Balanced Score Card assessment (BSC). UNHCR uses the BSC to assess quality of care in its supported health facilities. The average score for the camps was 73%. The next step will be drawing a plan of action with the partners to fill the identified gaps.

Upper Nile

- In Kaya, Gendrassa, and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and partner International Medical Corps (IMC) conducted refresher training on HIV and sexual transmitted infections awareness and prevention for 50 youth.
- The first round of a polio campaign kicked off in Gendrassa and Yusif Batil refugee camps on 15 March 2019. UNHCR partner International Medical Corps (IMC) also trained 26 Community Health Promoters (CHPs) and Health and Nutrition sectoral Committee (HNC) members (11 women, 15 men) on National Immunisation Days (NIDs).

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR and partners reached 87 (63 women, 24 men) refugees with key messages on the transmission and prevention of Ebola virus as part of the continued Ebola response preventative measures.
- In Yei, UNHCR and World Health Organisation (WHO) facilitated the Ebola Virus vaccination of 28 frontline workers including frontline health workers. Cumulatively, 184 health workers and frontline staff members have been vaccinated against Ebola Virus so far.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR screened 82 refugees (22 women, 60 men) for Ebola virus. No suspected case was reported or detected.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- Across Jamjang refugee camp, UNHCR and partners Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA) and International Rescue Committee (IRC) distributed Corn Soya Blend to 4,694 children aged 6-24 months and 852 mothers.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR and partner Relief International conducted a six-day training for 368 lead mothers on assessment of acute malnutrition at the community level. The training equipped lead mothers with techniques on assessment of malnutrition in children under the age of five and pregnant and lactating women in the community.
- In Kaya, Doro, and Gendrassa refugee camps, UNHCR and partner International Medical Corps (IMC) conducted the first quarter Mass Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) Screening for 16,070 children aged 6-59 months and 3,074 mothers to assess their nutritional status and enrol those meeting the admission criteria to the different nutrition programs in the camps. Results showed average MUAC malnutrition levels of 4.9%. Just 0.6% showed signs of severe malnutrition. IMC also started the first round of the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program distribution for 6,888 children aged 6-23 months.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR, WFP and partner World Vision International (WVI) conducted a general food distribution for March and multi-purpose cash assistance to 3,664 refugees. Food items included cereal (50%), vegetable oil (100%), salt and pulses.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- The daily water supply coverage stood at 27.8 litres per person per day in Ajuong Thok refugee camp, while 23.3 litres per person per day in Pamir refugee camp. In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, crude latrine coverage was seven persons per latrine. In Pamir refugee camp it was 10 persons per latrine.
- During the reporting period, Samaritan's Purse constructed 13 family latrines (10 in Ajuong Thok, 3 in Pamir) with the new improved design.

Upper Nile

- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR and partner ACTED upgraded the 600-metre pipeline. Previously, the low pressure of the pipe could not push water into the two T70 (70,000 liters) capacity tanks.
- In the same camp, UNHCR and partner ACTED repaired the mid-water yard that serves over 500 families in Kongo Momur community. The yard has not been functioning for the past five months.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei town, UNHCR and partner UMCOR distributed hand-washing facilities to 123 refugee families to maintain pit latrines in their residential compounds.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Jamjang, in collaboration with local authorities, UNHCR distributed UNIQLO-donated second-hand clothes to 12,269 (6,515 women, 5,754 men) host community members in nine payams (Jamjang, Wunkur, Ngabule, Gumriak, Akok, Pamir, Ajuong Thok, Alual and Tiyyot). This intervention will contribute positively to the peaceful coexistence of the refugee and host communities.

Upper Nile

- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR and partner Danish Refugee Council have completed the construction of two classrooms in secondary school. Kaya refugee camp does not have a permanent secondary school, so the construction of these classrooms will improve the learning environment and boost enrolment.
- In Maban, UNHCR and partner Africa Action Help International carried out minor refurbishment of Maban airstrip and 2.4 kilometres of Maban Airstrip – Kaya road. Cumulatively, 32.5 kilometres of minor refurbishment and 2 kilometres of major refurbishment have been completed in 2019.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR and partner World Vision International distributed soap to 3,664 refugees.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Danish Refugee Council facilitated a peaceful coexistence meeting for representatives of the youths, women, and men leaders from the refugee and host communities. As a result, both community representatives hailed the cordial relationship between them which has resulted in easy access to natural resources by refugees.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Upper Nile

