

## HIGHLIGHTS

**414,052,136 USD**

Requested for the operation

- **Solutions for asylum seekers at Juba POC:** As part of a strategy for finding long-term solutions for the 507 asylum seekers living at the Protection of Civilian site in Juba, UNHCR, in coordination with South Sudan's Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA), organized a go-and-see visit to Yambio and Makpandu refugee settlement, Western Equatoria, along with asylum seekers' representatives on 14 July. A proposal is being prepared for those asylum seekers who may opt to relocate to urban Juba and Yambio, including a reinsertion grant.
- **UNHCR returned to Malakal:** Three UNHCR staff (1 international and 2 national) returned to Malakal on 15 July, as the situation is reportedly calm in town and within the Protection of Civilian (POC) site. They joined a national staff member who decided to remain at the POC at the time of the relocation on 5 July.
- **No cholera deaths this week:** 953 cholera cases including 34 deaths have been reported in Central Equatoria and Jonglei States since the first case was reported on 1 June. No further deaths were reported this week. UNHCR has been working with partners to raise hygiene awareness across the country. No refugee camp is affected at the present time.
- **Refugee ID cards issued:** Around 3,000 of the 3,755 individuals in Napere refugee settlement, Ezo County, Western Equatoria State, have been issued with refugee ID cards. The exercise is being conducted with CRA and World Vision International (WVI).
- **New approach to WASH:** In Batil refugee camp, Upper Nile State, Medair has initiated a new approach where Health, WASH and Nutrition teams work together through Women Care Groups to enhance good hygiene practices within the community. 4 groups involving 600 women have been established.
- **Road works:** Rehabilitation of 30km of the Yida-Pariang road in Unity State is 50 per cent completed.

#### Current population of concern

Funded  
26.6%

Gap  
73.4%



IDPs since 15  
December



1,600,000

Of them, 166,142 IDPs reside in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

Refugees in South  
Sudan



264,848

## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- Several vehicles were ambushed in separate attacks on the Juba-Yei road on 8 July.
- The compounds of two international NGOs in Juba were targeted by thieves this week.
- On 12 July the Unity State government announced it would not allow the return of UNMISS' Unity State Coordinator Mary Cummins to the state over the recent report on human rights violations (Sudan Tribune).
- 19 of the 36 detained youth from Maridi, Western Equatoria State, are reported released. The youth were arrested by SPLA commandos on 26 June and taken to Juba.
- Food and NFIs have reportedly been stolen by armed elements in Gendrassa refugee camp, Upper Nile State.

## REFUGEE RESPONSE



### Protection

#### Achievements and Impact

##### Unity State

- 140 new arrivals were registered in Yida, a 30 per cent decrease on the previous week. 204 refugees were relocated from Yida to Ajuong Thok (AT), among them 39 who were previously registered in Yida. 14,841 refugees have been relocated from Yida to AT since 23 December 2014.

##### Upper Nile State

- On 3 July UNHCR facilitated the third in a series of trainings for CRA and partner protection staff on the South Sudan Refugee Act and international refugee, human rights, humanitarian and criminal law, and protection challenges in the four Maban refugee camps.
- UNHCR partner International Medical Corps (IMC) reopened the Mayak Primary Health Care Unit (PHCU) in Doro camp taking over from MSF-Belgium from 1 July.
- More than 200 students in two schools in Gendrassa camp participated in awareness-raising campaigns - facilitated by UNHCR partners ACTED and the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) - on early and/or forced marriage.
- On 6 July, a Youth Recreational Centre - equipped with a TV, reading materials and other facilities supplied by ACTED - was inaugurated in Kaya camp.
- 779 persons with special needs (294 in Doro, 283 in Batil and 202 in Gendrassa) were screened and supported by partners during the July general food distribution (GFD). Transportation assistance was provided for their food rations from the distribution sites to their respective locations.
- UNHCR identified 25 cases of extremely vulnerable persons with various needs i.e. medical (3) mental (2) and material (20). They were referred to IMC and ACTED for support. Follow-up of these cases will be initiated.

