



UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE 21/2016

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KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

260,453

Refugees in South Sudan

1,8 M

IDPs in South Sudan, including 204,370 people in UNMISS Protection of Civilians site

US \$276 million

Funding requested for comprehensive needs in 2016

US \$132 million

Funding requested for priority needs in 2016

OUTSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

1,248,230

South Sudanese refugees in neighboring countries (before and after 15 December 2013):

- Uganda: 517,491
- Ethiopia: 320,767
- Sudan: 254,757
- Kenya: 90,073
- DRC: 60,211
- CAR: 4,931

US \$649 million

Funding requested by UNHCR for South Sudanese refugees in the region

US \$153.9 million

Funding received by UNHCR for South Sudanese refugees in the region

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Refugees shot dead, injured and dozens abducted near in Lasu** – On Saturday 5 November 2016, two Sudanese refugees were killed, and five others seriously wounded in Lasu Payam. According to the survivors who are currently receiving medical treatment at the Yei Civil Hospital, an alleged armed group abducted some 39 Sudanese refugees from Lasu camp on 19 October 2016 and took them 18 kilometers east of Lasu to their base, 3 kilometers off the main road near Mitika SPLA base. The armed group continues to hold the remaining abducted refugees in captivity. The survivors noted they returned to the camp from their hiding places due to hunger, only to be shot. UNHCR and partners have not been able to access Lasu camp over the past month due to insecurity en route from Yei to Lasu and delivery of services has been disrupted. It is reported that a great majority of refugees (mostly Congolese with some Sudanese) have fled the camp seeking safety in the bush and farmlands, or crossed the border to DRC.
- **UNHCR and partner commence distribution of relief items to vulnerable IDPs in Yei:** In Yei, UNHCR and its partners started targeted distribution of Non-Food Items (NFI) to 5,000 families of the most vulnerable internally displaced persons (IDPs). NFI items include blankets, sleeping mats, jerry cans, soap, buckets, mosquito nets and kitchen sets, including sanitary pads and underwear for women and girls of reproductive age. To aid the assistance effort UNHCR also donated assorted surgical equipment to the Yei Civil Hospital. Surgical equipment donated included and operating table and lights and instruments to assist in procedures such as caesarian sections and appendectomies
- **UNHCR distributes non-food items to IDPs in Upper Nile:** In Gismalla, a boma which is located 7 kilometers from Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and its partners Samaritan's Purse and Humanitarian Development Consortium distributed NFIs to 2, 441 IDPs who were displaced following clashes between armed men and host community members at Shatta Boma 20 km from Bunj in mid-October.

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- **UN Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide visits South Sudan, warns of Genocide Risk in South Sudan** – The U.N. Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Adama Dieng concluded his five-day visit to South Sudan on Friday 11 November, visiting Yei and Juba Protection of Civilians (POC) sites. Mr. Dieng met with government officials, UNMISS top leadership, and civil society groups as well as community members inside the POCs. Mr. Dieng warned of a "strong risk of violence escalating along ethnic lines with the potential for genocide." He also noted he was "encouraged by the receptivity, among the actors with whom I met, to my suggestion that there was an urgent need for reconciliation, as well as a willingness to engage in both community and national level dialogue."
- **UNOCHA's Director of Operations John Ging Visits South Sudan** – John Ging visited South Sudan on 10 and 11 November, which included a visit to the POC site and Yei town. In a meeting with the Governor of Yei River state, Ging urged the government to continue its support to the humanitarian agencies in Yei and to ensure that access is granted to agencies in reaching people in need of assistance.
- **Renewed violence in Yambio and Ezo, Western Equatoria** – On Thursday 10 November heavy shooting occurred inside Yambio town movements of people from Ikpiro, Napere and Akorogbodi areas some 3-4 km from UNHCR office. The situation was calm as of Friday 11 November This has reportedly forced many to seek refuge inside local churches, and unconfirmed numbers of civilians to flee to neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and the Central African Republic (CAR), while others found refuge in bushes in Ezo environs.
- **Kenya begins withdrawal of soldiers from South Sudan** – Kenya has started the withdrawal of its forces from the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) peacekeeping force. The first batch of 100 Kenya Defence Forces soldiers have since arrived back in Nairobi. The soldiers are among 1,000 to withdraw after President Uhuru Kenyatta announced he would pull out Kenyan troops serving under UNMISS.
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REFUGEE RESPONSE



