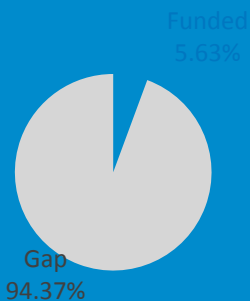


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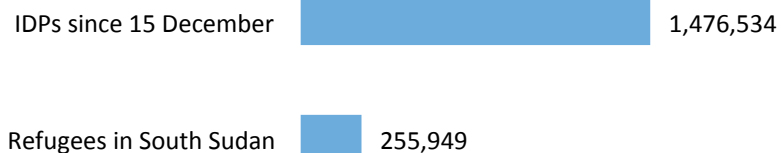
#### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Refugee influx:** There are nearly 8,000 more refugees in South Sudan than in December 2014, largely due to a steady influx of people into Yida (Unity State) from South Kordofan. Juba Office is drafting an Emergency Response Plan for the expansion of Ajuong Thok and the development of an overflow camp in nearby Pamir. 80 per cent of those crossing into Yida are women and children.
- **Assisted relocations:** UNHCR is doing the groundwork to prepare for possible assisted relocations from Wau Protection of Civilians (POC) site in Bahr el Ghazal State.
- **Trucks arriving:** On 4 March, for the first time since December 2013, 3 UNHCR trucks arrived in Maban County, Upper Nile State, with timber purlins for UNHCR's refugee shelter programme. Another 47 trucks are on their way from Juba.
- **Fuel airlifts:** Efforts are being made to reduce airlifts of fuel to cut costs. All five fuel trucks sent to Yida have arrived. Ajuong Thok and Yida now have a three-month supply of fuel. Some fuel is still being airlifted to Maban, which has limited fuel storage capacity.
- **Foreign nationals:** A screening exercise, conducted in collaboration with the Commission for Refugee Affairs, for **578** foreign nationals displaced after the onset of conflict in December 2013 and currently residing in Juba POC2 was completed on 4 March 2015. **515** individuals originating from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia and Burundi were screened. 99% of the foreign nationals registered with UNHCR have indicated their interest in seeking asylum in South Sudan.

#### FUNDING REQUIREMENTS USD 419,053,573



#### Current population of concern



## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- The Addis peace talks were suspended on 6 March.
- On 3 March, the UN Security Council adopted a resolution on a framework for imposing sanctions, which will be reviewed after 1 April, the next IGAD peace talks deadline. If sanctions are imposed, there could be additional security issues for UN staff.
- There is circumstantial evidence of deteriorating security across the country since 5 March. There have been reports of shelling and fighting around Renk in Upper Nile State and troop movements in Bentiu, Unity State; tensions are also said to be high in Bor, Jonglei State; in Abyei there are fears of a Misseriya advance. UNHCR is reviewing road transport to Yambio in view of recent attacks and LRA activity, while an increasing number of attacks have also been reported on vehicles and passengers on the Juba-Yei road.

## REFUGEE RESPONSE

### Protection

#### Achievements and Impact

##### Unity State

- 663 new refugee arrivals were registered in Yida in the past week; 80 per cent are women and children; 730 refugees were relocated from Yida to Ajuong Thok (AT), bringing to 22,615 the number of people in AT.
- 1,295 dignity kits were distributed in AT to 1,295 women and out-of-school girls of reproductive age.
- 241 persons (78 men, 51 boys, 92 women and 20 girls) in AT were educated on the key concepts and consequences of GBV, services available for GBV survivors and where to report incidents.

##### Western Equatoria State

- The refugee population stands at 10,146 individuals. In Makpandu settlement, 18 newly arrived individuals were registered. Among them were 2 people with special needs.

##### Upper Nile State

- Maban: Police were redeployed in the four refugee camps after talks between the Commission for Refugee Affairs, UNHCR and the police. Criminal incidents have significantly reduced since the redeployment.

### Education

#### Achievements and Impact

##### Unity State

- Ajuong Thok: During the week school enrolment increased by 461 to 7,467.
- To fill the gaps in staffing in schools, 32 new teachers were employed, bringing the number of teachers to 102 (11 females).

### Health

#### Achievements and Impact

##### Unity State

- Ajuong Thok camp: 8,153 children were vaccinated against polio.

