



HIGHLIGHTS

100,000

Registration wristbands delivered to POC Bentiu for population verification.

81,000

Refugees in Maban camps received agricultural land from the host community.

3,500

Refugees relocated to higher ground in Maban's Doro camp.

200

People trained on refugee protection across South Sudan.

- **UNHCR High Profile Supporter Jung Woo-sung visited South Sudan** to express solidarity with refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) and raise awareness about their plight in Korea. In Ajuong Thok camp, he met with Sudanese refugees from South Kordofan while in Juba he spoke with displaced South Sudanese at the Protection of Civilian (POC) sites within the UN base.
- In Juba, **UNHCR opened a new reception centre**, which will be used for registration of new arrivals, refugee status determination, and individual counselling of refugees.
- In Maban, following the hand-over of agricultural land to refugees, **UNHCR began distributing seeds to the refugee and host community** with partners DRC, HDC and ACTED in view of increasing individuals' self-sufficiency and reducing their dependency on humanitarian assistance.
- For the first time this year, **UNHCR carried out targeted NFI distributions** to households with people with specific needs in Maban. The first distribution took place in Yusuf Batil camp, benefitting 6,472 individuals.
- In Bentiu POC, **UNHCR provided 13 solar street lights** to UNMISS to enhance security and safety of IDPs.

Population of concern

A total of **1.5 million** IDPs

A total of **264,848** refugees

Refugees by country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Sudan	241,773
DRC	16,057
Ethiopia	4,897
Central African Republic	2,121
Total	264,848

Funding

USD 414,052,136 requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

311 national staff
140 international staff

Offices:

13 offices located in:
Juba, Jamjang, Bunj, Yida, Malakal, Bentiu, Bor, Yei, Yambio, Kwajok, Rumbek, Wau and Abyei
2 field units located in: Torit and Nimule

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and IDPs.
- In the **refugee response**, the main government counterpart is the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA), in addition to the Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration. **Implementing partners** in 2015 are the following: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), ACROSS, ACTED, CARE International, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Samaritan's Pursue (SP), Save the Children, UNOPS and World Vision International (WVI).
- In the **IDP response**, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Committee (RRC). **Implementing partners** in 2015 are: ADRA, African Humanitarian Action (AHA), Danish Refugee Council, Health Link, Humanitarian Development Consortium, INTERSOS, International Rescue Committee and Non-Violent Peace Force. Within the IDP response cluster system, UNHCR in South Sudan is Lead of the Protection Cluster (with NRC co-leading), Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and undertakes enhanced participation in the IOM-led Shelter/NFI Cluster.
- Also, UNHCR maintains an **operational partnership** with the Ministry of Interior and Wildlife Conservation; Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Spain); CAFOD; Relief International; Medair; Mentor; OXFAM; FAO; UNAIDS; UNOCHA; UN-Habitat; UNDP, UNFPA; UNICEF; UNMAS; UNMISS and WFP.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – REFUGEE PROGRAMME

Protection

Unity State

- In May, 1,705 new arrivals from Sudan's South Kordofan State were registered in Yida, bringing the number of arrivals since 23 December 2014 to 12,384. This represents a decrease of 13 per cent on the previous month (1,968). The vast majority of new arrivals are women (54 per cent) and children (60 per cent) and they come mainly from Umdoreen, Heban and Delami counties in South Kordofan State. In May, 1,355 individuals were relocated to Ajuong Thok, bringing the number of relocations to Ajuong Thok since 23 December 2014 to 13,271. At least 85 per cent are new arrivals, while the remaining 15 per cent are long-time residents of Yida, a spontaneous settlement in South Sudan's Unity State already sheltering some 70,114 Sudanese refugees. By the end of May, Ajuong Thok camp was home to 28,276 refugees.
- UNHCR signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the police commissioner of Pariang County in a bid to improve law and order for refugees and the host community in Yida and Ajuong Thok camps.
- The South Sudan Minister of Justice approved the legal opinion prepared by the Ministry of Interior on South Sudan's accession to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol. The documents are now pending submission to the Council of Ministers for approval.