- In Gendrassa refugee camp, UNHCR and partner Danish Refugee Council verified 85 refugee families and recommended 56 families for semi-permanent mudbrick shelters for the 2019 shelter project.
- UNHCR, the Commission for Refugee Affairs and partners participated in camp coordination meetings with refugee leaders and sectorial committees across the four refugee camps in Maban. During the meetings, partners identified gaps and encouraged refugees to fully participate in decision-making processes with the aim of improving service delivery in the camps.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- During the reporting period, UNHCR and partner Danish Refugee Council transplanted 5,299 tree seedlings into Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps. The seedlings are different varieties of acacia, apple, guava, and moringa. The trees will be planted in woodlots as part of environmental protection efforts.

Upper Nile

- In Kaya refugee camp, refugee women produced 54 fuel-efficient mud stoves. Cumulatively, 706 stoves have been produced in 2019.
- In Doro, Gendrassa and Kaya refugee camps, 282 Persons with Specific Needs received stoves during the reporting period. UNHCR also trained 314 families on energy saving practices and the use and maintenance of energy saving mud stoves.
- In Maban, UNHCR completed the construction of a new nursery site with five seedbeds for the seedling nursery group. Rehabilitation is ongoing for the existing five tree nurseries in Gendrassa, Gentil, Nyowin and Kaya areas.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- Across Maban's four refugee camps, 918 youth (814 women, 104 men) benefitted from skill-building activities such as beadworks, crocheting, embroidery, hair cutting and hair plaiting. These activities also promote socialisation and teamwork among the youth.
- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR trained 24 families (22 women, 2 men) on how to establish permagardens. The training facilitated the establishment of permagardens at four households.
- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR trained 350 refugees (157 women, 193 men) on tractor tillage. Also, land clearing started with 10 acres already cleared for ploughing.
- In Kaya and Gendrassa refugee camp, UNHCR provided technical support to 30 (18 women, 12 men) business grantees on general business management. While mentorship, coaching and advisory services were provided to women entrepreneurs to improve their businesses in both Kaya refugee camp and Gendrassa refugee camp. The enterprises reported a sales record of 17,310 SSP for catering, 10,450 SSP for handcrafts and 103,616 SSP for baking.

IDP Response

COORDINATION



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Western Equatoria

- UNHCR participated in an inter-agency rapid needs assessment mission in Gbudue State at 15 towns. The mission assessed the needs of IDP returnees, refugee returnees, and the IDPs in Gbudue State. The participating agencies were OCHA, WFP, UNICEF, INTERSOS, Jesuit Refugee Service, International and Star Trust Organization, and Community Empowerment for Progress Organization. IDP returnees are lacking seeds and agriculture tools for planting season. More findings will be finalized and shared with relevant partners for follow-up.

Upper Nile

- In Malakal, UNHCR conducted an interactive training on the new One-Stop Protection Centers as well as sex- and gender-based violence and mental health referral pathways for 45 (20 women, 25 men) health workers.

Unity

- In Leer town, UNHCR conducted refresher training for 21 members (12 men, 9 women) of community structures and the local authorities on working closely with the humanitarians and support service delivery following stability in the area, which will increase humanitarian response.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei town, UNHCR trained 81 Community Based Protection networkers (CBPN) from 9 IDP sites on Spontaneous Refugee Returnee monitoring and reporting mechanisms. The training will enable the CBPN to effectively monitor and report on any spontaneous refugee returnees, who mostly reside with IDPs.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Upper Nile

- UNHCR organised a joint mission to Maban's Lekka village to confirm the return of displaced families and to assess their current situation. The joint mission included Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), South Sudan's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) and Save the Children. During the mission, UNHCR and HDC identified 512 families who returned in December 2018 from Banabowa IDP site. Key challenges identified during the visit included repair of an existing hand pump, the need for an additional borehole, shelter support, provision of food and non-food items, and health and education facilities.

