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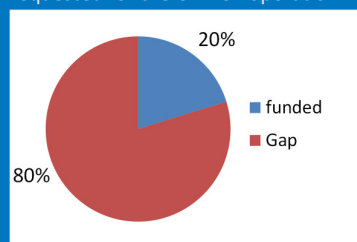
209,309

UNHCR PoC for the situation

FUNDING

USD 153.2m

requested for the UNHCR operation



PRIORITIES

- The Gambella refugee operation focused on improvement of protection and the delivery of multi-sectorial services in Jewi Refugee camp while also continuing to provide care and maintenance to other refugee camps and responding to new arrivals.

ETHIOPIA

UNHCR ETHIOPIA: SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION OPERATIONAL UPDATE

6-12 June 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- South Sudanese refugees continue to arrive in Gambella at a daily average rate of 102 people. Akobo, Pagak and Pochalla are the main crossing points.
- The total number of new arrivals from South Sudan since 15 December 2013 is now 209,309, including 206,174 in Gambella and 3,135 in the Benishangul-Gumuz Region near Assosa. 71% of the adult population are females and 67% are children. This brings the cumulative figure of the South Sudanese refugee population in Ethiopia to 273,591 refugees, including 64,282 refugees that were in country pre-December 2013.
- During reporting week Sub-Office Gambella hosted a mission by Mr. Bornwell Kantande, the UNHCR Deputy Representative and Mr. Jacob Essen, ECHO Field Expert. The two officials were on the ground to review the delivery of services to refugees in Jewi camp and the reception of new arrivals in Akobo and Pagak. While in Gambella, they commended all the partners for the relocation of refugees from Lietchour to Jewi and urged them to give priority to improving water supply, hygiene promotion and sanitation in the new camp to avoid water-borne diseases. In addition, they requested ARRA to urgently follow up with the Regional authorities the authorization for Pugnido II which is expected to receive new arrivals.
- World Environment Day was celebrated in Gambella and Assosa in close coordination with partners, ARRA, and the refugee communities. Messages were presented on the importance of environmental preservation.
- In Field Unit Nyine Nyang which was responsible for the former camps of Leitchuor and Nip Nip, UNHCR, ARRA and partners are focusing on the rehabilitation of the existing infrastructures which will be handed over to the local administration and the host community. The work includes the rehabilitation and the construction of additional classrooms, rehabilitation of Child-friendly Spaces, rehabilitation of a water hand pump and three boreholes and connection of permanent water system from Leitchuor to Nyine Nyang. In addition, the ARRA Health Centre will be handed over to the host community while the ARRA/Lutheran World Federation (LWF) premises will go to the Woreda administration.

Population of concern

A total of **209,309** people of concern

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- The total number of South Sudanese refugees who have entered Ethiopia since the outbreak of the conflict in mid-December 2013 is now 209,309 individuals, with continued arrivals witnessed through Pagak, Akobo and Pochalla entry points. Including 64,282 who were in the country before December 2013, the cumulative number of South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia stands at 273,591. The focus of the Gambella operation is to continue to stabilize the operation including in Jewi Refugee Camp and to decongest various entry points, as well as to accelerate the reception of new arrivals and relocate them to the new site.

Achievements

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- Protection staff continued to provide focused support to unaccompanied and separated children as well as other vulnerable individuals in Jewi camp. Among others, the camp is home to 4,992 separated children, 500 unaccompanied and over 700 other vulnerable individuals.
- In Jewi camp, Level 2 Registration of refugees relocated from Nip Nip was completed. Verification of refugees relocated from Leitchuor commenced on 27 May and a total of 7,059 individuals were verified so far. Verified refugees were issued with new ration cards and the Proof of Registration document. Information on their current address in the camp was also collected.
- SGBV referral pathways have been established in the camp (including prevention, reporting, medical response, and legal response/access to justice).
- New arrivals continued to cross into the Gambella region through the Pagak, Akobo and Pochalla border crossing points. At the end of the reporting period, there were 5,255 new arrivals at the Pagak transit facility, including 3,939 awaiting transfer to the camps following completion of Level 1 registration.
- 33 new refugees arrived in Okugo camp through Raad and have completed the registration process. Another group of 1,700 new arrivals are currently in Akobo entry point. These newly arriving refugees will be relocated to the newly allocated site adjacent to Pugnido camp.
- In Kule camp, UNHCR and ARRA met with Refugee Central Committee (RCC) members, including head of Shurta (community police) and heads of traditional courts and all Zonal leaders to discuss the need for an awareness raising and enhanced measures to ensure the security of all aid workers in Kule camp, including drivers. This followed an incident in which OXFAM drivers and trucks, as well as vehicles of the Plan International were attacked by some refugees on Saturday 30 May. RCC and Zonal leaders were requested to collaborate with investigations.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- The second round of Enhanced Outreach Strategy (EOS) campaign for Vitamin A supplementation, deworming and mid upper arm circumference (MUAC) screening commenced in all refugee camps. The Regional Health Bureau (RHB) is leading the campaign with technical support from UNHCR, ARRA and UNICEF. The campaign is targeting all children 6-59 months of age and a total of 41,296 children are expected to be screened for malnutrition, supplemented with Vitamin A and dewormed.
- Water chlorination, health education, soap distribution, case finding and management are still continuing in response to the Hepatitis E outbreak in Pugnido camp. Four cases were found and all of them were from the New site (new arrivals).



