

KEY FIGURES

204,078

UNHCR PoC for the situation

FUNDING

USD 153.2m

requested for the UNHCR operation



PRIORITIES

- **Jewi camp is ready to receive refugees, and UNHCR awaits approval from the government to begin the relocation process from Leitchuor and Nip Nip camps.**

ETHIOPIA

UNHCR ETHIOPIA: SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION OPERATIONAL UPDATE

1 – 7 May 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- Total new arrivals from South Sudan from 15 December 2013 to date is 204,078 of which 71% are female and 67% are children. The total number of new arrivals in Gambella is now 201,261, brings the refugee population in Gambella to 259,195 with an increase in the number of new arrivals recorded in recent weeks. The focus in Gambella is the relocation of refugees from flood-prone Leitchuor and Nip Nip refugee camps to Jewi camp before the rainy season begins in earnest. In Assosa, there are 2,817 new arrivals, 6,161 pre December 2013 refugees, making a total of 8,978. The total number of South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia stands at 268,173.
- During the reporting period, South Sudanese refugees continued to arrive into the **Gambella** region through Pagak, Pochalla, Raad, and Akobo entry points, at an average arrival rate of 196 individuals per day.
- The month of April has seen an increase in the number of new arrivals, rising from 1,000 per month to 4,811 individuals, a four-fold increase. The new arrivals came through the following entry points: Akobo (2,828), Pagak (1,360), Pochalla (610), Raad (13) and were transferred to camps as follows: 1,499 to Tierkidi camp; 3,312 to Pugnido.
- Since mid-April, UNHCR and partners have been fully ready to receive refugees in Jewi camp. The relocation process from Leitchuor and Nip Nip has been delayed due to sensitivities with the host community in the Leitchuor and Nip Nip area. UNHCR awaits approval from the government to begin the relocation process. In the interim, the registration exercise has continued– in total 2,097 refugees have expressed interest to relocate from Nip Nip to Jewi camp and have been registered and screened accordingly. UNHCR affirms that all movements must occur in safety and dignity.
- Currently Pagak is hosting approximately 6,500 refugees; 1,104 refugees have recently been transferred to Pugnido camp. The new arrivals are mostly originating from Upper Nile State, Jonglei State, and fewer numbers from Unity State, particularly Bentiu. The proportion of women and children is approximately 60-70% with an increase in males arriving at the current time. Nationality screening is being undertaken to ensure that Ethiopian citizens are not registered in the UNHCR proGres database.
- In **Assosa**, 214 new arrivals were registered during April. Among these new arrivals 148 are South Sudanese from upper Nile State who crossed into Ethiopia through Yabus-Kush Megani corridor. The new arrivals reported ongoing fighting between the Government and opposition groups as main reason for displacement. ARRA received an ambulance for Tsore camp which will be used for Ashura camp pending the establishment of Tsore.

Population of concern

A total of **204,078** people of concern

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- The total new arrivals from South Sudan from 15 December 2013 to date is 202,675 of which 71% are female and 67% are children. The total number of new arrivals in Gambella Region is now 198,484, brings the refugee population in Gambella to 256,279 with an increase in the number of new arrivals recorded over the past few weeks. The focus of the Gambella operation is the relocation of refugees from flood-prone Leitchuor and Nip Nip refugee camps to Jewi camp before the rainy season begins in earnest. In Assosa, there are 2,817 new arrivals, 6,161 pre December 2013 refugees, making a total of 8,978. Total South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia is 266,770.

Achievements

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- The UNHCR protection unit has continued to provide support for the anticipated relocation of refugees from Nip Nip and Leitchuor camps to Jewi camp. A new relocation date has not yet been announced, however protection partners in Jewi camp are ready to receive refugees, including commitments for SGBV and reproductive health, child protection and primary education, child protection; people with specific needs; livelihoods, and others.
- In Leitchuor, child protection and SGBV partners including Save the Children and IMC were contacted to manage a help desk in support of the relocation. Partners were briefed on their roles in registration, safety and security, child protection and the treatment of unaccompanied and separated children (UASCs). The UNHCR registration unit has shared forms with the partners, and all protection partners have been briefed on procedures. Escorts for UASCs are ready and in place. Systems are also in place for safeguarding SGBV survivors during the relocation and on arrival in Jewi. Data harmonization tasks are on-going to ensure consistency of statistics related to UASCs.
- In Okugo camp, a football competition targeted 733 UASCs with “half-time” messages on peaceful coexistence and unity. Messages on effects of substance abuse were also presented to both the spectators and players.
- In Tierkidi camp, a national organisation acquired 75 acres of land around Zones C and D for kitchen garden activities. Following this 200 refugee youths were organized to earn their own income by agriculture and selling their products to the market. MCMDO also reported that they trained 10 women on cafeteria service/hospitality, and 40 women on handicraft activities.