OPERATIONS



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium distributed non-food items to 6,148 IDP returnees. Items included plastic sheets, jerry cans, sleeping mats, blankets and kitchen sets to help them re-establish and attain self-reliance.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei town, UNHCR and its partner UMCOR distributed non-food items to 2,528 vulnerable IDPs who were recently displaced from nearby villages into Yei town. Items included plastic, kitchen sets, mosquito nets, blankets, sleeping mats, jerry cans, soap and second-hand clothes.

Unity

- In Leer town, UNHCR and partner Hope Restoration distributed non-food items to 2,000 IDPs. Items included plastic sheets and solar lanterns.

Working in partnership

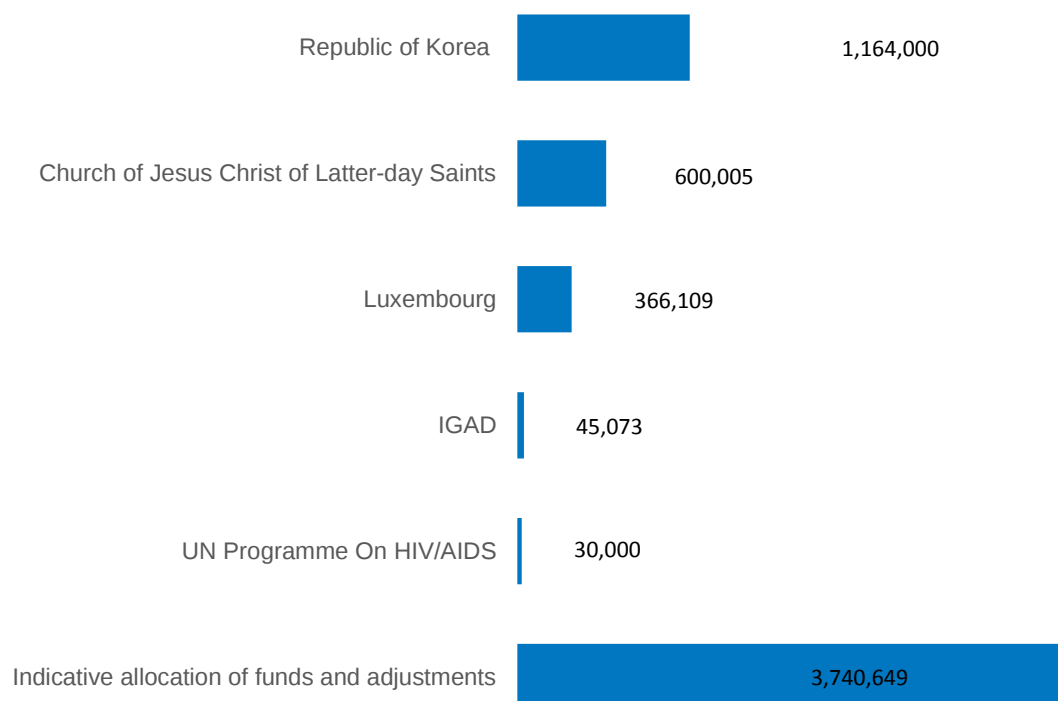
- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and IDPs.
- In the **refugee response**, the main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing partners in 2019 are: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), Association of Christian Resource Organisation Serving Sudan (ACROSS), Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Technique et au Développement (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), United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), 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 2019 are: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanity & Inclusion (HI), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), INTERSOS, Nile Hope, Hope Restoration (HRSS), Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) and Women Development Group (WDG), IsraAID, and International Rescue Committee (IRC).
- Within the **Inter-Agency Cluster System for IDP response**, UNHCR in South Sudan is the Protection Cluster Lead with NRC as co-lead, Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and is an active participant 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, Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB), FAO, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), MEDAIR, Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium, Swiss, Holland), Mentor Initiative, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), OXFAM, REACH, UNAIDS, UNOCHA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMAS, UNMISS, WFP, WHO, Women for Women International and UN Women.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amounts to US \$5.9 million, for the financial year 2019 as of 25 February. 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 un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

2019 funding received in USD



Other Softly Earmarked Contributions in 2019 | USD

Germany 9.1 million

Unearmarked Contributions in 2019 | USD

Sweden 90.4 million | **Denmark** 54.9 million | **Norway** 44.5 million | **Netherlands** 37.5 million
 | **United Kingdom** 31.7 million | **Germany** 27.3 million | **Switzerland** 15.1 million
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