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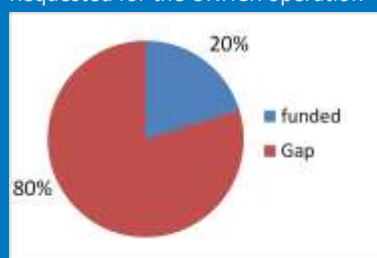
271,707

UNHCR PoC for the situation

FUNDING

USD 153.2m

Requested for the UNHCR operation



PRIORITIES

- The main focus of Gambella operation is the development of new site of Pugnido II and facilitates the relocation of the refugee from Matar Way Station to Pugnido II.

ETHIOPIA

UNHCR ETHIOPIA: SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION OPERATIONAL UPDATE

16 July-21 July 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- The general security situation in Gambella Region has been calm, with no incidents reported during the week, with exception of the fire exchange between the federal police and alleged armed men from South Sudan which was reported in Pagak entry point. This resulted in a temporary restriction of movements across the border. The incident was later peacefully resolved by regional authorities.
- South Sudanese refugees continue to arrive in Ethiopia at a daily average rate of 110 people. They crossed through Pagak, Akobo, Burbiey and Raad entry points. The refugees originated from Upper Nile and Jonglei states (Ulang, Nasir and Dome counties) and told UNHCR staff that they were fleeing generalized violence and food insecurity in South Sudan.
- The total number of new arrivals from South Sudan in Gambella since 15 December 2013 is now 271,707 individuals, including 214, 348 in Gambella about 66% of the population is children and 69% of the adult populations are female, and a total of 3678 in the Benishangul-Gumuz region, near Assosa. This brings the cumulative number of South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia to 281,514, including 63,419 that were in the country before December 2013.
- The much awaited registration of new arrivals commenced in Akobo on 15 July, with UNHCR and ARRA registering a total of 2,352 individuals consisting of 682 families. 351 Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASCs) were identified and registered. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) relocated all the registered 2,352 refugees from Akobo to Matar Way station. Similarly, registration in Burbiey entry point is targeting 2729 refugees consisting of 653 families of which 251 are Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASCs). Out of the registered refugees, 2,022 were relocated to Matar Way station.
- On 15 July, UNHCR sub-office Gambella hosted the Swedish Prime Minister who was accompanied by the Minister for International Development Cooperation, the Minister for State, the Swedish Ambassador in Ethiopia and other members of the Swedish government. The mission was met at the airport by the host government officials, ARRA and UNHCR. The mission visited Tierkidi refugee camp and Pagak entry point. On 16 July the Austrian Ambassador to Ethiopia, accompanied by another Ambassador and two Austrian directors including the Director for Austrian Development

Cooperation visited Gambella. The mission was met at the airport by host government officials,ARRA and UNHCR. The mission visited Jewi refugee camp. Both missions were impressed with the humanitarian response and pledged to continue to support the refugee emergency response. The Austrian delegation and director Robertz Zriner indicated that there was a fact finding mission which could result in additional funding to the operation.

- The Child Protection Information Sharing Protocol (ISP) was finalized and its final version 4 was shared with Child Protection partners in Gambella. This protocol will help in boosting the data harmonization efforts between Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS) and UNHCR proGres database. Furthermore, this will also ensure that child protection information is shared in a more confidential and protected manner among relevant actors. It will also help in attaining uniformity in the practices of information sharing related to refugee children among the involved agencies.

Population of concern

A total of **271,707** 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, stands at 212,572 individuals. Moreover, the focus of the Gambella operation is to stabilize the operation and resume the registration exercise and the development of the newly secured site of Pugnido II, facilitating the relocation of the refugees from Matar Way Station to Pugnido II as well as resumption of the halted registration exercise at the Pagak entry point. Refugees continue to arrive daily through Pagak, Akobo, Burbiey and Raad entry points with an arrival of 110 persons. UNHCR in collaboration with ARRA and partners have deployed a number of staff from Gambella to conduct 1st level Registration in Akobo and Burbiey and provide humanitarian relief assistance to all new arrivals at various entry points.

Achievements

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- Due to inadequate knowledge of utilization and benefit of the mosquito nets, UNHCR participated in a community mobilization meeting on the usage with all Zone leaders and RCC in Kule Refugee Camp. Following the mobilization 15,000 nets were provided to the beneficiaries on 16 July.
- In Kule camp, DICAC organized a community based psycho-social training for 75 participants (43 men and 32 women). The training included topics such as community coping mechanisms, general well-being of community, conflict management and communication / interaction amongst community members.
- During the reporting week 8 children (5 boys and 3 girls) were referred to MSF for Medical Services in Kule camp, The first Protection Working Group meeting at the camp level was conducted in Jewi Camp during the reporting week. All protection partners at the camp level made themselves available for the meeting. A schedule was drawn to hold the meeting at a biweekly interval. Following from the Protection Working Group meeting, another schedule was put in place to hold a weekly Child Protection/ SGBV working group meeting to address concerns in relation to child protection/ gender based violence at the case management level.
- A cumulative figure of 2017 (M 739 & F 1278) persons with specific needs were recorded based on home to home visits in Jewi camp. The plans are underway to provide them with basic support materials.

