

# South Sudan Situation

1-31 August 2018

**2,468,778\***

South Sudanese refugees in the region as of 30 August 2018 (pre- and post-Dec 2013 caseload).

**4,214\***

South Sudanese refugee arrivals in August 2018.

**298,881**

Refugees in South Sudan and 1.91 million IDPs including 198,444 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites.

## KEY INDICATORS

**4.68 million**

persons of concern (South Sudanese refugees in the region; South Sudanese IDPs and refugees in South Sudan)

**63%**

of the South Sudanese refugee population are children (under the age of 18 years old)

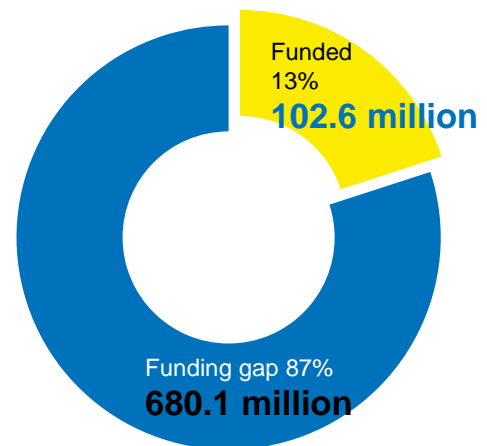
**2,677,400**

2018 Regional RRP Planning figure for the total South Sudanese refugees projected in the region by 31 December

## EARMARKED FUNDING (AS OF END OF AUGUST 2018)

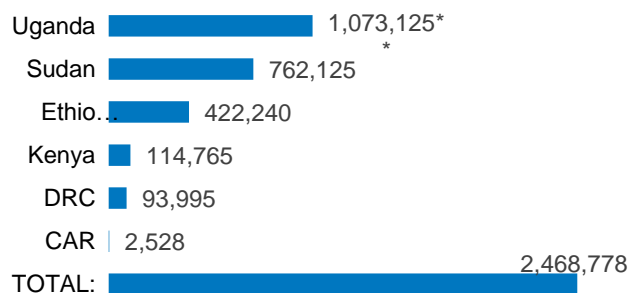
**USD 782.7 million**

requested for the South Sudan situation



## SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES AS OF 31 AUGUST 2018

### Host Countries



\* The population and arrival figures are based on best available information at the time of production. UNHCR continues to verify the numbers in all countries and future updates may vary as new information becomes available.

\*\* The population total in Uganda refers to those biometrically registered in Refugee Information Management System (Government - OPM) and those yet to be registered at Reception Centers/Transit Centers/Collection Points).

## New Arrivals

	In 2017 (Jan to Dec)	In 2018 (as of 31 August)
CAR	414	224
DRC	22,017	4,580
Ethiopia	75,447	19,770
Kenya	19,919	5,645
Sudan	195,599	27,765
Uganda	354,796	34,345
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>668,192</b>	<b>92,329</b>

## Regional Highlights

- **The Regional Refugee Coordinator and Special Advisor for the South Sudan Situation, Mr. Arnauld Akodjenou, gave an interview to the Radio France International where he spoke about the critical humanitarian situation of South Sudanese.** South Sudan situation remains the second largest refugee crisis in the region with 2.5 million refugees hosted by six countries (Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda).
- **On 5th August, the Agreement on Outstanding Issues of Governance and power-sharing (ARCSS) was signed by all parties to the South Sudan conflict in the Sudanese capital Khartoum.** The Secretary-General of the United Nations **welcomed** the signing of the Agreement and urged all parties to work in good faith and fully commit for the implementation and finalization of the revitalized ARCSS towards a fair, inclusive and sustainable peace.
- **South Sudanese refugee, Ms. Betty Zekra shined at the roundtable on the celebration of the World Humanitarian Day held on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018, organized by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).** While addressing the theme, humanitarian access and protection of civilians, Betty shared her personal experience and voiced the brunt borne by the South Sudanese refugees as result of the conflict calling upon all to continue advocating for a sustainable peace in South Sudan.

# Updates and Achievements

## SOUTH SUDAN

### Update

- On 9 August 2018, President Salva Kiir granted a general amnesty to rebels in South Sudan's civil war, including his former deputy Riek Machar. This decision likely will pave the way for a more reassured return of the rebels in regards to their safety.
- As result of the negotiations held in Khartoum under the facilitation of Sudanese President Omer Hassan Ahmed El-Bashir, the Agreement on Outstanding Issues of Governance and power-sharing was signed on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018 by all parties to the South Sudan conflict.
- On 13th August, South Sudan peace talks resumed in Khartoum on the composition of the judiciary reform committee and the constitutional amendments committee. The IGAD Council of Ministers extended the talks on those remaining issues until the 19th August.
- The situation is reportedly calm in South Kordofan, and it is expected to remain so if the ceasefire continues to hold.

