

# South Sudan

1-15 August 2017

**2,524**

Tree and fruit seedlings distributed to refugees during the reporting period.

**42,899**

Refugees and IDPs received aid items from UNHCR across South Sudan during the reporting period.

**5,929**

Refugees reached with hygiene promotion and awareness sessions during the reporting period.

## KEY FIGURES

### INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

**275,187**

Refugees in South Sudan as of 31 July 2017.

**2 million**

IDPs in South Sudan including 212,720 in UNMISS Protection of Civilian sites.

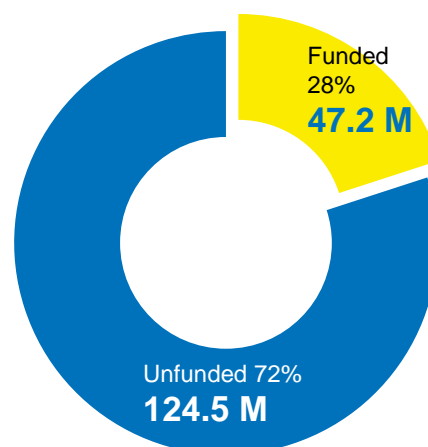
**US \$883.5 million**

Funding requested by UNHCR for the South Sudan Situation in 2017.

## FUNDING AS OF 7 AUGUST 2017

**USD 172 M**

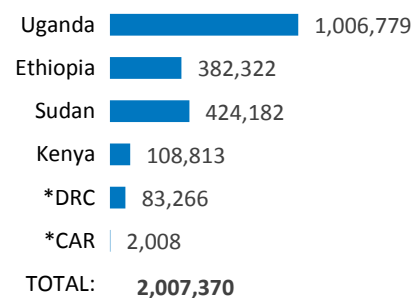
requested for South Sudan



## POPULATION OF CONCERN

South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries as of 15 August 2017.

### Host Countries



\*DRC – Democratic Republic of Congo

\*CAR – Central Africa Republic

## Update on Achievements

### Operational Context

- **German Foreign Minister visits South Sudan:** The Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, Sigmar Gabriel visited South Sudan on 10 August. In Juba, Mr Gabriel met President Salva Kiir and a number of ministers with whom he discussed issues pertaining to National Dialogue, peace and humanitarian situation in the country. Prior to his arrival in South Sudan, he held meetings with the South Sudanese refugees in Uganda, which hosts the largest number of refugees from South Sudan in the region. The German Foreign Minister urged the South Sudan's leaders to use peaceful means to resolve the ongoing conflict and restore peace and stability across the nation. Germany is one of the major contributors to humanitarian aid provided to South Sudan. Last year Germany provided 3.5 million USD to UNHCR operation in the country.
- **First batch of regional protection force arrives in Juba:** The first batch of the regional protection force (RPF) to bolster the 12,000-strong UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) arrived in Juba on 5 August. The first batch includes 150 Rwandan soldiers that will be joined by 100 Bangladeshi engineers to be deployed soon in South Sudan. In August 2016, the United Nations Security Council following the request by the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) approved the deployment of a 4,000-strong regional protection force to provide security in Juba key installations, including the airport. It is expected that the RPF forces will strengthen the capacity of the current UNMISS forces to deploy and provide security on the Juba-Bor and Juba-Nimule access roads as well as to establish a UNMISS base in Yei town.
- **The UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations visits South Sudan:** On 1 August, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Jean-Pierre Lacroix arrived in the South Sudanese capital of Juba to assess the political situation in the country. Upon his arrival, he met with senior government officials including the First Vice-President Taban Deng Gai, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deng Alor and the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Martin Elia Lomuro, as well as other ministers. Lacroix discussed and assessed the security situation and the political process and how the United Nations can help move that peace process forward. In a statement following his meetings, Lacroix said that South Sudan's conflict has to end to give the peace process a better chance of success. He also emphasized that there was a shared understanding with the government that actions and initiatives to advance peace are important and that they have to be put in place to accelerate the implementation of the peace agreement and bring sustainable peace to the world's youngest nation. Lacroix highlighted that the peace process could not move forward if fighting continued.