Education

- During the reporting period DICAC, started the constructions of 2 secondary schools (1 in Kule and 1 in Tierkidi) refugee camps for the new academic year 2016.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- The mortality indicators remained within the sphere standard during the week (i.e. <1/10,000/day for crude mortality rate and <2/10,000/day for under five mortality rate).
- During the reporting week, provision of vaccination of new arrivals continues for all children less than 15 years of age at Pagak, Akobo and Burbiey entry points. The exercise was carried out to prevent the outbreak of vaccine preventable diseases. Accordingly, 519 children between 6 months to 14 years of age received measles vaccine and 587 children less than 15 years of age received Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV). To improve child health, 299 children

6-5 months of age were provided with Vitamin A supplementation and 203 children aged 24-59 months were given albendazole tablet (for deworming) during the reporting period.

- About 5000 Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Bed Nets (LLITNs) were distributed in Kule camp and additional 10,000 will be distributed shortly to cover all those who have none and risky of malaria infection.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- The July cycle general food distribution is on-going in Pugnido and Okugo camps. Prepositioning of the food for distribution in Jewi, Kule and Tierkidi is completed. The beneficiaries have also been informed of lack of pulses in the June cycle of distribution due to infestation of the pulses at the Djibouti port.
- Food and nutrition assessment of refugee's situation in Matar transit Centre was conducted. This was immediately followed up by arranging for a general food distribution pending their relocation to a refugee camp.
- Danish Church Aid (DCA) has received funding from DFID to undertake a fresh food voucher (FFV) program for one year targeting children from 6-23 months in Tierkidi camp. The program will be carried out in collaboration with GOAL for the qualitative nutrition aspects of the project.
- UNHCR consistently continued to provide capacity building support jointly with nutrition partners with the aim to improve quality care in nutrition interventions to the community outreach workers. Currently community outreach agents (COAs) have been oriented on community mobilization and basic concepts on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) in all camps. The exercise will continue for 104 community outreach agents in Jewi camp.
- ACF started the use of Last Mile Mobile Solutions (LMMS) technology in Jewi camp for electronic enrollment of BSFP beneficiaries. The program is believed to enable growth monitoring of the cases and quick identification and referral of cases of malnutrition; as well as follow up of cases absent from the program. Discussions have been initiated to implement it in Kule, Tierkidi and Pugnido camps respectively.
- July GFD deliveries were progressing well in Kule and Tierkidi camps and distribution will commence early next week. However, the deliveries to Jewi and Okugo camps were very slow.
- Distribution is progressing in Pugnido camp and so far the GFD activity was completed in two sites.
- The registered 3,900 refugees awaiting relocation at Pagak have received another 15 day GFD ration since relocation did not commence. WFP has already provided HEB for new arrivals in Akobo and Burbey to be used as transit ration and welcome package. In addition, GFD ration will be provided for the registered and those relocated to Matar way station.
- Nutrition partners (GOAL, ACF and CWW) reported good progress in both programmes (TSFP and BSFP) since sufficient stock was available to run the programmes.
- Two months ration for August and September has been pre-positioned in Akula community in the WFP provided mobile storage units. This is mainly because access to the site is going to be challenging as the rain continues.
- As of 17 July 2015, a total of 18,580mt, 3,067mt and 938mt of assorted food commodities were dispatched to South Sudan through air, river and road respectively (since the start of 2015).



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- The WASH indicators are relatively in between Sphere standards in all camps, except Jewi camp where water supply is 8 L/P/D and sanitation coverage stands at an average of 48 persons for 1 latrine
- WASH activities in Matar way station has resumed for the currently 4,000 refugees by maintaining sanitation facilities and general environmental cleaning.
- The water distribution network in Kule is in progress currently 600 meter cube reservoir has been completed.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- In Jewi Refugee Camp, the road construction by Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is in progress. NRC is currently working on the first layer of selected materials for the 6.0km road and completed bush clearing for the internal 2.5km roads in Jewi camp as well.



Shelter

Achievements and Impact

- In Kule Refugee Camp, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has completed (94%) 2,800 transitional shelters of the planned 2,970 Tukuls. Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is also constructing UNHCR office complex construction and the current progress is at 92%.
- In Tierkidi Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has completed (97%) 2,800 transitional shelters of the planned 2,884 Tukuls. UNHCR office complex constructions progress is at 95%.
- In Jewi refugee camp, Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is progressing with the construction of the transitional shelters and currently has constructed 270 transitional shelters out of the current target of 770.
- In Pugnido Refugee camp NRC progress still stands at (80%) 400 transitional shelters of the planned 500 Tukuls



Logistics & NFI

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period UNHCR Gambela's supply Unit received 10,000 pieces of 4x5 plastics sheets and 1,500 family tents from Nairobi stock pile. The consignment from Kenya was delivered in Gambela by seven trucks (40 MT capacities each). In addition Gambela operation received 14,700 solar lamps, portable LED from international procurement.
- Meanwhile, within Gambela operation 15,000 pieces of mosquito nets, 1581 solar lanterns and 15.8 metric tons of soap were sent to Jewi and Pugnido refugee camps respectively for general distribution.

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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