##### Western Equatoria State

- In coordination with CRA and the State Ministry of Physical Infrastructure, 62 additional plots have been demarcated by the survey team in Makpandu refugee settlement. Clearing of the site to accommodate refugees from Nabiapai (near the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo) is under way.
- 131 women and 36 school girls were trained on adolescents' reproductive health issues in Napere refugee settlement.
- A legal counsellor has been recruited by UNHCR partner WVI to provide support to SGBV survivors in Makpandu and Napere, and follow-up on other protection-related issues.

#### Identified needs and remaining gaps

##### Unity State

- The local authorities have banned refugees from leaving Yida refugee settlement for fishing and farming, following security incidents in June between refugees and the host community. After a meeting between UNHCR and the Pariang County Commissioner, however, it was agreed to allow the refugees to leave the settlement to collect firewood.

### **Upper Nile State**

- The presence of unaccompanied children at the GFD in Gendrassa was observed. This negatively impacts school attendance, leading to drop-outs and exposure to child labour and abuse, as they are involved in carrying food for payment, among other things. UNHCR and partners are asking the community to keep unaccompanied children away from the market.



## **Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance**

### **Achievements and Impact**

#### **Central Equatoria State**

- UNHCR started working on the procurement of seeds and tools for 2,174 refugee households in Lasu settlement and 600 host community households. Meetings on livelihoods involving UNHCR, ACROSS, CRA and the Ministry of Agriculture were held to fast track the procurement process.

#### **Unity State**

- UNHCR, CRA and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) held a training session for 93 members of the Community Peace Team in Ajuong Thok refugee camp on leadership, child protection and referral pathways, among others.

#### **Upper Nile State**

- Maban County: Following a peaceful coexistence meeting between youth in the Hoffra host community and refugees in Kaya camp, it was agreed to undertake joint livelihood activities.

#### **Western Equatoria State**

- The new WVI livelihood officer met kitchen gardeners in Makpandu to discuss how activities will pick up. 62 individuals (42 female) out of 100 members attended.

### **Identified needs and remaining gaps**

#### **Central Equatoria State**

- Intimidation and threats against community mobilizers and harassment of volunteers by the refugee leadership in Lasu settlement prevented the gathering of SGBV information, hampering community services work, including SGBV coordination meetings. Discussions are ongoing, and a report by the fact-finding committee set up by the Commissioner of Yei River County to look into the problems in Lasu settlement is being finalized.

#### **Western Equatoria State**

- WVI is still looking for a potential bidder to supply 50 ducks for beneficiaries in Napere settlement.



## **Education**

### **Achievements and Impact**

#### **Central Equatoria State**

- In Lasu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner ACROSS paid for second term examination fees for 2,116 Primary 1-Primary 7 pupils (1,153 boys, 963 girls) from Nyori I and II primary schools as well as for 51 Primary 8 candidates (39 boys and 12 girls) for Mock and Primary Leaving Certificate exams from Nyori I and II primary schools.

### **Unity State**

- A fence is being put up around Soba secondary school in Ajuong Thok (AT) to boost the students' safety and security.
- Training was conducted in Napata primary school in AT for 89 girls on personal hygiene, SGBV and childhood pregnancy. IRC trained teachers who rolled out the programme to pupils.

### **Upper Nile State**

- Primary education: Construction of 8 out of 13 new classrooms by DRC in Batil camp has begun. Construction of 25 new classrooms in the other 3 camps (Doro 10, Gendressa 7 and Kaya 8) is yet to begin.
- 2,598 schoolchildren (1,058 girls), 45 per cent of registered students in Batil, and 1,243 schoolchildren (563 girls), 41 per cent in Kaya who sat the term one harmonized examinations, passed. Gendrassa could not compile data due to a teachers' strike; Doro camp is still compiling exam data.