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

##### Unity

- In Yida refugee settlement, UNHCR registered 109 (63F, 46M) new arrivals during the reporting period. Cumulatively, 8,568 new arrivals have been registered since the beginning of 2017. Last year within the same period, 9,050 new arrivals were registered. In comparison to this year, this represents 6% decrease mainly due to the prolonged ceasefire in South Kordofan.
- 126 refugees were relocated from Yida to Jam-Jang camp during the reporting period; 29 to Ajuong Thok and 97 to Pamir refugee camps, including 15 refugees previously settled in Yida and 111 new arrivals. Cumulatively, 10,002 refugees have been relocated since the beginning of the year, out of which 1,552 individuals were previously residing in Yida refugee settlement.
- In Yida, Ajuong Thok and Pamir, UNHCR recorded seven incidents of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) including rape, physical assault, psychological and emotional abuse. The seven victims were provided with emotional, counseling, and case management support.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR conducted a campaign on SASA1 implementation with 951 community members reached with messages on the need to be bold and proactive thinkers and activists to create a change in negative social norms that condone violence against women and enable spreading of HIV in the community.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir, UNHCR identified 12 children at Risk (5M, 7F) and in need of support through various Child Help Desks. Five (2M, 3F) were supported with pairs of sandals, clothes, salt, Vaseline, and soap based on their specific needs.

##### Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR verified 1,554 urban refugees during the reporting period. 115 refugees were inactivated while 161 were activated, including 16 newly born children. 1,255 individuals were enrolled in Biometrics Identity Management System (BIMS). While 141 ID cards and 980 Proof of Registration documents were issued to refugees in urban Juba.

<sup>1</sup> (Kiswahili for "Now!" and an acronym for the four phases of community mobilization: start, awareness, support and action)

- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR conducted 10 group and individual psychosocial counseling sessions for 24 Sexual Gender-based Violence (SGBV) cases, including early marriage and domestic violence
- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR counseled 12 persons with special needs (PSNs) on coping mechanisms, resilience building and stress management against the excessive drinking of alcohol that often leads to domestic violence.

**Upper Nile**

- In Maban camps, UNHCR screened 261 individuals' new arrivals and 39 single men who missed biometrics verification exercise of 2015. These individuals were litigated and their access to services was renewed.

**HEALTH****Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps****Upper Nile**

- The ongoing tension between the host communities and refugees has limited the scope of health care services provided in Gendrassa, Kaya and Yusuf Batil camps. However, UNHCR and partners continued to maintain basic/emergency healthcare services through trained refugee community health workers with remote support. Due to the improvement of the situation, services are back to normal situation.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION****Achievements and Impact****Central Equatoria**

- In Gorom refugee camp, UNHCR distributed food items, including blue band, Colgate toothbrush and fruit cocktails fruits, to 68 persons with disabilities and elderly persons. Food items included.

**Upper Nile.**

- In Doro, Gendrassa, and Kaya refugee camps, UNHCR commenced the 5th cycle of Blanket Supplementary Feeding (BSF) for children aged 6-23 months. All children aged 6-23 months as well as pregnant women in their 2nd trimester and lactating women with children below six months are covered by the programme. The programme is geared to improve nutrition status of children and PLWs. Each child and PLW is receiving 6kgs of Corn Soya Blend (CSB++).

**WATER AND SANITATION****Achievements and Impact****Unity**

- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Samaritan's Purse (SP) conducted a joint training for 80 water management committees during the reporting period.
- In Pamir and Ajuong Thok, SP continued to hold hygiene promotion and awareness sessions, reaching 5,929 refugees.
- During the reporting period, the water supply coverage stood at 16 liters per person per day in Ajuong Thok, while in Pamir camp, water supply coverage stood at 18 litres per day per person.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR's partner SP constructed 47 family latrines. Also, 156 family and three communal latrines were decommissioned. In Pamir refugee camp, SP constructed 58 family and 23 communal latrines. 16 communal latrines were decommissioned. In Ajuong Tok crude latrine coverage stood at six people, and in Pamir camp, at seven people respectively.

**Upper Nile**

- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) constructed 30 stances of semi-permanent institutional latrines in five primary schools to improve the hygiene and sanitation. In Maban camps, UNHCR partners ACTED and MEDAIR completed the construction of 245 household latrines during the reporting period.
- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR partner ACTED distributed 444 jerry-cans and 444 buckets to 444 households to improve water handling and storage capacities of the people of concern.

**SHELTER AND NFIS****Achievements and Impact****Central Equatoria**

- In Gorom refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner ACROSS distributed second-hand clothes donated by Japanese Government to 1,666 refugees, while in Yei, UNHCR's partner UMCOR distributed second-hand clothes donated by UNIQLO to 1,013 persons.

