SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ETHIOPIA
WASH FACTSHEET

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Slab production by skilled refugees for household latrine construction through community engagement in Luakdong.

Highlights

UNHCR and partners continued to deliver critical WASH services across Luakdong and Tormorok, ensuring sustained access to safe water despite operational constraints. Water production, treatment, and distribution systems remained functional, supported by ongoing maintenance and water-quality monitoring to ensure safe consumption. Network expansion works progressed, including pipeline installation, trenching, and borehole development, aimed at improving access to underserved areas. In parallel, sanitation interventions advanced through the construction of household and communal facilities, alongside bathing shelters and slab production to support community-led latrine construction. Hygiene-promotion activities were intensified through community outreach, environmental cleaning campaigns, and awareness sessions, strengthening safe water handling, sanitation practices, and community ownership of WASH facilities.

Response & Challenges

Operational efforts were, however, significantly constrained by persistent fuel shortages, which continued to affect water production, pipeline construction, and water trucking to remote areas, limiting the ability to meet minimum standards. Heavy rainfall further compounded these challenges by restricting road access, disrupting service delivery, and slowing infrastructure development. Shortages of construction materials and key fittings delayed completion of sanitation facilities, while wind damage and the absence of dedicated maintenance support affected the usability and cleanliness of communal latrines. To sustain operations and improve service delivery, urgent support is required to stabilize fuel supply, transition to more sustainable energy solutions, expand pipeline networks, and strengthen sanitation maintenance systems through dedicated resources and staffing.

Achievements

320 K Litres of Water Treated Per Day (Average of previous week)

290 K Litres of Water Trucked Per Day (Average of previous week)

28 Water Points

603 Communal Latrines Constructed and Functional

105 Latrines Pits Excavated

50 Latrines Superstructure Constructed

0 Latrine Attendants

22 Health Promoters

Key Figures

100K
Population Planning Figure **(New arrivals)**

447K
Refugees from South Sudan in Ethiopia

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Response Partners Under Emergency Response Plan

50,030
Total Individuals Registered Refugees in Luakdong Level 1 (Since 22 July 2025)

Demographic (Registered Refugees Level 1)

	Female (57%)	Male (43%)
Adults	23%	9%
Children	34%	34%

6.00 Litres of Water per Person Per Day (Luakdong) *

82,755 Refugees Covered with Water Supply Daily *

108 Persons Per Latrine in Luakdong *
(*Average of previous weeks)

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