

# South Sudan Update



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## Blue Nile Refugees in Upper Nile State, South Sudan

Over the reporting period the security situation has remained calm in Maban, although the significant military presence in Bunj town remains a concern for humanitarians.

Due to the presence of mines and Uxos in the county, UNHCR engaged a representative from the South Sudan De-mining Commission to conduct a mine awareness campaign for the entire month of December in and around Doro refugee site. A controlled mine demolition was widely announced among the communities and the exercise was performed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2011.

Registration of the refugee population continues, with the current number of refugees reaching 20,672. UNHCR has discussed with the authorities for the identification of another suitable site to receive new refugees and assessments are currently being carried out in order to determine the suitability of the proposed site in Jammam.

Assistance activities continue at the Doro site, with additional NFIs being transported from Juba by UNHCR and IOM.. WFP has overcome multiple logistical challenges to send food to Maban from various locations in the State. The arrival of MSF-Belgium 2 weeks ago has significantly improved the health coverage in Doro. Oxfam and Goal have arrived to set up their WASH programmes in Doro and prepare for the second site. WASH is currently the priority area for intervention.