



SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION

UNHCR REGIONAL UPDATE, 35

29 September – 03 October 2014

KEY FIGURES

595,604

South Sudanese Refugees

458,419

New arrivals (as of 15 Dec. 2013)

244,638

Refugees in South Sudan

96,706

Civilians live in UNMISS bases

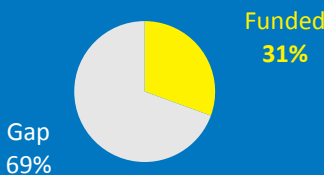
1,35 M

Internally displaced people

FUNDING

USD 567 million

requested for the situation



PRIORITIES

- South Sudan: support the relocation of IDPs from the flooded areas of the Bentiu PoC.
- Sudan: establish a new site in White Nile state to accommodate the influx of new arrivals.
- Ethiopia: search for additional land in view of continued influx.
- Uganda: relocate recently arrived refugees from transit centres to settlements.
- Kenya: address water supply gaps in the camp.

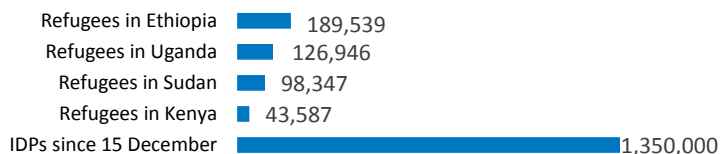
HIGHLIGHTS

- SOUTH SUDAN:** The latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report found that 2.2 million people are currently in crisis or emergency levels of food insecurity and around 2.5 million people could be facing crisis or emergency levels of food insecurity between January and March 2015.
- SUDAN:** Following violent conflicts erupted in the Upper Nile State (South Sudan) on 19 September, several thousands of South Sudanese are still seeking refuge in various locations in Sudan, entering across border points in the White Nile State, specifically Joda, Eltubun, Kilo 4, Um Jalala, and Al Kuek. New arrivals are mainly women and children, many of whom have walked for more than two days to reach the area.
- ETHIOPIA:** Her Royal Highness Princess Anne visited Tierkidi refugee camp. The Gambella Regional President received Her Royal Highness as a guest of honour, while UNHCR and other partners supported the visit. Her Royal Highness was impressed with the level of coordination among partners and with the Government of Ethiopia.
- UGANDA:** With the situation de-escalating, preparations are being made to return an estimated 10,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) who fled ethnic tensions between Kajokeji County of South Sudan and Moyo District in Northern Uganda.
- KENYA:** The Board Chairman of USA for UNHCR visited Kakuma on 26 September. He toured several facilities in the camp and was able to interact with refugees. He was encouraged by the joint efforts by UNHCR and partners to assist refugees and asylum seekers despite the challenges faced by the operation.

Population of concern for the situation since 15 Dec.

(as at 03 October)

A total of **1,945,604** people of concern



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Operational Context

The operational context in South Sudan remains marred by the ongoing conflict in the three states of Jonglei, Upper Nile and Unity. Renewed fighting was reported in Renk (Upper Nile State) which caused population movement northwards to the Sudan border, as well as to the south of Renk. The situation in Nassir (Upper Nile) and in Bentiu and Rubkona (Unity State) was tense, with continued unconfirmed reports of impending attack.

In Jonglei State, the uncertain security situation paused response operations in Pigi/Canal County. In Mingkaman (Lakes State) the situation remained unpredictable. Movement between Mingkaman and Bor town continued.

The latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report (September 2014) highlights that the overall nutrition situation in South Sudan will remain dire until December. The prevalence of global acute malnutrition (GAM) is likely to remain above emergency thresholds (GAM >15%), especially in conflict-affected states. The outlook for 2015 is of great concern, with 2.5 million people projected to be in Crisis or Emergency from January to March 2015, including nearly half of the population of Greater Upper Nile. Severe challenges include early depletion of household food stocks, dysfunctional markets, loss of livelihoods, and displacement – all resulting from protracted conflict.

IDPs



Protection

In Bentiu (Unity State) biometric registration of the IDPs in the Bentiu PoC sites is scheduled to start in mid-October and is expected to last for 20-25 days. UNHCR is part of the Task Force that has been established for the preparation of the registration and is planning to capture PSNs during the exercise.

