

## UNHCR UGANDA

### UPDATE FOR THE SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY

30 September-October 14, 2015

## KEY FIGURES

**169,620 \***

South Sudanese refugees have been received in Uganda since the onset of the influx (As of 13 October)

*Further breakdown of the above figure:*

**103,583**

Refugees received in Adjumani

**17,820**

Refugees received in Arua

**40,456**

Refugees received in Kiryandongo

**144**

Refugees received in Kyangwali

**42**

Refugees received in Nakivale

**7,575**

Urban refugees received in Kampala

*\*statistics are provided by the Government of Uganda Office of the Prime Minister*

## PRIORITIES

Reduced land availability in Arua has led to refugees being provided with smaller plot sizes. Talks are underway with local landlords to identify more land for sheltering refugees. Mass immunization took place across the refugee settlements as part of the national vaccination campaign.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The number of new arrivals from South Sudan seeking international protection and assistance in Uganda has reduced. A total of 677 refugees arrived from South Sudan during the period of 29 September to 12 October through Elegu and Kuluba collection points. This is down from 1,559 new arrivals received in the first half of September, and 802 as of September 26. The refugees mainly come from Eastern and Western Equatoria; Jonglei and Upper Nile areas citing famine; fighting between armed groups in Pari, Malakal and Bentiu; congestion in the UNMISS compound and lack of social services. Other reasons for flight are formation of unspecified new rebel groups, community killings and abduction of people from their homes (particularly male youths) and conflict over resources (grazing pasture/land), which they claim, have taken a political dimension.



Upcoming huts for new arrivals supported by UNHCR at Wanyange A, village in Rhino Camp Settlement @ UNHCR/Horace, Anguzu

## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

### Operational Context

- In Arua, the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), UNHCR and implementing partners relocated a total of 235 individuals (50 families) from Ocea Reception Centre to Wanyange village. OPM allocated 30x30 metres of residential plots to the new arrivals while UNHCR, supported by DRC, provided them with core relief items (household items and shelter construction tools). The plots allocated currently are smaller than the previous sizes because of declining land availability. The refugees also received 30-day assorted food items from WFP and World Vision. Currently, Ocea Reception Centre, with a capacity of hosting 2000 is holding just 63 individuals (16 families).
- The International Trade Centre, an affiliate of the World Trade Organization and the United Nations, conducted a four-day livelihoods preliminary assessment in Adjumani and Hoima, to explore trade opportunities for refugees. Together with UNHCR, OPM and AAH, the ITC experts met seven livelihood groups composed of both refugees and host community members in Kyangwali, Ayilo, Elema, Mireyi and Mungula refugee settlements. The assessment that aimed at improving access to international trade for refugees and their host communities concluded with a meeting with the Hoima district production team, who appealed for support in marketing local agricultural produce. The district team highlighted the challenge of poor harvest handling and storage which undermines competitiveness of local produce on the international market. They appealed for support in mechanisation of farming, training of farmers in best farming practices (using quality seeds, timely planting, weeding, harvesting, proper storage, etcetera for quality produce), and value addition throughout the production chain.
- In Adjumani, UNHCR, OPM and the World Bank conducted a two-day joint mission to support planning for Uganda government's Refugee Settlement Transformation Agenda (STA) detailed project design. The team visited refugee and host community settlements. They assessed service provision in the settlements and identified community needs through focus group discussions.

### Protection

#### Persons with specific needs

- In Arua, UNHCR and partners (OPM, Danish Refugee Council, Medical Teams International, Windle Trust) identified 68 persons with specific needs including separated children, unaccompanied minors, single parents, elderly persons and persons with serious medical conditions. Those with medical conditions were provided with psychosocial support and linked to Medical Teams International for treatment while caretakers were identified for the separated and unaccompanied minors in liaison with protection teams to ensure their safety, social support and protection.

#### Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)

- In Arua, 840 female participants from 14 villages of Ocea, Agulupi, Siripi, Simbili, Ngurua, Ariwa, Odobu I & II, Wanyange, Tika IV & V, Tika I, Tika II & III participated in SGBV women group meetings to discuss different forms of SGBV, preventive and response measures, rights of women, and referral path ways. The meetings aimed at empowering women to be assertive, confident and to freely speak out on issues that concern them.
- In Arua, 23 individuals from Rhino Camp Refugee Settlement were trained in how to conduct translation and interpretation of the SGBV Standard Referral pathway forms into different local languages.

#### Peaceful co-existence

In Arua, UNHCR and OPM held a meeting on peaceful co-existence with 12 cultural leaders in Rhino Camp Settlement.

An annual cultural gala is being planned to foster social cohesion. The leaders asked for logistical support towards the event.

## Education

- In Adjumani, UNHCR in collaboration with Windle Trust Uganda selected 100 students (the majority of which were girls) for scholarships.
- In Arua, in order to encourage full participation and involvement of new arrivals in community activities, UNHCR in conjunction with Windle Trust Uganda conducted functional adult literacy (FAL) meetings in Odoibu, Ocea, Siripi, Tika and for neighbouring host communities in Odupi and Uriama sub-counties. This was to create awareness and promote FAL activities. Participants expressed their appreciation for the FAL classes saying they provide them with improved life, reading and numeracy skills, as well as enhancing peaceful co-existence.
- In Arua, a 400 x 200 metre area of land has been provided in Wanyange to help establish a community secondary school for both refugees and nationals. A team composed of Windle Trust Uganda, OPM, the district engineer, Arua district inspector of schools and Danish Refugee Council inspected the land to assess its suitability. A report has been sent to the district to seek approval and support for the school construction to commence.
- In Arua, the eight primary schools in Rhino camp settlement benefited from assorted text books and newspapers (from The Observer and Daily Monitor) donated by West Nile Library Association. These donations were received by Windle Trust Uganda and through the Danish Refugee Council. The books are meant to improve teaching and learning for pupils and teachers respectively. Newspapers in Education (NIE) is an emerging popular approach; where teachers use the newspaper education pull-outs as teaching and learning aids to support candidate pupils with skills in answering examinations, general comprehension and current affairs.



## Health

- In Arua, Adjumani and Kiryandongo, UNHCR, with support from Medical Teams International and district healthcare teams vaccinated all refugee children aged between six to 59 months against measles and polio as part of the national vaccination campaign that was carried out between 3 to 5 October. The children were also given Vitamin A capsules and deworming tablets.
- In Arua, malaria continues to present itself in a high number of cases. Medical Teams International organised training for 22 health workers from West Nile district at Mulago National Referral Hospital on best practises for managing the high volume of cases.



## Food Security and Nutrition

- In Adjumani, UNHCR together with OPM and WFP began informing refugees on the eligibility criteria for the cash assistance programme, designed for extremely vulnerable individuals, in Ayilo settlement. The exercise is soon to be rolled out across the Adjumani refugee settlements.
- In Kiryandongo, 13 cases, most of them children below 15 years old, were found to be suffering with severe acute malnutrition and were admitted into inpatient therapeutic care. Another 87 individuals were found with moderate acute malnutrition and enrolled onto the outpatient supplementary feeding program. Some 22 of these were pregnant and lactating mothers.
- In Adjumani, UNHCR, together with a regional delegation of WFP staff from Nairobi, conducted a comparative protection and gender risk assessment of food and in-kind assistance in Mungula settlement. The delegation also conducted focus group discussions and individual interviews with refugees in Alere. A report detailing the findings is pending.

## Water and Sanitation

- In Arua and Kiryandongo, the average potable water supply across Rhino camp remained at 19 litres and 15.5 litres per person per day respectively, against the UNHCR standard of 20 litres person per day. UNICEF is undertaking motorisation of selected high yielding boreholes in the settlements to pump more water so as to increase water access for persons of concern. The motorisation process is expected to be completed by the end of the year.
- In Adjumani, the average potable water supply stands at 22 litre per person per day supplied by functional boreholes with hand-pumps and motorized water supply systems.

