

SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION

REGIONAL EMERGENCY UPDATE #2

18 – 24 July 2016

KEY FIGURES

30,966

South Sudanese arrivals into Ethiopia, White Nile in Sudan, Uganda and Kenya in the past week (18 – 24 July), based on field reports

890,137

Total South Sudanese refugees as of 24 July (both pre Dec 2013 caseload and new arrivals)

973,000

Total South Sudanese expected by 31 December 2016 (RRP Planning Figure)

266,916

Refugees in South Sudan

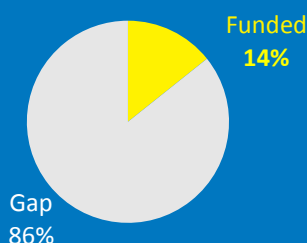
1.69 M

Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in South Sudan

FUNDING (as of 18 July)

USD 608.8 M

Requested by UNHCR for the situation

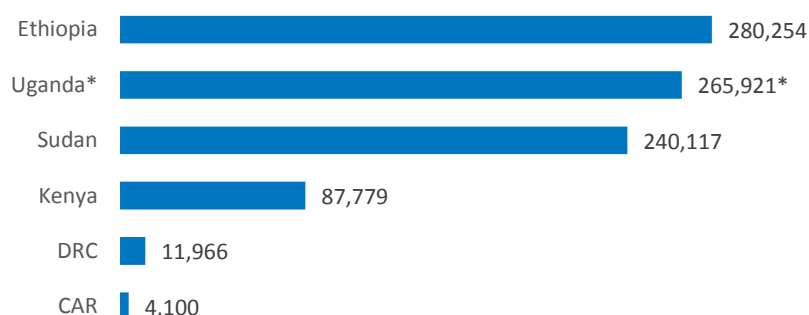


HIGHLIGHTS

- **The ceasefire continues to hold in Juba, South Sudan, however there have been reports of pockets of conflict in other parts of the country.** UNHCR continues to provide assistance in Juba as the situation allows, and other areas of operation remain functional through offices across nine states.
- **In Uganda, a total of 35,448 South Sudanese refugees have arrived since 7 July, more than the total arrivals in the first six months of 2016.** The influx of new arrivals from South Sudan peaked on Thursday 21 July, with field reports indicating 8,337 new arrivals, the highest number to arrive in a single day in the last two years.
- **Other countries of asylum in the region have not reported any significant increase in the number of arrivals from South Sudan** since the recent conflict in early July, but continue to monitor the borders.

Population of concern

A total of **890,137** South Sudanese refugees as of 24 July (except Ethiopia, as of 22 July)



New Arrivals	Reporting week: 18 - 24 July 2016	Previous week: 11 - 17 July 2016	Average weekly arrivals in 2016
Ethiopia	14	4	88
Sudan [#]	230	361	N/A
Uganda	30,538	4,125	1,301 (up to 30 Jun)
Kenya	184	163	298
DRC	N/A	N/A	N/A
CAR	-	-	N/A
TOTAL	30,966	4,653	

*Based on total refugees registered in RIMS as of 30 June, and arrivals in July as per field reports.

[#] New arrivals registered in White Nile, Sudan. UNHCR is verifying the reported number of arrivals in other areas.

N/A: not available at the time of publishing

UPDATE ON THE SITUATION

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SOUTH SUDAN

- President Salva Kiir Mayardit issued a Republican Decree for the Appointment of General Taban Deng as First Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan on Sunday 24 July. First Vice President Riek Machar has called for President Kiir to not violate the peace accord signed last year by confirming Taban Deng as his replacement.
- **Plans are underway for the relocation of IDPs from UNMISS Topping to POC sites at the UN House in Jebel area of Juba.** UNHCR Protection team conducted a protection assessment on 21 and 22 July 2016 in Topping, which is currently accommodating 4,000 IDPs. The team will continue with assessments, including identification of persons with specific needs, in cooperation with the camp management and other protection actors.
- **In UN House in Juba, a general food distribution was conducted in both POC 1 and POC 3, the first since June 2016.** The sites are currently accommodating currently accommodating 27,500 registered IDPs, some 6,000 new arrivals and possibly some 19,000 IDPs who were not registered before the latest outbreak
- **UNHCR is working to improve technical access of refugees to its hotline.** There were 20 calls on 18 July, 22 calls on 19 July, 2 calls on 20 July and 10 calls on 21 July. Many queries from refugees were related to UNHCR's possible assistance in their evacuation or resettlement from South Sudan to another country. The most vulnerable refugees were identified and directed to service providers in Juba, most cases to UNHCR partners. UNHCR is reviewing its hotline arrangements in order to assign a regular phone and staff for provision of adequate counselling and referrals to refugees.
- **UNHCR visited the Safe House in Juba on 22 July.** Consultations are ongoing with partner ACROSS to address food, medical, water and safety concerns raised by refugees. Cash assistance to vulnerable families is planned to increase considering the increased prices of food.
- **UNHCR, with support from partner ACROSS, sent an ambulance with drugs to Lasu refugee settlement** (approx. 25km from Yei) to replenish Lasu Primary Health Care Centre, which had run out of drugs. ACROSS is planning to deploy more medical staff, subject to further improvement of the security situation on the road.
- **Approximately 1,000 families received assistance at the Don Bosco IDP site, outside of Juba, on 22 and 23 July.** The UNHCR truck arrived on 20 July at the site with 1,000 sleeping mats. Each family received one sleeping mat (UNHCR), one plastic sheet (IOM), bundle of bamboo and some food items including rice (Don Bosco Church). Medair and Don Bosco Church, where the IDPs are hosted, were at the site to organize the distribution. UNHCR's partner HDC identified 86 persons with specific needs during the distribution.