Humanitarian responses are still very much concentrated in the PoC sites due to insecurity and lack of access. There is need to advocate with the government and warring parties for humanitarian access outside the PoC including demining and free movement of affected population, humanitarian convoys and personnel. According to UNMISS, as of 30 September, the estimated number of civilians seeking safety in ten Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites located on UNMISS bases is 96,706 including 28,010 in Juba (Tompson and UN House), 17,119 in Malakal, 2,722 in Bor, 47,214 in Bentiu, 585 in Wau, 1,025 in Melut, 28 in Nasser, and 3 in Rumbek.

Refugees



Protection

SUDAN

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR and the Commission for Voluntary and Humanitarian Work (CVHW) visited two families of separated and unaccompanied children in the Mayo and Jebel Awlia areas of Khartoum. The families were provided with NFIs and support.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- On 25 and 29 September, UNHCR, the Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) and the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) conducted a rapid needs assessment of South Sudanese new arrivals at the Joda and Eltobun border points in Sudan. It was confirmed that the humanitarian situation of the new arrivals is desperate, basic assistance including food, clean water, medicine, shelter, NFIs and transportation are urgently required.

ETHIOPIA

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR conducted a monitoring visit to Akula village on 29 September, an area which hosts approximately 1,700 South Sudanese refugees in an informal settlement. There are about 50 unaccompanied and separated children (UASCs) in the village, who are reportedly all in care of relatives and in-laws. Several issues were documented for further discussions and action.
- In Pugnido, registration of unaccompanied minors (UAMs) into the full registration database continued, with 46 unaccompanied minors including 17 girls registered.

UGANDA

Achievements and Impact

- The Minister of Relief, Disaster Preparedness visited Padiga village, in Metu Sub County, Moyo District on 25 September. Padiga is among the villages in Moyo where houses of the nationals were allegedly torched by South Sudanese as a result of border conflict between South Sudan and Uganda. Moyo District Local Government this week started to transport IDPs to return to their places. UNHCR was approached to assist in the repatriation of a number of IDPs who are willing to return home and the request is being looked into.
- In Kiryandongo, UNHCR led a Joint Inter-agency PSN assessment through individual household visits. 1496 identified as PSN and 642 referral forms were filled for follow up on registration, child protection, and medical issues. Children presented the largest sub set of PSN population in Kiryandongo, followed by single parents and elderly people.
- In Kiryandongo, IAU/UNHCR is collecting refugee phone numbers for the dissemination of information regarding SGBV. IAU/UNHCR conducted training to SGBV support groups under the “Safe from the Start Project” and participants included: 10 Police Officers, 24 teachers, 5 health workers, and 30 Refugee Welfare Council members.

KENYA

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR in coordination with World Vision International facilitated a training on Psychological First Aid (PFA) and on communication with children for all child protection staff in the respective agencies.
- UNHCR facilitated the third cycle of sanitary material distribution targeting over 37,000 women and girls of reproductive age. The distribution has so far benefitted 23,041 beneficiaries and will be completed in the first week of October.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

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Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The rising water levels of the Nile created fears of waterborne diseases and crocodiles attacks in Bor islands as these predators often venture out of the water in search of food. This has pushed over 68 individuals/21 HHs to Bor PoC.

ETHIOPIA

Achievements and Impact

- The repair of roads in several critical locations in both Kule and Tierkidi is in progress. This will assist with access for water trucks as well as other services. Road construction of approximately 7 kilometres in Kule and 1.8 kilometres in Tierkidi is scheduled to begin.



Food Security and Nutrition

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Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Nutritional assessments were conducted on 1,651 children (MUAC screening) across sites in Al Alagaya and Al Kashafa this week. 142 children were found with acute malnutrition giving an overall MUAC GAM rate of 8.6%. This rate is slightly higher than the previous week which may well be due to the increased number of children who were screened.

ETHIOPIA

Achievements and Impact

- WFP and its nutrition partners, GOAL, ACF and Concern Worldwide, continue to provide blanket and targeted supplementary feeding programmes in Leitchuor, Tierkidi, Kule and NipNip camps. Sufficient nutrition food is repositioned in most locations despite transportation challenges due to the floods.

UGANDA

Achievements and Impact

- In Kiryandongo, UNHCR/Inter Aid Uganda (IAU) continues to prepare three hot meals per day for the 222 refugees (57 families) at Kiryandongo Reception Centre. Currently a total of 28,692 refugees are being hosted at Kiryandongo reception centre and settlements.