Protection

Achievements and impact

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR screened 70 refugees previously based in Lasu Settlement and relocated them to Ajuong Thok refugee camp in northern Unity; cumulatively, 198 refugees have been relocated to Ajuong Thok. Refugees fled violence and conflict which erupted in the Greater Equatoria region after July 2016.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR in collaboration with the Commission of Refugee Affairs (CRA) renewed and distributed asylum-certificates to over 90 asylum seekers from Ethiopia and Eritrea. These certificates serve as protection and identify documents for asylum seekers pending the approval of their refugee status.

Unity

- In Pamir refugee camp, the relocation of refugees from Yida to Pamir camp is in progress. Since the opening of the camp in September, the total population now stands at 1,778 individuals (460 households). During the reporting period, many refugees have registered to relocate from Yida to Pamir after the harvest of their second season of agricultural produce.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted 50 advocacy sessions with refugees. These exercises aim to reduce the risk of SGBV and improve the quality of response to survivors. Cumulatively 494 sessions have been held since the beginning of 2016.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR and its partners ACTED and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) co-facilitated the orientation and induction of 20 new members of the camp executive committee on the South Sudan Refugee Act 2012; functions of the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA); the role of the camp executive committee and coordination with humanitarian agencies; the rights and obligations of refugees; UNHCR's mandate, fundamental protection principles and humanitarian principles, and humanitarian agencies and services in the refugee camps.

Education

Identified needs and remaining gaps

Central Equatoria

- In Lasu refugee settlement, UNHCR received reports of an increase in child protection cases among separated children as children remained scattered in bushes without access to education. The two Primary schools, (Nyori I and II) with the total number of 2,576 pupils and Nyori Secondary school with 108 students, remain closed as a result of the ongoing insecurity in the area.

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and impact

Central Equatoria

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- In Lasu settlement, over 7,500 refugees are in dire need for food and basic services. Current insecurity does not permit access the area to assist the refugees scattered in the surrounding area of the settlement, hence prohibiting the transportation of food and non-food items to Lasu. As a consequence, living conditions have worsened for the refugees. Refugees received their last monthly food ration in June 2016. UNHCR has received reports by remote monitoring from refugee leaders citing increased hunger and malnutrition among refugee children.

Health

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR donated assorted surgical equipment to the Yei Civil Hospital. Surgical equipment donated included an anesthetic machine, a manual hydraulic surgical table, surgical operating lights, , a set of Caesarean instruments, an appendectomy instrument kit, Obstetric Laparotomy packs and Hernia sets.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR organized a three-day training workshop on maternal and newborn care to 17 healthcare providers including medical doctors, clinical officers, midwives, and nurses. The main objective of the training was to build the capacity of health care providers to improve the quality of care provided to mothers and neonates during and immediately after delivery.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR distributed sanitary kits to 223 women and girls of reproductive age out of the 404 refugees in urban Juba due to receive the sanitary kits by the end of the exercise.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and impact

Upper Nile

- Across the four camps in Maban, the amount of water supply coverage is within the standard, at 19 liters per person per day in Gendrassa and Doro; and at 17 liters per person per day in Yusuf Batil and Kaya.
- In Maban camps, UNHCR and its partner Medair conducted water quality testing; the testing result showed that there is no potential water contamination.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, the coverage of water supply is satisfactory, and it stands at 20 liters per person per day



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and impact

Central Equatoria

- In Gorom refugee settlement, UNHCR trained 20 members of newly-elected Community Protection Team (CPT) on community-based approaches in Juba. The CPT received terms of reference of undertaking their duties including facilitating timely identification of protection issues in the settlement.
- In Juba, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) trained 46 Persons with Special Needs (PSNs) to benefit from a start-up business grant. This effort aims to improve the livelihoods of PSNs among urban refugees in Juba. Also, HDC trained the selected beneficiaries on business management skills.
- In Lasu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner UMCOR in collaboration with community-based agriculture extension workers registered 273 refugee farmers at their hideouts of Jabara, Yago, and Kukuyi bringing the total to 356 refugee farmers. The mapping will establish the number of refugee farmers for the continuation of livelihood support, following the displacement of refugees into bushes since September 2016.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR distributed 100 goats (50 male and 50 female) to refugees to promote self-reliance among the refugee community.