### Achievements and Impact

- **New arrivals:** UNHCR registered a total of 322 new arrivals and 1,382 newborn babies mainly from Sudan's South Kordofan and Blue Nile. As of 31 August 2018, the refugee population in South Sudan stood at 298,881 individuals.
- **Sexual Gender Based Violence:** Cumulatively, 319 cases have been supported since January 2018 including 114 cases in Pamir, 50 in Yida, and 155 Ajuong Thok. To reduce the risk of SGBV and to improve the quality of response UNHCR and partners have promoted psychosocial group activities such as coffee/tea and skill building sessions as well as training on SGBV basic concepts and referral pathways.
- **Self-reliance:** In Yei, UNHCR facilitated the formation of four Village Savings and Loan Associations. The groups were supported with cash saving tools such as a saving box to enable saving.
- **Spontaneous IDP and Refugee Returns:** In Malakal, UNHCR completed an intention survey exercise in the Protection of Civilians site, reaching over 6,000 IDPs out of total 24,000 seeking safety there. Analysis of the data will enable UNHCR to align with its solution approach program.

## Countries of Asylum

### CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

#### Latest Developments

- **74 documents were distributed to refugees in August 2018 by government authorities, namely the Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés (CNR), with 10 travel authorisations, 64 birth notifications for minors who lost their birth certificates in South Sudan.** The issuance of these documents will improve their access to basic services.

#### Achievements and Impact

- **Out of a total of 1,250 women, UNHCR Field Office Obo carried out a distribution of loincloths to 966 women / girls.** Moreover, 148 girls and women aged from 09 to 20 years received sanitary pads and the ongoing distribution is to also involve women aged from 21 to over 49 years old.

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

#### Latest Developments

- **According to the Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés (CNR), over 25,000 South Sudanese refugees remain in border areas in Ituri Province, despite repeated calls from the authorities for them to relocate away from the highly insecure border areas.** UNHCR have assisted CNR in the organization of a training for 32 members of local authorities and civil society on refugee protection in regards to border security reinforcement and continued sensitization of refugees on relocation.
- **There is an insufficient number of hygiene promoters at Biringi site considering the poor living conditions of refugees which may increase the risk of spread of communicable diseases.** Five more hygiene promoters are needed for the site to reach the standard of one hygiene promoter per 500 people. Currently, one promoter is assisting over 1,000 people.

#### Achievements and Impact

- **UNHCR has hired an Agro-Forestry Consultant to develop a model for sustainable, income-generating agricultural and firewood production in areas hosting South Sudanese refugees.** With over 90,000 South Sudanese refugees in the DRC, UNHCR wants to ensure their integration into local agricultural activities guaranteeing the sustainability to the environment.

- **The issuance of birth certificates for 202 refugee newborns, who had not been registered within the legal timeframe, was facilitated by UNHCR's partner, the Danish Refugee Council, in a continued effort to prevent statelessness and improve access to basic services.**

## **ETHIOPIA**

### **Latest Developments**

- **In August, World Food Programme (WFP) has restored the food rations to the pre-May 2018 levels of 1,737 Kcal (83% of the ration) after severe cuts during the months of May, June, and July 2018.** This is still less than the minimum standards of 2,100 Kcal but will help minimize the associated nutrition and protection risks.

### **Achievements and Impact**

- **Early girl child marriage remains a leading cause of child abuse for the South Sudanese refugee children.** Although this form of child abuse is reported more frequently, the operation needs urgently adequate safe houses to secure children and survivors of sexual violence while organizing a more durable solution, such as relocation.

## **KENYA**

### **Latest Developments**

- **In 27<sup>th</sup> August, the Commissioner Barney Afako, member of the UN Commission on Human Right in South Sudan carried out a two-day fact finding mission to Kakuma Camp.** The commissioner met and interacted with various groups including survivors and witnesses of human rights abuses in South Sudan.
- **There is inadequate qualified staff with a clinician to patient ratio of 1:86 compared to UNHCR/World Health Organization standard of 1:50.** This leads to overreliance on unqualified auxiliary staff to offer medical treatment and therefore compromising the quality of health services offered.