### **Identified needs and remaining gaps**

#### **Unity State**

- Ajuong Thok: 80.4 per cent of primary school-aged children are enrolled in primary education and the pupil-teacher ratio is 72:1, way short of the UNHCR standard of 40:1.
- 42 per cent of the AT population aged 14-17 are attending the camp's sole secondary school, Soba, which has a pupil-teacher ratio of 64:1. UNHCR is working with LWF to recruit more primary and secondary school teachers.
- The ICT trainer at Soba has resigned and efforts are being made to recruit another.
- Primary school children per classroom: 128 (UNHCR standard is 50).
- Primary school children per desk: 19 (UNHCR standard is 3).
- Primary school children per latrine 277 (UNHCR standard is 40).

### **Western Equatoria State**

- Baikpa primary school in Napere refugee settlement has 460 children and 15 teachers making the pupil-teacher ratio is 31:1 (UNHCR standard is <40).
- UNHCR partner WVI paid school fees for 20 students, (15 boys, 5 girls) at Napere's Government-run secondary school for the 2015 academic year.
- Makpandu primary school has 520 students enrolled and 12 teachers (2 female), making the pupil-teacher ratio 43:1.
- Secondary school enrolment in Makpandu stands at 77 (13 female), while during the reporting period 38 students attended.



## **Food Security and Nutrition**

### **Achievements and Impact**

#### **Unity State**

- 34 children were admitted to the AHA-run Therapeutic Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) in Ajuong Thok - 8 more than the previous week; 55 were discharged cured. The total number of TSFP beneficiaries was 328.

#### **Upper Nile State**

- GFD for the month of July in Doro, Batil, Gendrassa and Kaya camps was completed this week. WFP reported the unavailability of pulses and salt for distribution.



## **Health**

### **Achievements and Impact**

**Central Equatoria State**

- 833 cases of cholera, including 33 deaths, have been reported in Juba County since 1 June, but there were no further deaths reported this week.

**Unity State**

- IRC has established a database of people with mental illnesses in Yida refugee settlement, and these will be attended to by a visiting psychiatrist soon. The psychiatrist will also train the IRC mental health nurse, as well as clinical officers and doctors on the management of common psychiatric conditions.

**Upper Nile State**

- In Doro camp, IMC officially opened Mayak Primary Health Care Unit (PHCU) including the Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP).
- There was a decrease in new admissions and in the caseload for OTP severely malnourished children without complications in Kaya, Gendrassa and Batil. In Doro there was a slight increase which could be partly attributed to the reopening of the Mayak OTP centre by IMC.
- A polio and measles campaign was concluded Doro camp on 26 June. Polio coverage was 100 per cent with some host community members also covered. Measles coverage was 87 per cent among the target population. Two measles cases have been reported from Benchul village.
- Awareness campaigns on cholera are ongoing in the refugee camps and host communities.

**Shelter and NFIs****Achievements and Impact****Unity State**

- New arrivals are being settled in Ajuong Thok's Block 65; emergency shelter kits have been provided by DRC to all new arrivals (366 households).

**Water and Sanitation****Achievements and Impact****Unity State**

- Ajuong Thok (AT) water consumption was 16.57 litres per person per day (l/p/d) which is below the UNHCR standard of 20 l/p/d but above the Sphere standard of 15 l/p/d.
- 47 (43 family and 4 communal) latrines were constructed across AT, giving a cumulative figure of 475 communal latrines and 2,500 family latrines. This translates to a crude latrine coverage of 12 persons per drop hole, which meets UNHCR standards of a maximum of 20 persons per drop hole.
- 384 collapsible jerry cans were distributed to 294 households (out of 10,399) - the aim being to improve water collection and storage at the household level in AT.
- In response to the Yida acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) outbreak, 1,311 refugees (115 of them new arrivals) participated in awareness and education sessions on AWD causes, prevention and interventions. 273 households also received information on food, sanitation and personal hygiene awareness.