Countries of Asylum

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

- **Latest developments:** There has been no significant influx into CAR.
- **Critical needs and challenges:** Water supply; access to the refugee hosting areas due to insecurity and rainy season; establishment of an UNHCR office in Bambouti is required as a matter of priority.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- **Latest developments:** There has been no significant influx into DRC. The border between Haut-Uele and South Sudan continues to be monitored, particularly in light of reports of movements from Yei to the DRC border.
- **Critical needs and challenges:** Access to the refugee hosting areas remains a challenge due to road conditions.

ETHIOPIA

- **Latest developments:** Only 21 new South Sudanese arrivals have been registered in July, including 14 in the past week. However cross border monitoring has been intensified through government representatives at border points. The planned return intention survey timeline has been postponed till further notice depending on the situation in South Sudan.

- **Preparedness and emergency response:** The Ethiopia operation has costed additional requirements, including core relief items, logistics and transportation, shelter and registration support, should an influx occur.

KENYA

- **Latest developments:** Kakuma has received 353 new arrivals from South Sudan since the outbreak of violence in South Sudan on 7 July 2016, bringing the total number of new arrivals in July to 468. This number continues to be lower than June 2016 which saw 1,749 new arrivals.
- **Preparedness and emergency response:** UNHCR SO Kakuma continues to regularly monitor the border at Nadapal and adjusts the schedule of transferring individuals to Kakuma accordingly. The next transfer is scheduled for 26 July 2016, as some 121 individuals are currently at the Transit Center. In an effort to decongest the camp and reception center, UNHCR continues to develop Kalobeyei settlement site for the relocation of 3,000 new arrivals, of which 2,252 have already been transferred.
- **Critical needs and challenges:** UNHCR has seen an increase in the number of new arrivals under five years old arriving with severe malnutrition and is working with partners to increase screening and response at the border.

SUDAN

- **Latest developments:** Some 230 new arrivals have been registered in White Nile in the past week. It is challenging to get an accurate number of arrivals in other areas, with conflicting numbers being provided by different sources. Preliminary reports from the joint Inter Agency mission to Kharasana, West Kordofan (including OCHA, WHO, UNICEF, WFP, UNHCR) indicated that over 5,500 South Sudanese have arrived in the area from Unity state since the start of July, but this figure is yet to be verified. These arrivals reported that clashes in Unity state have been ongoing and that the food security situation is very poor.

UGANDA

- **Latest developments:** According to field reports, 30,538 new arrivals crossed the border into Uganda in the past week. The influx continues to be characterized by a high proportion of women and children. Refugees fleeing to Uganda continue to report insecurity across different parts of South Sudan, with some reporting that armed groups are attacking civilians and robbing and burning down houses. Others are expressing fear of the consequences of a deterioration in the relationship between President Kiir and First Vice-President Machar.
- **Preparedness and emergency response:** The inter-agency assessment team has completed its mission to identify potential new settlement areas and provided its recommendations. More than 17 partners participated in the mission led by the Office of the Prime Minister and UNHCR and an interagency debrief has been provided to the team in Adjumani. Potential new settlement areas are understood to have capacity and facilities for potentially up to 100,000 refugees. In Pagirinya, a new reception centre is set to be opened using communal shelters and is expected to be able to host 15,000 refugees. Temporary communal shelters are being constructed to increase existing centres' capacities.
- **Critical needs and challenges:** 28,585 people were being hosted across eight reception facilities. At the same time, Pagirinya settlement is almost full. Management and expansion of reception facilities, as well as opening a new settlement area is a key priority. Further UNHCR staff deployments are needed in addition to the 20+ people that have already been deployed to supplement existing staffing numbers. Additional funding is required to open a large new settlement area in West Nile. Additional trucks are required in Arua to increase the number of daily relocations from Ocea Reception to Waynange settlement.



South Sudanese refugees, many of them young boys, arrive at the collection centre in Elegu, Uganda. © UNHCR/Will Swanson

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