KENYA

Achievements and Impact

- Out of 62 newly arrived children (below 5 years) screened by W/H for malnutrition between 23 – 29 September, the proportion of children found with GAM was 27% and those found with SAM was 6.5%. All the malnourished children were enrolled in appropriate feeding programmes.
- Continuous community screening is ongoing in the whole camp to ensure timely identification of malnourished children in the community for enrolment into appropriate nutrition interventions. Nutrition activities for prevention and treatment of malnutrition are ongoing in the camp.



Water and Sanitation

ETHIOPIA

Achievements and Impact

- Over the last week, UNHCR and WASH partners have continued to focus on the flood response in Leitchuor, NipNip and Matar, along with Hepatitis E prevention activities and monitoring in Tierkidi, Kule, Matar and Pagak, including responding to the water access level reduction in Kule and Tierkidi.

UGANDA

Achievements and Impact

- In Adjumani, average water available stands at 16 liters/person/day with Alere 2 settlement now at 11 l/p/d against the initial 6l/p/d. This achievement is due to the fact that WHH recently drilled one borehole.
- In Arua (Rhino Camp), the average water supply was at 18.6 l/p/d during the week due to reduced water trucking which will finally phase out on 30 September 2014.
- In Kiryandongo, an average of 12.7 l/p/d is being supplied overall in the settlement (Ranch 1 and Ranch 37). All persons of concern, who have been allocated plots in both ranches, receive water from boreholes fitted with hand pumps. KDLG and UNHCR/IAU repaired two boreholes. Also in Kiryandongo, UNHCR/IAU distributed 30 slabs and 120 logs to support refugees building pit latrines.

KENYA

Achievements and Impact

- Per capita water distribution in Kakuma 4 is at 16 l/p/d against UNHCR standard of 20 l/p/d. The water network in Kakuma 4 is almost complete and with the construction of three elevated water tanks in Kakuma 4, water supply will improve significantly.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Over 100 latrines have to be replaced due to door breakages and vandalism.



Health

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Achievements and Impact

- 219 vaccinations took place this week across sites in White Nile State. Vaccinations continue to take place weekly in the relocation sites (Al Kashafa, Jouri, Al Redais), and monthly in Al Alagaya.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- A medical waste disposal incinerator is needed in Al Kashafa. A proposal is currently being finalised and will be duly referred to UNHCR and Plan Sudan for consideration.

ETHIOPIA

Achievements and Impact

- Refugees and other persons of concern continued to receive regular health services from UNHCR's health partners in Leitchuor, NipNip, Kule, Tierkidi, Pamdong, Pagak, Itang, Akobo and Matar.
- The first round of the polio immunization campaign for children under 5 years of age was completed in the refugee camps with coverage of 127%, 118%, 106% and 61% for Kule, Terkidi, Leitchuor and Pamdong respectively.
- A joint visit by UNHCR, ARRA, Save the Children, the Regional Health Bureau (RHB) and MSF-F took place to Leitchuor and NipNip to assess health facilities in the flood affected region with a focus on difficulties of access to health care faced by the refugees in the area. UNHCR discussed with partners how best to support RHB health facilities given that refugees are also reported to be seeking health care in these locations.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Malaria is still one of the main causes of morbidity in all the sites, with a gradual increase in the incidence rate over the last few weeks. Malaria prevention and control activities are ongoing through the Community Outreach Agents (COAs), including the distribution of Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs), environmental management, and community awareness, although challenges including poor bed net utilization remain.
- Five suspected measles cases were reported in Kule. Case management was undertaken and samples sent to Addis Ababa for confirmation. Measles routine vaccinations are ongoing at all entry points and the camps.
- Active case finding for Hepatitis E is ongoing with a total of 10 cases reported this week.

UGANDA

Achievements and Impact

- In Adjumani, UNHCR conducted follow-ups with the Adjumani District Hospital Administrator regarding their request for refill oxygen tanks, rehabilitation of an incinerator, procurement of X-ray machine and Ultrasound, as well as the setting up of a functional Mental Health Unit in Adjumani Hospital to serve as a referral point for both refugees and nationals.