**Western Equatoria State**

- 496 patients received treatment at health facilities in Makpandu (214) and Napere (282), including host community members.
- 54 children received immunization for tuberculosis, diphtheria, polio, measles and penta in Makpandu and Ezo refugee settlements.

**Food Security and Nutrition****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile State**

- 15-day general food distributions were undertaken in all four Maban camps.

**Water and Sanitation****Achievements and Impact****Western Equatoria State**

- World Vision International repaired and restored boreholes in Blocks 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Makpandu settlement, which broke down during the reporting period.

**Unity State**

- Ajuong Thok: New water points have been installed in Blocks 46, 49, 53 and 56 (a tank connected to tap stands). International Rescue Committee (IRC) has been advised to deliver water twice a day at each location.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps****Unity State**

- Although there has been an increase of 4,141 refugees in AT in the past four weeks, crude water coverage was maintained at 18 l/p/d. However, walking distances remain below standards due to the rapid expansion of the camp. IRC constructed two additional water trucking points at Blocks 46 and 53 to reduce walking distances. Walking distances from the dwellings to the nearest water point are 600 to 800 metres (UNHCR standard is 200 metres).

**Logistics/Supply****Achievements and Impact**

- Three commercial trucks arrived in Maban from Juba carrying 4,500 timber purlins for shelter construction for refugees. This is the first road convoy to reach Maban since May 2013. Thirty more trucks carrying shelter materials which arrived in Warjock near Malakal town should be able to cross the river soon thanks to the provision of an additional barge.
- All five fuel trucks sent to Yida have arrived.
- UNHCR transported by air 463 boxes of nutrition items (plumpy nut, etc.) from Juba to Maban for partners.

## IDP RESPONSE



### Protection

#### Achievements and Impact

- The Protection Cluster (PC) worked closely with UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMISS and protection partners in the field to prepare a briefing note with recommendations following the recent rise of forced and child recruitment activities in Greater Upper Nile State as a basis for collective advocacy efforts.
- PC is also working with key partners to determine how to improve partners' awareness and capacity with regards to mental health and psycho-social support services for IDPs (no concrete recommendations yet).

#### Unity State

- Bentiu POC: New arrivals have increased to over 18,000 since January; 718 individuals were screened this week. Most IDPs are Nuer.
- Bentiu POC extension: 75 per cent of land clearance and levelling has been completed.
- The Protection Cluster is preparing messaging targeting youth who stand at the entrance gate and verbally abuse women.

#### Lakes State

- Rumbek North County: 974 households were verified and registered as conflict-affected IDPs in Amok *payam*, on 19-21 February.
- Construction materials for the ECHO-funded women and girls' centre in Site 0 have arrived.

#### Eastern Equatoria State

- CCCM members trained over 500 IDP women and girls in Melijo IDP site and Nimule how to clean reusable sanitary towels prior to distribution next week for International Women's Day.

#### Upper Nile State

- Biometric registration of IDPs in Lul *payam* in Fashoda County is ongoing; 6,249 IDPs and host community members had been registered by 5 March.

#### Central Equatoria State

- UNHCR has supported the installation of a fence (1,500 metres built so far) at the IDP collective site in Don Bosco Parish in Gumbo near Juba. The fencing is almost complete. (IDP women and girls staying at the site are at high risk of GBV perpetrated by local men living in the neighbourhood who were able to freely move in and out of the site.)

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Bentiu POC is still not secure at night. Community leaders said they wanted to introduce a traditional way of curbing youth crime. UNHCR and other agencies have reviewed the proposed measures and rejected those which violate international norms and human rights.
- Toilet doors had been removed and used for making tables in the POC. The youth were said to have done this to trap girls there at night. The WASH cluster will replace the doors and raise awareness on the issue.
- Mingkaman: IRC-WASH pulled out of Site 3 on 28 February due to lack of funds, leaving a major gap for more than 4,000 residents. IRC was running two motorized duck wells and one hand pump. There are protection concerns for women and children who will have to cover long distances in search of water.

## Shelter and NFIs

### Lakes State

- UNHCR contributed 30 cooking sets, 30 sleeping mats, and one box of soap (80 pieces) in response to a request from IRC to support SGBV survivors in Rumbek East and Rumbek Centre counties with NFIs.

### Unity State

- Bentiu POC: 37 new shelters have been constructed for persons with special needs and are already occupied in sub-POC 6.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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