**Upper Nile State**

- Water supply was good in all four camps. The average quantity of water stands at 20 l/p/d (the UNHCR standard).
- Average coverage in all four camps is 16 individuals per latrine (UNHCR standard is 20).

**Identified needs and remaining gaps****Unity State**

- Ajuong Thok: The lack of bathing basins/bowls has triggered the practice of cutting the top off water collection and storage jerry cans. This contributes to challenges in adequate water collection and storage. Hence there is an urgent need to procure bathing bowls.
- Yida: 1,007,829 litres of water per day for 70,197 refugees was produced which translates into 14.36 l/p/d, which is below the UNHCR and Sphere standards of 20 l/p/d and 15 l/p/d.
- Yida: Murram delivery by UNHCR for the construction of a platform for water service delivery at Block 11 is still awaited. Currently there is no water service to Block 11.
- Yida: No latrines were constructed in the reporting week due to delays in the delivery of plastic sheets.

### Western Equatoria State

- Against the target of constructing 30 latrines for persons with specific needs, 23 are under construction, including 9 in Napere and 14 in Makpandu.
- 35 households received aqua tabs (for water purification) in Makpandu and 20 households received aqua tabs in Napere. Against the target of 3,000, so far 4,520 aqua tabs have been distributed.



### Logistics

- Bentiu Field Office has received 40 bags of cement originally destined for Jamjang (the truck is unable to proceed due to security concerns).

## IDP RESPONSE



### Protection

#### Achievements and Impact

- On 7 July, the Protection Cluster presented its Strategy Paper to the CHF Advisory Board for the second round standard allocation, which stands at US\$ 24 million. The PC was allocated \$1 million on its requested \$2.5 million. It will prioritize the 3 states of Greater Upper Nile, Family-Tracing and Reunification (FTR) activities, and SGBV interventions. The PC's 30 HRP partners have been invited to submit their project concept notes by 17 July. UNHCR is preparing a proposal for SGBV programming.
- On 10 July, the Protection Cluster participated in an UNMISS planning meeting to inform the locations of possible UNMISS-integrated long-duration patrols in southern Unity State. The goal is to provide protection by presence and to monitor the situation in areas where civilians are at risk.
- Following consultations with core partners, the PC prepared a concept note to lead the development of a protection monitoring mechanism, which will support an evidence-based approach to protection in South Sudan.

### Central Equatoria State

- Interventions, including advocacy with the authorities, were undertaken to enhance protection of IDPs after Dinka cattle herds moved into the IDP site in Yei town. The presence of herders raised tension at the site. UNHCR intervention led to the return of security forces to the site to maintain order; the cattle were removed.

### Jonglei State

- 47 new IDPs from Piji County arrived in Bor after multiple displacements. They were verified by UNHCR this week and NFI assistance was provided.
- In the past week 3 IDPs (one male, two female) left Bor POC for an unknown destination; 8 left the POC for Juba, while 4 new arrivals from Leer arrived at the POC and were reunited with family members.

### Lakes State

- 38 individuals (4 families) arrived in Mingkaman from Mundri in Western Equatoria State. So far they have not received any assistance but UNHCR partner ACTED is following up.