KENYA

Achievements and Impact

- The overall health profile of the refugees remained stable as demonstrated by a Crude Mortality Rate (CMR) of 0.2/10,000 per day (standard is <1/10,000 /day) and an Under-Five Mortality Rate (U5MR) of 0.6/10,000 per day (standard is <2/10,000/day).
- Daily active surveillance of diseases of outbreak potential, particularly acute watery diarrhea, cholera and malaria continued. As at 1 October, the weekly diseases surveillance report had shown a slight increase in incidence of malaria. UNHCR in coordination with IRC distributed Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Mosquito Nets (LLITNs) to new arrivals and newly identified pregnant women.



Shelter and NFIs

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Achievements and Impact

- In Upper Nile, 50 shelter structures have been constructed and shelter materials for 200 units were mobilised. In Lakes, 181 units of standard emergency shelter have been completed for vulnerable families while 200 units of transitional shelter have been completed in Jonglei.

ETHIOPIA

Achievements and Impact

- In Okugo, the construction of five hangers is progressing. Additionally, 31 tukul superstructures were completed this week and 31 tukuls were covered with plastic sheets.

UGANDA

Achievements and Impact

- In Kiryandongo, 80% of the UNHCR planned 8.6 km road rehabilitation has been completed. UNHCR/WTU has started the construction of three units of three classrooms blocks. The construction of a staff compound for UNHCR and IPs (Administration blocks and Accommodation) is ongoing with 70% completed.

KENYA

Achievements and Impacts

- The Shelter Cluster led by UNHCR and co-led by NCKC roofed 220 durable shelters in Kakuma 4 in the past week. In total, 4,610 shelters have been roofed so far.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The need for land remains critical as there is no more space in Kakuma to put up more shelters. The regular relocations from the reception centre have stalled as a result and with the rains, the need for dry, safe areas for relocations continues to be urgent.



Education

SUDAN

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- As of 29 September, formal education has begun in Al Alagaya (White Nile State) with 1,347 children registered. Educational and recreational supplies have been distributed, and 74 teachers and 50 parent teacher association (PTA) from host communities have been trained. Preparations are ongoing in the remaining White Nile State sites (Al Redeis, Jouri, and El Kashafa) to train teachers and register children.

ETHIOPIA

Achievements and Impact

- In Kule camp, following the Back to School campaign, more than 7,196 students (comprising 4,382 males and 2,814 females) were registered to attend school, against the campaign's target of 5,238 students. The official school opening ceremony took place on 26 September.

UGANDA

Achievements and Impact

- In Adjumani and Arua, enrollment in the 18 primary schools supported by UNHCR and WTU has increased to 18,632 from 16,302 in the previous week. This increase accounts for refugees and nationals and is attributed to continuous sensitization of the community on the importance of education and the upcoming construction of infrastructure in the sector. However gaps still exist in terms of low numbers of teachers, inadequate classrooms, latrines, desks, text books which affects the quality of education.

KENYA

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR's Education and Child Protection Units facilitated a radio awareness campaign on the importance of education for children with mental impairments in order to improve their access to education.
- A joint mission by UNHCR and UNICEF Regional Education Officers and UNICEF Kenya Education Officer was conducted in the week to assess the Kakuma Education situation and identify gaps and potential areas for support.

Working in partnership

- South Sudan: UNHCR plays the role of Lead for the Protection and CCCM Clusters. Working relations with authorities and partners are ensured through regular coordination meetings at the field and capital level through the refugee coordination forum which holds consultations on a bi-weekly basis.
- Sudan: UNHCR, the Commissioner for Voluntary and Humanitarian Work (CVHW), and the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) met to discuss joint planning for the Al Shagara relocation in Khartoum.
- Ethiopia: UNHCR coordinates the refugee response in Gambella and a number of donors and partners continue to visit the operation. In Addis Ababa, the Refugee Task Force remains an important coordination body while several consultative meetings have been held with partners, donors and UN agencies on the flooding response.
- Uganda: In field locations, OPM/UNHCR chair weekly inter-agency meetings that are held on Wednesdays in Adjumani and on Thursdays in Arua. In Kiryandongo, all partners' weekly coordination meetings are chaired by OPM along with sectorial meetings on WASH, Health, Protection/Community service, Education and Livelihood/Environment. In Kampala, the inter-agency coordination meetings chaired by OPM/UNHCR with UN agencies and implementing and operational partners are held on a monthly basis.
- Kenya: UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government, DRA and other partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers is assured. There have been consistent weekly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and co-chaired by DRA to address the emergency response and issues arising since the start of the influx.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