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR completed the 7th in a series of weekly training sessions on refugee protection for police officers, night watch groups, NGO personnel, CRA staff and refugee outreach workers in Maban camps, with a focus on international protection, human rights and national laws. By the end of May, more than 100 people were trained.
- In Kaya camp, UNHCR trained 47 refugee leaders on child protection issues and relevant laws, including the South Sudanese Child Act, reporting mechanisms and the referral pathway.

Central Equatoria State

- In Juba, UNHCR opened a new reception centre, which will be used for registration of new arrivals, refugee status determination, and individual counselling of refugees.
- In Gorom camp, UNHCR organized a training on reporting of Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) incidents for 30 people, including police, the Community Watch team, teachers, refugee and host community leaders and health-service providers.

Western Equatoria State

- UNHCR helped strengthen the Child Protection and SGBV prevention and response committees in Makpandu and Ezo settlements, by including refugee and host community representatives, local authorities, religious leaders, teachers and police officers as members of the committees.

Education

Unity State

- Thanks to a donation by UNICEF, UNHCR set up 13 school tents in Ajuong Thok camp to accommodate children who have recently arrived from Sudan's South Kordofan. The number of children per classroom has been reduced from 108 to 103 compared to the previous month.

Upper Nile State

- In a meeting with the Maban County education director, UNHCR offered to support the reopening of Bunj Secondary School through the rehabilitation of the existing building, provision of learning materials, payment of school fees for UNHCR persons of concern and teachers' salaries. In Maban, UNHCR is already supporting the construction of 3 permanent schools in the host community and providing training for teachers and learning materials.

Health

Unity State

- UNHCR and partners began Prevention of Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission (PMTCT) services in Yida camp.

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR partner Medair and IMC in cooperation with UNICEF, WHO and Maban County Health Department/Ministry of Health completed integrated polio and measles vaccination in Kaya, Yusuf Batil and Gendrassa camp, with 100 per cent coverage.

Central Equatoria State

- UNHCR in partnership with AAHI donated medicines and medical supplies to Yei Civil Hospital as part of its support to the host community.

Western Equatoria State

- In Napere, UNHCR established a new Voluntary Testing and Counselling (VCT) centre within the primary health care unit, as part of the efforts to strengthen HIV/AIDS programmes for refugees in 2015.

Food Security and Nutrition

Upper Nile State

- Due to a shortage of nutrition commodities like CBS++ (Corn-Soya Blend) stocked in Maban, WFP was forced to further delay the start of the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP), initially scheduled to begin in April. Given the trend of increasing acute malnutrition among children under five years in the camps, UNHCR dispatched UNICEF therapeutic food and Plumpy'Nut supplies from Juba to Maban and began distribution to relevant partners. The monthly MUAC (middle upper arm circumference) screening trends show that the level of malnutrition for under-five children is above UNHCR standards of 10 per cent.

Water and Sanitation

Unity State

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner IRC constructed 79 family latrines, 4 communal latrines and 12 emergency latrines, bringing the total number to 2,162 (1 latrine per 11 persons). Also, following the deployment of a drilling rig to the camp, IRC started drilling a new borehole in the extension site hosting new arrivals. The current average water supply stands at 16.3 liter per person per day –above UNHCR emergency standards of 15.

Shelter and NFIs

Unity State

- In Ajuong Thok camp, UNHCR constructed 245 emergency shelters and 72 transitional shelters, in addition to distributing 383 shelter kits. Since the establishment of the camp in March 2013, 1,703 transitional shelters have been constructed.
- UNHCR distributed 68,755 bars of soap to refugees in Yida camp.

