

KEY FIGURES

Daily arrival figures from July 2016 are based on manual emergency registration or head-counts/wrist-banding. Confirmed figures will be available as the new arrivals undergo biometric registration. Figures prior to July are from the Government's Refugee Information Management System (RIMS).

1,502

Number of new arrivals on Sunday 28th August

2,059

Number of new arrivals on Saturday 27th August

1,293

Number of new arrivals on Friday 26th August

90,983

Number of new arrivals after 1st July 2016 (as per field reports)

130,134

Number of new arrivals in 2016

325,013

Total number of South Sudanese refugees in Uganda

PRIORITIES

- Rapid relocation of refugees from reception facilities to new settlement areas
- Continued monitoring of health situation (and potential disease outbreaks, especially cholera) in overcrowded reception facilities
- Providing specialized and prioritized protection assistance to refugees with specific needs in Bidibidi

UGANDA

EMERGENCY UPDATE ON THE SOUTH SUDAN REFUGEE SITUATION

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **4,854 people have fled to Uganda over the past three days**, 1,293 on Friday, 2,059 on Saturday and 1,502 on Sunday.
- 848 people crossed in to Uganda using the Elegu (Adjumani axis) border point, 143 in Moyo, 18 in Lamwo and 3,845 in Oraba. More than three times as many people crossed in Oraba than Elegu, the latter of which had previously been the main point of entry. This reflects that most new arrivals in Uganda are now mostly fleeing from Central Equatoria, as compared to Eastern Equatoria in earlier weeks.
- New arrivals in Adjumani report that fighting taking place in various parts of the country. Refugees from Magwi report widespread lootings and killing of civilians by armed men. The road to Uganda from Juba reportedly remains open however, areas of Pagwi and Magwi have restrictions in place, which are also enduring looting and generalized violence.
- New arrivals in Arua report continued harassment from armed men in Central Equatoria, alongside targeted killings and kidnappings, particularly in Yei. The restrictions that were previously in place on the road from Yei to Uganda have now reportedly been lifted. Many new arrivals report having had to hide in the bush to avoid detection by armed groups during their flight to safety. Many of those fleeing report having been robbed by unknown assailants.
- The UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi is visiting Adjumani today to take a closer look at the emergency response to South Sudanese refugees in Uganda. He is accompanied by the Hon. Minister for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees Hillary Onek, UN Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees George Okoth-Obbo, UNHCR Africa Bureau Director Valentin Tapsoba and acting UNHCR Representative to Uganda Bornwell Kantande. Their mission will encompass visits to Pagirinya settlement and Nyumanzi Transit Centre where they will meet with government officials, refugees and partners before heading to Kampala for further meetings tomorrow.
- 1,362 refugees were transported from Adjumani, Arua, Lamwo and Kiryandongo to Bidibidi settlement, bringing the total number relocated there to 31,902. Bidibidi has a potential capacity for 100,000 refugees.
- 941 persons with specific needs, including children who have lost or been separated from their parents, the elderly, disabled, amongst others, have been identified at Nyumanzi Transit Centre and will receive specialist support.
- Ten wheelchairs were supplied to Bidibidi settlement to assist with the transportation of elderly and disabled refugees.
- A nutrition survey has been conducted at Pagirinya settlement to gain a better understanding of who is in need of further assistance. Global Acute Malnutrition was found to be at 10.2% while Severe Acute Malnutrition is at 0.5%.

UPDATE ON SITUATION

- 137 people took part in an awareness-raising outreach campaign on sexual and gender-based violence in Bidibidi.

Operational Priorities

- Decongesting transit and reception centres continue to be a key priority as overcrowding brings an increased risk of the spread of diseases. Relocation to Yumbe will continue to take place on a daily basis, alongside awareness-raising campaigns through announcements, community mobilisers, partner staff and other mass communication platforms.
- Strict health and sanitation measures are being put in place and health monitors are exercising high vigilance in order to rapidly identify any contagious diseases.
- In Bidibidi, the operation is focused on the reception of refugees and the provision of services to new arrivals. Refugees continue to be provided with plots of land, together with shelter kits, basic household items and dry food rations.



UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi meets is welcomed to Adjumani district by South Sudanese refugee children. © UNHCR