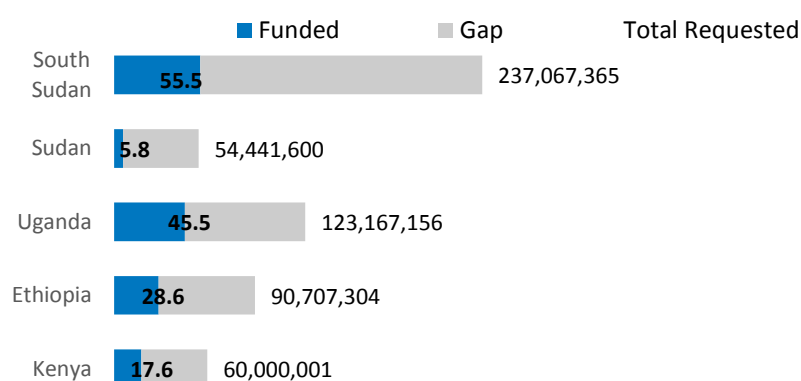
UNHCR is very grateful for the financial support provided by donors particularly those who have contributed to UNHCR activities with un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds as well as for those who have contributed to the situation. Below are UNHCR's revised financial needs for providing protection and assistance to South Sudanese refugees in the neighbouring countries, as well as discharging its responsibilities in the inter-agency framework to provide humanitarian assistance to IDPs in South Sudan. The South Sudan Situation covers Supplementary Budget activities in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda. Total revised requirements amount to US\$ 567 million for 2014.

Donors who have contributed to the Funding (in million US\$)

situation:

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A total of **US\$173 million** has been funded



Note 1: Funding includes \$20 million of situation earmarked funds that has been received and is pending allocation by country.

Note 2: In 2014 the following donors have given unearmarked funds to UNHCR: Algeria, Australia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Kuwait, Latvia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay, and Private Donors.

Note 3: These figures are based on the Emergency Response for the South Sudan Situation – Revised Supplementary Appeal (August 2014).

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ANNEXES

Acronyms

Action Africa Help International (AAH-I); Action Africa Help Uganda (AAH-U)

Action Contre la Faim (ACF)

Acute respiratory infection-ARTI

Acute watery diarrhea (AWD)

Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA)

Area Security Management Team (ASMT)

Association for Aid and Relief (AAR)

Best Interest Assessments (BIAs); Best Interest Determinations (BIDs)

Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programming (BSFP)

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

Centre for Voluntary Humanitarian Work (CVHW)

Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs)

Child Protection Information Management System (CP IMS)

Danish Refugee Council (DRC)

Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA)

Document Registration Agreement (DRA)

Education in Emergencies (EiE)

Emergency Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (EBSFP)

Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC)

Emergency Shelter and Non Food Item (ES/NFIs)

Field Security Coordination Officer (FSCO)

Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL)

General Food Distribution (GFD)

Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM)

High energy biscuits (HEB)

Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC)

Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF)

Integrated Diseases Surveillance and Response (IDSR)

Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs)

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (LLITNs)

Lutheran World Federation (LWF)

Médecins Sans Frontières France (MSF-F)

Medical Team International (MTI)
Mid-upper-arm circumference (MUAC)
Ministry of Education (MoE)
Ministry of Health (MoH)
Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA)
National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK)
Non-Food Items (NFI)
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)
Out-Patient Department (OPD)
Out-Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP)
People with Special Needs (PSN)
per person per day (pp/pd)
Protection of Civilians (PoC)
Protection and Deterrent Force (PDF)
Reception Centre (RC)
Regional Refugee Coordinator (RRC)
Save the Children in Uganda (SCIU)
Separated Children (SC)
Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)
South Kordofan State (SKS)
Sudan People's Liberation Army In Opposition (SPLA I/O)
Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS)
Target Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP)
Training of Trainers (TOT)
Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS)
Unaccompanied Minors (UAMs)
United Nations Country Team (UNCT)
United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee (UNHCR)
United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
Water and Environmental Sanitation (WES) project
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World Food Programme (WFP)
World Vision International (WVI)