# South Sudan Emergency, Gambella, Ethiopia
## External Update #13
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Cover photo: Bulldozer works on flood mitigation measures at Luakdong © UNHCR

**KEY FIGURES**

**50,000***
PEOPLE PLANNING FIGURE

**49,751**
REGISTERED REFUGEES

**21,333**
REFUGEES RELOCATED TO LUAKDONG SITE

**11,908**
REFUGEES IDENTIFIED WITH DIFFERENT VULNERABILITIES

**10,482**
CHILDREN AT RISK

**LEVEL 2 EMERGENCY**
DECLARED BY UNHCR FOR 6 MONTHS

*According to estimates

## Overview

This reporting period was marked by accelerated flood mitigation works and road construction at Luakdong. For the first time, the access road leading from the Luakdong junction reached the site's reception centre, meaning refugees can now access the site without having to walk through flood water. While constant repairs are needed to the bulldozer contracted to work on flood mitigation, a second bulldozer was contracted to increase the pace of the works. Once dykes are constructed to ensure no new floodwater will enter, the stagnant water remaining in the site will be drained away.

## UNHCR and Partners' response

UNHCR, RRS and partners have continued constructing the new refugee site at Luakdong and providing essential lifesaving services to refugees and asylum seekers in surrounding communities, particularly, the nearby village of Tormorok.

### Protection

- Level 1 (L1) registration remains suspended at the Tormorok registration centre. Thus, the registered population remains at 49,751 refugees. Screening for persons with specific needs remains ongoing at Tormorok
- Given the continued flooding at Luakdong, relocation also remains suspended.
- Protection interventions for child protection and gender-based violence continued in Luakdong with partner, Plan International. GBVIMS (a case management tool) has been adopted for the emergency and training for staff will commence soon. Otherwise, awareness-raising and capacity-building within the communities continue, covering issues related to GBV and child protection.
- Reports have been made of adolescents using alcohol and other substances as negative coping mechanisms. Sensitisation exercises will begin this week.
- During the reporting period, the Refugee Central Committees at Luakdong and Tormorok held fresh elections to renew its mandate

## Health

- Vaccination and supplementation continued for new arrivals.
- Partners CUAMM and GOAL run primary healthcare (PHC) facilities in Tormorok, while DPO continue to run PHC services at Luakdong.
- During the reporting period, no new cholera cases were detected, marking the success of mitigation measures.
- During these two weeks, around 5,000 people were reached by Community Health Workers with cholera and malaria messaging.
- IRC constructed a Cholera Treatment Centre at Tormorok, but it was partly flooded.

## Food Security & Nutrition

- WFP and WVI are preparing for the November General Food Distribution (GFD) at Luakdong.
- GOAL continued to provide hot meals to targeted vulnerable individuals at Tormorok. DCA continued to provide vouchers to targeted people for use in their fresh food market at Luakdong.
- Malnutrition screening and treatment are ongoing at all locations. Rates have jumped alarmingly during the reporting period for both under-5s and pregnant and lactating women (PLW).
- By the end of September, the Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rate among U5 jumped from 7 to 16.3%. The Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) rate rose from 6.7 to 7.1% during the same period. The GAM prevalence among PLW remains high at 14%. Treatment is provided.
- Over 17,000 individuals reached with different health and nutrition education through IYCF-E programs during this period.

## Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

- During the reporting period, water supply at Luakdong reached 14.2 litres/person/day, just under the minimum Sphere standard. In addition, two thirds of the planned 1km HDPE pipeline from the water treatment facility to the Luakdong junction has been completed. The completion date is set at the end of November, meaning that water will no longer be trucked to Luakdong.
- Water trucking continues to Tormorok. During the reporting period, 34 shared latrines were constructed, bringing the total to 56.
- Hygiene promotion activities continue to be conducted by Oxfam and NCA through 57 hygiene promotors, with a focus on disease prevention.
- A number of hygiene campaigns have been maintained at Luakdong and Tormorok targeting cholera prevention, jerrycan cleaning, environmental cleaning and latrine cleaning.

## Site Development, Shelter & NFIs

- Remaining road construction works at Luakdong include the laying of selected materials on the existing road for durability and the extension of the road itself.
- Flood mitigation works continue.
- Shelter activities remain on hold pending the completion of flood mitigation measures at Luakdong.
- On 11 November, AAHI completed the distribution of 10,762 mosquito nets to 3,475 households in Tormorok as part of the malaria response.

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Response Partners Under Emergency Response Plan

**49,751**
Total Individuals Registered Refugees Level 1 (Since 22 July 2025)

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