**Upper Nile**

- In Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and its partners Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and ACTED distributed aid items to 532 households following the inter-tribal clashes within the refugee community in July. Aid items included blankets, mosquito nets, plastic sheets, jerry cans, sleeping mats, buckets and kitchen sets.

**Unity**

- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR completed the distribution of UNIQLO donated second-hand clothes to additional 33,623 refugees. In total, 45,946 individuals received second-hand clothes donated by UNIQLO.
- In Pamir refugee camp, the construction of 1,000 transition-shelters is under way, with 90% of work completed to date. A total of 903 transitional shelters have been constructed while 116 t-shelters roofed with plastic sheets during the reporting period.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps****Unity**

- In Pamir refugee camp, 43 transition-shelters collapsed due to heavy rains and a total of 13 t-shelters were completely destroyed. In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, 320 shelters (mostly emergency shelters) were destroyed. The affected families are being supported with poles, plastic sheets and some CRIs (Core Relief Items) that were damaged by the rain.

**CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile**

- In Maban, UNHCR partner ACTED conducted a two-day capacity development training for 63 members of the Women, Youth, Social Welfare, and Night Watch Committee on volunteerism and ownership of service provision. This will increase community-led initiatives, reduce dependency on aid agencies as well as improve safety/protection of public facilities/assets and ensure high-quality care services at minimum expense.
- In Maban, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) provided uniforms to 32 Gentil Peace Committee members.

**Unity**

- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, the training of 213 Vocational Training Centre (VTC) trainees (59F, 154M) in garment making, metal works, building and construction, furniture making, leather craft, solar installation is currently under way.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps****Unity**

- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted an assessment among disabled and elderly persons (Persons With Special Needs) and identified 23 beneficiaries to be provided with bed sheets, bathing soaps, clothes, basins, and sandals; the persons with special needs (PSNs) assessment is ongoing.

**ACCESS TO ENERGY****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile**

- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR and Relief International (RI) distributed 375 Efficient Fuel Stoves (EFS) to refugee households. Cumulatively, 487 EFSs have been distributed since the beginning of 2017. The EFSs are expected to reduce the consumption of firewood and indoor air pollution at the household level.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE****Achievements and Impact****Western Equatoria**

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International distributed fruit seedlings to 348 selected refugees.

**Unity**

- UNHCR distributed 2,176 assorted tree seedlings including 1,835 in Ajuong Thok and 332 in Pamir refugee camps. The tree seedling distribution is part of the Environment strategy to reclaim trees cut.

- In Jam-Jang, awareness-raising campaign on environmental protection and planting trees is being conducted, through Jam-Jang FM, schools, door-to-door campaigns, and sensitizing of the new arrivals. So far, an estimated 1,400 individuals have been reached with key information.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, 116 women are enrolled in literacy and numeracy training.

#### **Upper Nile**

- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR and Partner ACTED provided seed kits to 251 persons of concern which brings the total number of persons who benefited from the project in Gendrassa and Kaya camps to 3,336. The targeted seeds distribution aims at supporting agricultural production for food availability and food access among vulnerable refugee and host community households.
- In Gendrassa refugee camp, UNHCR and partner ACTED facilitated the ploughing of additional 50 acres of agricultural land for seed multiplication. To date a total of 350 acres have been ploughed for seed multiplication that seeks to promote sustainable access to locally adapted staple seeds.
- In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and partner Relief International (RI) supported savings and loaning activities of 262 persons of concern (166 female and 96 male), participating in 14 Village Saving Loans Association groups. The Associations help increase access to loans and engage in micro and small enterprises for income generation. The groups were able to disburse loans worth 62,000 South Sudanese Pounds. Loans acquired were used to support small and micro-enterprises such as the sale of agricultural products, retail shops, food vending, livestock trade and hairdressing.

## **IDP RESPONSE**

### *COORDINATION*

#### **Achievements and Impact**

##### **Upper Nile**

- In Maban, UNHCR and its partner, Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), supported four joint women committees that include 40 refugees and 40 members of host communities with a training and start-up kits for basket weaving and beads-making.
- UNHCR and HDC handed over the newly constructed latrine in Gentil Peace House as well as uniforms for the members of the Peace Committees in Gentil. The project aims at, promoting peaceful co-existence between the host and refugee communities in Batil and Gendrassa camps and host communities.