Upper Nile State

- In Doro camp, UNHCR completed the relocation of some 3,500 Sudanese refugees from Blue Nile State that were living in low-lying water-prone areas to higher ground, before the start of the rainy season. As part of the relocation, 600 families received a larger plot of land and a transitional shelter made of mud, dried grasses and zinc roof. Refugees are responsible for plastering their new homes if they want better insulation.
- UNHCR partner DRC completed the construction of 2,703 transitional shelters in Maban camps. Of them, 2,000 were constructed in Kaya (out of 2,000 planned), 600 in Doro (out of 1,200 planned) and another 103 in Gendrassa (out of 768 planned).
- For the first time this year, UNHCR carried out targeted NFI distributions to households with people with specific needs in Maban. The first distribution took place in Yusuf Batil camp, benefitting 6,472 individuals (1,574 households). Refugees with specific needs in Kaya, Doro and Gendrassa camps will receive NFIs in the coming months.

Western Equatoria state

- UNHCR partner WVI constructed 9 *tukuls* (a cone-shaped mud hut with a thatched roof) for people with specific needs in Makpandu settlement.
- UNHCR partner WVI distributed 3,652 bars of soap to refugees in Makpandu settlement and another 3,670 in Ezo settlement.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Upper Nile State

- On 23 May, the local authorities and host community of Maban County have officially handed over 3,726 hectare of agricultural land to more than 81,000 refugees in Kaya, Yusuf Batil and Gendrassa camps. To put things into perspective, this is the equivalent of 3,450 football pitches. Ahead of the planting season, UNHCR in partnership with DRC, HDC and ACTED began distributing seeds to the refugee and host community in view of increasing their self-sufficiency and reducing their dependency on humanitarian assistance.
- In partnership with DRC, HDC and ACTED, UNHCR helped Sudanese and South Sudanese women establish joint women committees for peaceful coexistence in Doro, Kaya, Yusuf Batil and Gendrassa camps. The committees will meet every month to discuss and address inter-community conflicts that have often undermined peaceful coexistence between refugees and local communities, mainly resulting from depletion of firewood and building materials as well as competition for grazing land in the immediate vicinity of the camps.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – IDP PROGRAMME

Protection

COORDINATION

- The Protection Cluster released the 4th issue of its quarterly Protection Trends paper series. Covering the period from 1 January to early April 2015, the report analyses nine key protection trends and threats inside and outside POC sites and includes specific recommendations for the Government, armed forces and groups, UNMISS and others. The full report is available here: www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/south-sudan/protection.

OPERATIONS

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR joined an inter-agency assessment mission in Melut where heavy fighting of 19 May dispersed thousands of civilians in neighboring counties, including more than 20,000 IDPs who had been hosted in displacement sites. With the return of relative stability, people are returning to Melut. Health, water, food, protection and NFIs were identified as urgent needs.
- UNHCR completed biometric registration of IDPs and host community in Maban County, registering 13,713 IDPs (4,430 households), and 9,392 host community members (3,278 households) in 10 different locations including Orji, Dollo, Gasmalla, Offra, Banketa, Kilo Ashra, Bir Taltah, Dangaji, Benchul and Kongo Mamur.
- In Bentiu, UNHCR provided 13 solar street lights to UNMISS to enhance security and safety of IDPs in the POC site.
- UNHCR delivered 100,000 registration wristbands to Bentiu POC for site population verification.

Jonglei State

- UNHCR rehabilitated and handed over a community centre to the local authorities and leaders of Malual-Gorbar in Kolnyang *Payam* (sub-county), some 20 km south of Bor. The centre used to serve as a way-station for South Sudanese who returned to the country following the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in 2015.

Lakes State

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR partner HDC organized an awareness campaign on SGBV prevention and response in Site 3, reaching 537 individuals (431 women and 106 men). UNFPA, Pact International, SAADO and ACTED joined efforts to implement the campaign.

Shelter and NFIUnity State

- Following a protection assessment, UNHCR distributed NFI to 391 vulnerable IDP families in Bentiu, including 1,000 blankets, 1,000 mosquito nets and 250 kitchen sets.

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR partner ADRA distributed 700 NFI kits to vulnerable IDP families in Maiwut County.

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