Reception and Registration

- There are approximately 9,500 non-registered new arrivals at various entry points in the Gambella region. The breakdown of estimated 9,500 non-registered refugees is as follows: 6,500 in Pagak entry point, 416 in Akobo and approximately 2,200 in Pugnido refugee camp from Pochalla entry point.
- Registration of new arrivals for some 7000 refugees started on 30th April 2015. Since then, until 02-May-2015, ARRA and UNHCR joint team has registered a total of 1,090 refugees.
- In Akobo, there are approx. 416 new arrivals who have been arriving since 23 April 2015. UNHCR Gambella is liaising with ARRA to send the joint ARRA/UNHCR team to register them for onward relocation to the camps.
- Until 30 April 2015, a total of 2,097 refugees belonging to 611 families were registered in Nip-Nip camp for relocation to Jewi camp. During the reporting period, 814 refugees (230 families) had shown interest in relocation.
- A total of 20 lost ration cards were re-issued in Tierkidi camp and 48 were re-issued in Kule camp. 117 new births were registered in Kule refugee camp, 145 new births registered in Tierkidi and 27 new births registered in Okugo.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- A six-day Refugee Teacher Training concluded, with 102 teachers receiving certificates. Training in Kule camp commenced with 145 teachers participating (45 from World Vision, 77 from Plan International and 33 from NRC). The training was supervised by ARRA and the Regional Education Bureau.

Achievements and Impact

- The UNHCR health unit has facilitated the disposal of 22 cartons of expired medicines during the week. The antimalarial drugs were provided for the Gambella emergency last year while their expiry date was very close (two to three months remaining).
- Medicines Sans Frontiers-France (MSF-F) has completed construction of more than 90% of their health center in Jewi refugee camp during the reporting period, and they are ready to provide primary healthcare for the refugees.
- MSF-F has established a mobile clinic at Pagak – they are currently using the ACF shelter; more than 50 patients have been treated thus far.
- Arrival vaccinations were provided for all children less than 15 years of age at Pagak, Akobo, and Burbiey. 490 children between 6 months to 14 years of age received the measles vaccine and 545 children less than 15 years of age received the Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV). 312 children 6-59 months of age were provided with Vitamin A supplements, and 109 children aging 12-59 months received de-worming tablets (albendazole).
- To improve the health information system (HIS) in Okugu, a health team comprised UNHCR and the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) provided a 2 day training for health center staff during the reporting period. Surveillance tools were provided, and sensitization for surveillance targeted diseases was completed in the Okugu and Dimma health centers.

-  Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- May GFD is ongoing but at a very slow pace due to congestion issues in Djibouti port.
- WFP Nutrition partners GOAL, ACF and CWW reported that TSF and BSF programmes (TSF and BSF) were progressing well since sufficient nutrition food was prepositioned in the respective camps.
- ACF has also received prepositioning rations for Jewi camp for both BSF and TSF programmes.
- WFP mobile storage unit (MSU) erection was finalized in Jewi refugee camp. A total of 500mt of food will be prepositioned for the May GFD for any arriving relocations from Leitchour.
- As of 1 May, a total of 12,212mt, 2,500mt and 619.65mt of assorted food commodities were dispatched to South Sudan through air, road and river respectively by WFP since the start of the year.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- A total of 41 blocks of latrines each with two stanches have been completed in Jewi camp by DCA/NCA in readiness for receiving refugees from Leitchour. Consequently, geo-physical investigations to identify possible locations for borehole drilling commenced. Emergency water supply infrastructure has been set up by DRC, Oxfam and LWF whilst ANE will be undertaking emergency water trucking.
- In response to suspected Hepatitis E cases in Pugnido, 6,500 families received additional soaps, buckets and jerrycans to support in improving hygiene practices. In addition, hygiene awareness raising has been scaled including mass cleaning campaigns.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- In Jewi camp, site demarcation has been completed for 2,494 plots, which can accommodate 12,470 beneficiaries. Detailed surveying for mapping and development of the address system are in progress.
- In Kule camp, NRC completed the 3km road construction except for fords and some minor correction works.
- In Tierkidi camp, NRC completed 65% of the office complex construction and 80 % of the 3km road construction. NRC continued demarcation and tent pitching for the new arrivals.
- In all Jewi camp IP compounds, trees were marked and available spaces designated for construction of infrastructure together with the site planning team, to avoid unnecessary cutting of trees.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- In Terkidi camp, NRC commenced the construction of 150 1st Quarter UNHCR funded shelters. Rehabilitation of collapsed transitional shelters in Zone D is under progress, of the total collapsed 123 transitional shelters and the ones in need for precaution, construction of superstructure for 70 transitional shelters completed and 90 superstructures in progress.
- In Okugu camp, NRC collected 8,210 bundles of grass for roof thatching, and completed 193 transitional shelters grass thatching (which were covered by plastic sheet due to grass shortage) and continued collecting the salvage from the collapsed transitional shelters for rehabilitating the shelters.
- In Kule camp, NRC completed grass thatching for 2546 transitional shelters constructed with 2014 and 2015 budget. And community mobilization to collect the grass stored by the beneficiaries is progressing well, for completing the remaining 450 transitional shelters. NRC also reconstructed five burnt and seven transitional shelters that had collapsed due to heavy winds. Out of the total, five are grass thatched.
- In Kule camp, IOM commenced construction of 1,500 transitional shelters which are at varying stages of completion. 500 transitional shelters have been completed including grass thatching. Both IOM and NRC have begun the process of identifying empty tents.

Logistics

Achievements and Impact

- Sub-Office Gambella airlifted 2MT of assorted medical supplies and fuel to Akobo for new arrivals and the registration team. The helicopter relocated 10 vulnerable people from Akobo to Tierkidi refugee camp.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR continues to coordinate 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.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the UNHCR operation amount to some **US\$ 22 million**, against **US\$ 153.2 million** requested for the situation, which is **14% funded** as at 28 April. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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