## Shelter / Infrastructure

- In Adjumani, Maaji Settlement has been the main relocation site for the new arrivals to date. With the provision of additional extension spaces by the host community to the west and north-west of the existing settlement site Maaji now has capacity to absorb 25,000 additional refugee population. Design drawings for the development of these new extension sites are being developed. At present the road opening in the new extension viz. Block# A, B, C, D, E, F and G is ongoing.

## Working in partnership

UNHCR and OPM work in partnership with:

### Kiryandongo refugee settlement

Government partners: OPM, Kiryandongo District Local Government (KDLG) and the Uganda Police Force.

Humanitarian partners: Action Contre la Faim (ACF), Concern Worldwide (CWW), AIRD, Inter-Aid Uganda (IAU), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Real Medicine Foundation (RMF), Samaritan's Purse (SP), Transcultural Psychosocial Organization Uganda (TPO), UNICEF, UNWFP, Save the Children International (SCI), Feed the Hungry, Windle Trust Uganda (WTU), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS), Africa Development Corps (ADC) and War Child Canada.

### West Nile

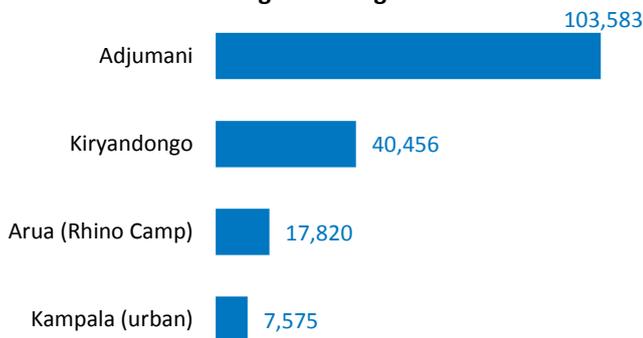
Government partners in all locations: OPM, Adjumani, Arua and Koboko DLG authorities, various technical departments, and Uganda Police Force.

Adjumani humanitarian partners: AAH-U, ACF, ACORD, ADRA, Welthungerhilfe (WHH)/Concern Worldwide(CWW) as Alliance 2015, Baylor, Caritas, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), DRC-DDG, HelpAge International, IOM, LWF, Marie Stopes, MSF-F, MTI, OXFAM, PLAN, SCiU, UNFPA, UNICEF, URCS/ICRC, TPO, War Child Canada, WFP, WHO, WTI and WVI.

Arua humanitarian partners: ACAV, ADRA, AIRD, Care International, Caritas, Concern World Wide, International Aid Services (IAS), IOM, DRC-DDG, Global Refuge International (GRI), KATO, Malteser international, MTI, NRC, Oxfam, SCiU, URCS/ICRC, Touch Africa, WTI, War Child Canada, WFP, Rice and UNICEF.

## BASIC DATA VISUALIZATION:

### South Sudanese refugee hosting settlements

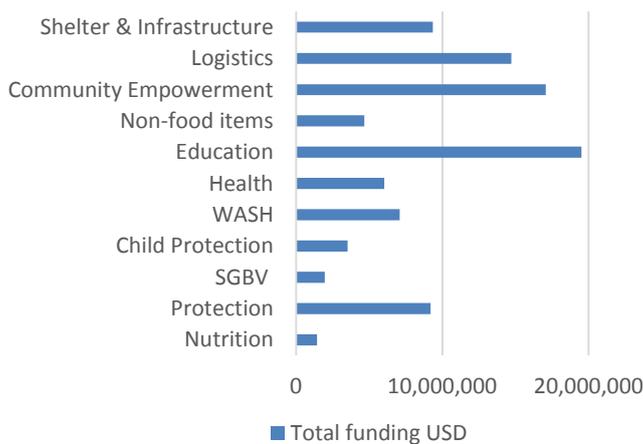


2015 Interagency South Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan - Uganda needs: USD 99,447,420

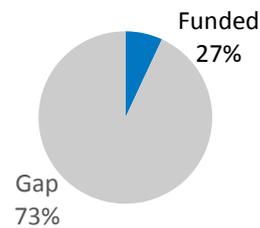


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### Total funding USD



2015 UNHCR Uganda Supplementary Appeal funding request: USD 72,923,833



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