### **Achievements and Impact**

- **2 host and refugee community integrated farmers cooperatives have been set up and are operational in Kakuma and Kalobeyei with the aim of promoting the community empowerment and enhancing the peaceful coexistence.** The Choro Farmers' Cooperative in Kakuma, currently has 21 members (11 are refugees) while the Kalobeyei Farmers' Cooperative counts with 20 members which are all refugees.

**SUDAN****Latest Developments**

- **Ongoing drug shortages at clinics across the response, with West Kordofan district particularly affected, due to the high demand of the population, both refugees and host communities members.** World Health Organization continue to provide drugs from its emergency stock to address critical drugs gaps across all refugee camps.
- **Malaria prevalence has increased in East Darfur from an average of 19 per cent in June to 33 per cent in August,** according to health consultation data from refugee clinics in Kario and Al Nimir refugee camps, and in refugee settlements at El Ferdous and Abu Jabra. While mosquito nets were distributed earlier this year, there has been a high mosquito breeding over the rainy season due to standing water at camps and settlement sites.

**Achievements and Impact**

- **Inter-Agency Partners finalized the Khartoum ‘Open Areas’ Response Plan in August which is costed at \$20M, and targets 57,700 refugees and their host communities across 9 ‘open area’ settlements over a 9-month period.** The Plan adopts a multi-sectoral, area-based approach and seeks to support refugees’ capacity for self-reliance.
- **New community centres in El Leri, South Kordofan to be constructed by the end of September and to benefit both refugees and host community members.** Services to include literacy classes, awareness-raising sessions on protection issues, leisure and recreation as part of the recent initiatives led by inter-agency partners to enhance peaceful co-existence between refugees and host communities in the area.

**UGANDA****Latest Developments**

- **20 group leaders were trained by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) on the construction of stabilized soil blocks (SSB).** The needed machines for stabilized soil blocks (SSB) production were not available in Uganda and had to be procured by Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) internationally. NRC has trained 20 group leaders on, who are then expected to transfer these skills to the members of their youth groups (10 people per group). This resulted in a serious delay to the construction training activities for the youth groups.

- **In Arua, UNHCR and partners, launched a pilot project in Rhino High Camp Secondary School** aimed at enhancing the link between livelihood and education as a way of improving quality of education.

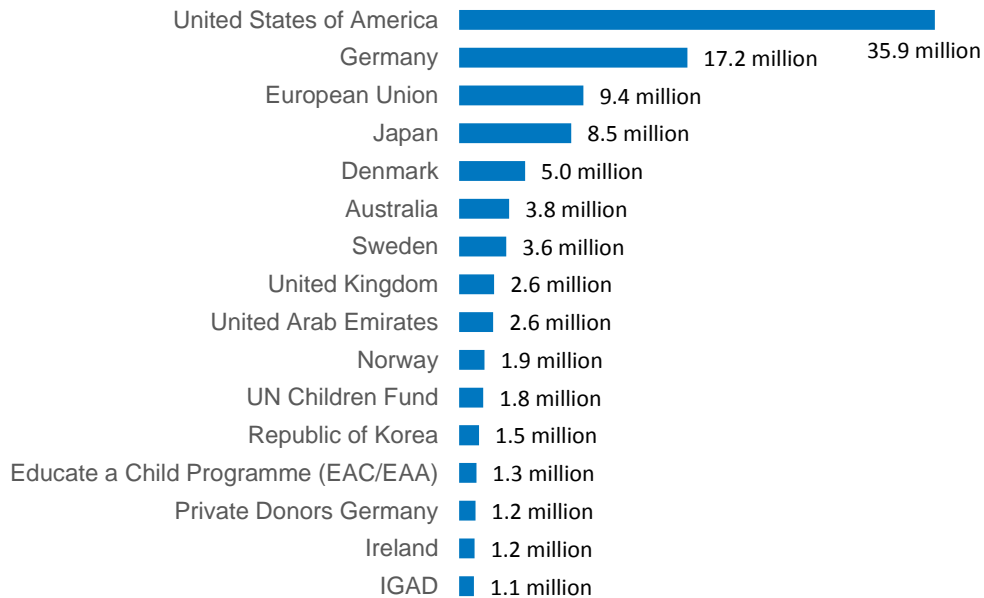
#### **Achievements and Impact**

- **A joint inter-agency Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) was carried out between March and June 2018 by REACH in partnership with UNHCR.** The report has been used as a key reference to identify needs and inform the Regional Refugee Response Plan alongside government sector response plans and other relevant studies.

## Financial Information

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the South Sudan situation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.

Earmarked contributions for the South Sudan Situation amount to some **US\$ 102.6 million**.



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