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- Refugees at the Pagak transit facilities received general food ration to last for 15 days in line with the Food Security Working Group recommendations.
- Roads to Akula village have become inaccessible for standard trucks due to the rains. During the reporting period, UNHCR conducted a field visit to the village to assess alternative ways of distributing food to the approximately 1,550 refugees in the settlement. The most viable option proposed has been the use of agricultural tractors in order to preposition food items to last for two months. The proposed solution has been shared with the UNHCR Food Security and Nutrition sector and WFP. The transport of the food items is scheduled to begin in the coming days.
- In the reporting period community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) services were ongoing at various nutrition centres. The current figure for Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) for children under five years is 2,597 (525 Jewi, 846 Tierkidi, 691 Kule camps; 535 Pugnido camps). 268 new cases were admitted in the Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) during the reporting period. The number of children under five years with Severe Acute Malnutrition stands at 749 (146 Jewi, 155 Tierkidi, 246 Kule and 202 Pugnido camps).104 new SAM cases were also admitted in the Outpatient Therapeutic Feeding Program (OTP).
- Food distribution for May was completed in all five camps and prepositioning for the June cycle of the general food distribution and nutrition delivery is ongoing.
- Discussions for undertaking cash based interventions (CBI) through provision of fresh food vouchers are ongoing in Kule and Tierkidi camps. Danish Church Aid (DCA) is conducting market feasibility.
- WFP reported prepositioning sufficient food in all camps for nutrition partners and that Therapeutic Supplementary Feeding Program (TSFP) and Basic Supplementary Feeding Program (BSFP) were going smoothly.
- WFP diverted 816.544mt of food and 694 pallets from Leitchour to Jewi camp.
- Since the beginning of the year, WFP delivered 18,571 metric tons of food to South Sudan through air, road and river.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- WASH partners are carrying out a comprehensive inventory of all sanitation facilities across the refugee camps as more latrines are getting filled with the return of the rains. It is expected that within a fortnight, the situation will improve.
- In Pagak, the 68 functional latrine stances translate to a crude ratio of 1:60. The closely monitored cleaning of latrines and the sustained hand washing practice being guided by a team of 36 environmental and hygiene promotion workers is quite encouraging.
- In Kule camp, per capita safe water supply reduced by 47 % compared to the previous week following a security incident in which 5 of 15 water bowsers were vandalized and some partners' drivers were injured. This incident led to suspension of many life-saving activities for three consecutive days in the camp. As a remedy, 120,000 household water treatment chemicals were distributed since the affected population resorted to drawing water from unprotected sources.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- In Jewi camp, approximately 70% of the usable land has been demarcated so far and the work is in progress.



Shelter

Achievements and Impact

- In Kule camp, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has completed 2,570 ((87%)) of the planned 2,970 transitional shelters while the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has completed 1,450 ((67%)) of the planned 2,150 transitional shelters.
- In Tierkidi camp, NRC has completed 2,478 (85%) of the planned 2,890 transitional shelters while the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) has completed all 835 transitional shelters but there is still some roofing work to be done.
- In Jewi camp, DRC has constructed 2,941 Emergency Shelters and NRC has done 1,977 shelters making a total of 4,512 emergency shelters. 88% of the refugees have received emergency shelters while the remaining 12% are accommodated in communal facilities awaiting plot and emergency shelter allocation.
- During the reporting period, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) completed construction of 200(40%) of the planned 500 transitional shelters in Pugnido refugee camp.



Logistics & NFI

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR provided transport support to ARRA to move to Jewi the Core Relief items that were in its warehouse in Leitchuor. This was in line with UNHCR transport frame agreement.
- Three vehicles and all admin assorted furniture, refrigerators, mattresses, cupboards; beds and so on were also transported from Field Office Nyine Nyang to Sub-Office Gambella.
- Sub-Office Gambella received 300 Solar Street lights from Addis Ababa to be installed in refugee camps; 5,000 pieces of plastic sheets were also received.
- During the reporting week, 800 litres of diesel fuel were dispatched to Field Office Nyine Nyang to facilitate the movement of items to Gambella.
- Assorted water pipes and fittings were partially delivered from Addis Ababa. In addition, various vehicle lubricants for the Gambella fleet were received.

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.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the UNHCR operation amount to some **US\$ 31 million**, against **US\$ 153.2 million** requested for the situation, which is **20% funded** as at 19 May. 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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