### Unity State

- **Bentiu town:** 3,832 IDPs are now living in Bentiu town. Temporary registration has been given to 1,962 of them. Among this group, UNHCR identified about 1,325 individuals as vulnerable, and for possible NFI distribution. Most new arrivals are single women with children, young children who keep cattle, the disabled and the elderly.
- During the Independence Day Celebration in Bentiu town, children as young as 10 were seen with SPLA military uniforms, rifles and ammunition in and around the POC gates and fences.
- **Bentiu POC site:** The new official figure for the population of Bentiu POC is 103,913 (as of 13 July).
- 1,502 people entered the POC main gates this week. Most of the new arrivals were from the southern counties of Mayendit, Koch and a few from Leer. They said their cattle had been seized by Government forces and an allied militia from the Bul community.
- Temporary ration cards were issued to 1,662 individuals in the POC.
- Two shops were robbed and their owners seriously injured. One IDP was shot and killed by unknown gunmen. The incident happened in sub-POC 5. There have been reports of gangs threatening people to hand over their property or lose their lives.
- Two teenage girls were reportedly detained in Dadok, Guit County, by armed men on their way from Koch to Bentiu POC; and 6 females said they were sexually abused on their way to the POC at the same location by armed youth who also stole their mosquito nets and other belongings. The PC recommends that UNHCR and Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) attend the regular UNMISS patrol planning meetings to address the situation. Meanwhile, NP will monitor firewood collection locations.
- Child Protection: 8 unaccompanied minors reported to the POC and are being monitored by NP. They said their parents were killed during their flight from Mayendit area. UNHCR supported them with one family tent, and WFP provided HP biscuits for 3 days until they received food rations.

### Upper Nile State

- Maban: On 8 July, UNHCR and partners distributed seeds and tools in IDP return villages in and around Jamam, targeting 2,255 individuals.
- UNHCR carried out biometric registration of 150 new arrivals in Dollo and Banchuluk IDP sites. The new arrivals are from Paloich, Malakal, Renk, Kodok and Benshawa Zinke. 14,149 IDPs have been biometrically registered in Maban to date.

### **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**

- The situation in Upper Nile state and Malakal remains concerning. On 8 July, the Protection Cluster (PC) met in Juba with UNMISS Protection of Civilians Unit and Human Rights Division, as well as UNICEF, DRC and IMC to discuss the issues and measures to be taken to improve security in and around the Malakal POC site.
- The ongoing influx of thousands of new IDPs to the Bentiu POC site continued to challenge the humanitarian response, especially following the relocation of over 100 staff during the weekend of 5-6 July due to ongoing security concerns. The PC continued to liaise with OCHA regarding its plans to rationalize the humanitarian presence in the Bentiu POC site. The challenge is to reduce the size of the humanitarian hub while ensuring a presence that is sufficient to meet the needs of new arrivals and preserving clusters' ability to engage in their on-site coordination and advocacy work.



## Camp Coordination and Camp Management

### **Achievements and Impact**

### Lakes State

- An agricultural land dispute in Ahou, near Mingkaman, was resolved after a separate piece of land was allocated for IDPs to cultivate.

### Unity State

- From 15 May to 6 July, 30,694 IDPs were screened and temporarily registered as new arrivals in Bentiu POC.
- As of 6 July, 44,976 IDPs out of 63,000 IDPs (verified as residents with wristbands) were relocated to the new Bentiu POC extension site.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

#### Jonglei State

- A cholera centre is to be established near the IRC clinic in Bor POC site. Three tents are required. One has been provided by UNICEF. Support is needed from UNMISS and other agencies to acquire the other two. A major gap is the centre's management: IRC has informed ACTED that they do not have the capacity to manage it.



### Shelter and NFIs

### Achievements and Impact

#### Jonglei State

- On 10 July, UNHCR distributed dignity kits to 49 women and girls of reproductive age in the Kuingo and Tibek areas of Bor town.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to US\$ 110,205,452 as of 13 July 2015.

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#### Funding received (in USD)

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| USA                  | 90,300,000 |
| Japan                | 10,016,945 |
| ECHO                 | 2,651,113  |
| Canada               | 1,573,564  |
| CHF - SSD            | 1,488,963  |
| Republic of Korea    | 800,000    |
| Luxembourg           | 625,782    |
| Switzerland          | 520,291    |
| UN Prog. On HIV/AIDS | 490,000    |
| France               | 250,000    |
| Holy See             | 3,362      |