Upper Nile

- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR partner ACTED distributed 75 chickens as a parent stock to 15 Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) survivor households as part of the livelihood support through poultry rearing to promote dietary diversity and consumption of protein at the household level.



Durable Solutions

- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR partner Relief International (RI) supported 22 women to undertake production of 107 Fuel Efficient cooking stoves. After production, the cooking stoves will be distributed and used at the household level to reduce firewood consumption. This effort will reduce deforestation in the surrounding areas of the camp and mitigate the tension between refugees and members of the host communities.

IDP RESPONSE



Protection

Achievements and impact

COORDINATION

OPERATIONS



Shelter and NFIs

Jonglei

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR and its partner HDC distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 279 households of extremely vulnerable internally displaced persons (IDPs). NFI items distributed include plastic sheet, blanket, and soap, sleeping mat, kitchen set and mosquito net.
- In Bor town, UNHCR partner HDC completed the verification of 450 persons with special needs (PSNs) of IDPs and returnees from Mingkaman, Duk, Twic East and other locations. UNHCR will provide protection-based NFIs to the PSNs

Central Equatoria

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Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Western Bahr el Ghazal

- During the reporting period, the CCCM undertook a capacity building mission to Wau. The Cluster conducted five workshops under the themes "introduction to CCCM", on the role and responsibilities, terms of reference of participation and code of conduct, protection in action, standard and settlement design to 93 participants including partners, church leaders, community outreach, community leaders (chiefs and youth) women and men. The training workshops strengthened their coordination capacity and formed the structure of the camp governance to respond effectively and efficiently to service delivery to the affected communities in the Protection of Civilian (POC) site and collective centres in Wau.

Central Equatoria

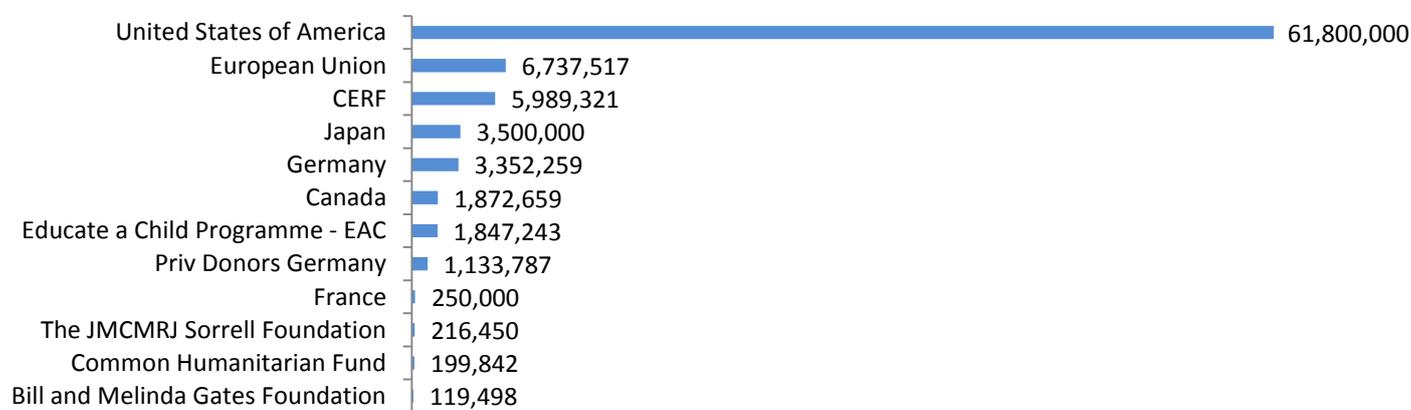
- In Juba, the CCCM Cluster conducted a two-day meeting of 2017 Strategic planning to 27 participants including camp managers, State focal points and CCCM partners to improve CCCM Cluster response in 2017.

Unity

- In Bentiu, the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) cluster led by UNHCR trained 44 community leaders on community participation and mobilization. Community leaders were drawn from the traditional chiefs, local court, women representative, churches representatives and youth representative from various payam of Guit County.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to USD 87,207,729 as of 31 October 2016. 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 earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.



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