### *OPERATIONS*

#### **Achievements and Impact**



#### **SHELTER AND NFIS**

#### **Achievements and Impact**

##### **Upper Nile**

- In Doro, UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) constructed 171 shelters for the return of the displaced host communities following the conflict between the refugee and the host communities in December 2016. The shelter support aims to ensure that the displaced host communities whose shelters were destroyed be reintegrated and they re-establish their lives in their places of origin in the camp.

##### **Jonglei/Lakes**

- In Mingkaman and Awerial counties, UNHCR and its partner HDC distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 3,505 individuals including IDPs and host community members identified through a routine protection monitoring. The vulnerable groups among IDPs include elderly persons, female-headed households, and Person with Disabilities (PWD). Items distributed included, plastic sheets, blankets, sleeping mats, washing soap, collapsible jerry cans, mosquito nets and kitchen sets.



#### **COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT**

#### **Achievements and Impact**

##### **Jonglei**

- In Bor, UNHCR in collaboration with the Directorate of Nationality, Passport, and Immigration (DNPI) completed the application process for the issuance of Nationality Cards for 175 IDPs, residing inside the Protection of Civilians (POC) site. These IDPs were at risk of becoming stateless as they were confined to the POC without having access to government offices due to movement restrictions imposed since the outbreak of violence in late 2013.



## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

### Achievements and Impact

#### Jonglei

- In Pochalla county, UNHCR partner Nile Hope distributed seeds and tools to 1,000 households.

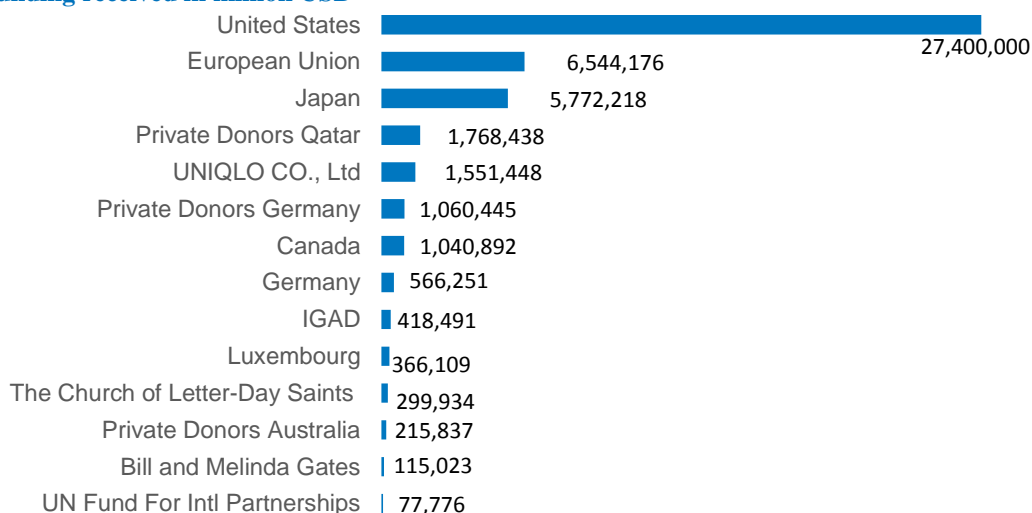
#### Working in partnership

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- In the **refugee response**, main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and Minister of Wildlife Conservation and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing partners in 2017 are : Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), ACROSS, ACTED, CARE International, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Relief International (RI), Samaritan's Purse (SP), Save the Children International (SCI), UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), UNV and World Vision International (WVI).
- In the **IDP response**, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission Committee (RRC). Implementing partners in 2017 are ADRA, UMCOR, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Handicap International, Humanitarian Development Consortium, INTERSOS, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Nile Hope, UNV, Women Aid Vision and Women Development Group. Within the IDP response cluster system, UNHCR in South Sudan is Lead of the Protection Cluster (with NRC co-leading), Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and undertakes enhanced participation in the IOM-led Shelter/NFI Cluster.
- On **prevention of statelessness**, UNHCR's main counterpart is the Directorate of Nationality, Passports, and Immigration (DNPI).
- UNHCR maintains an **operational partnership** with CAFOD, Caritas, CMMB, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), ICRC, Jesuit Refugee Service (JSR), Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium), Medair, Mentor Initiative, OXFAM, UNAIDS, UNOCHA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMAS, UNMISS, World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), Women for Women International and UN Women.

### Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 47.2 million**, for the financial year 2017 as of 7 August. 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. UNHCR's comprehensive needs for 2017 amount to US\$172 million, with most priority needs of US\$126 million.

#### Funding received in million USD



#### UNHCR's Main Donors in 2017

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