

South Sudan

1-15 March 2018

3,000+

Refugees and IDPs received material support and training during the reporting period

1,269

Refugee new arrivals registered in Unity during the reporting period.

6,000

Tree seedlings raised in Upper Nile during the reporting period.

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

287,375

Refugees in South Sudan as of 28 February 2018.

1.8 million

IDPs in South Sudan including 203,980 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites as of 12 March 2018

US \$809.4 million

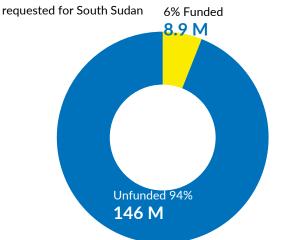
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UNHCR staff assists an elderly IDPS to carry his NFIs homw. Photo credit/UNHCR South Sudan

FUNDING AS OF 20 FEBRUARY 2018

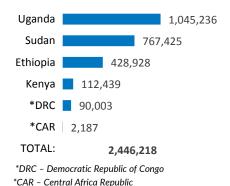
USD 155.3 M



POPULATION OF CONCERN

South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries as of 31 January 2018.

Host Countries





Update on Achievements



Achievements and Impact

UNHCR and its partners in collaboration with refugees, host community and IDPs celebrated the International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March. The annual event was marked under the theme: "Press for Progress to transform rural women's lives". UNHCR and partners organized a series of events, including drama, processions, songs and speeches that raised awareness on the importance of education for girls and women empowerment.

Unity

- In Yida refugee settlement, UNHCR registered 1,269 new arrivals (684 women, 585 men), which represents 132% increase against the same period last year when 545 new arrivals were registered. Food shortage in South Kordofan is the main driver for new arrivals.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR relocated 1,520 refugees to Jamjang camps, including 488 to Ajuong Thok and 1,032 to Pamir. This number also includes 387 refugees previously settled in Yida and 1,133 new arrivals. As of 15 March, the refugee population across Jamjang camps and settlement was as follows: Ajuong Thok 42,646, Pamir 23,526, Yida refugee settlement 52, 775.
- In Pamir and Ajuong Thok refugee camps, UNHCR in collaboration with its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) trained 50 Community Outreach Volunteers (COVs) to increase their understanding on their roles and responsibilities, code of conduct, as well as UNHCR mandate and policies.
- In Pamir, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) identified 151 (90 women, 61 men) Persons with Special Needs (PSNs) during General Food Distribution (GFD) and helped them receive food avoiding long queues. 60 PSNs were identified during the ongoing quality assessment by the DRC team. DRC also identified 8 (7 women, 1 man) PSNs and supported them with psychosocial services and basic supplies such as soap, shoes, etc. after verification in Ajuong Thok.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR's partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) identified 123 separated and two unaccompanied children at the respective reception centres; so far, 27 were placed under foster parents care, nine were referred for other services, and 25 were reunified with parents.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) conducted 11 Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) bringing the total number of BIAs so far completed to 50. UNHCR reviewed 34 BIAs of separated children and provided recommendations on areas for improvement to enhance the quality of assessment. The assessments revealed that the majority of family separations were due to the ongoing conflict and the need for education which is provided in refugee camps.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR trained 28 members of community structures, including Child Protection Committees (CPC), Conflict Resolution Committees (CRC), Parental Teachers Associations (PTAs), peer groups, child parliament and foster care parents on child protection. Topics, including identification, reporting and referral of cases of child abuse and neglect, roles and responsibilities as community members were covered.

Central Equatoria

 In Lasu, UNHCR recorded seven new cases of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), including four rape cases and three cases of domestic violence. UNHCR partner UMCOR provided psychosocial counselling to five victims. Additional support included provision of food and non-food items.

Upper Nile

- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Save the Children International (SCI) conducted a training for 496 (466 women, 30 men) adolescents on tailoring and beads works under the Youth Initiative and Child Innovation Groups.
- In Maban, UNHCR partner Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) conducted a training on psychosocial support and counselling for 60 (25 women, 35 men) youth and women.



Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

In Gorom refugee settlement, UNHCR partner ACROSS distributed assorted school supplies to 532 Primary School pupils. The supplies provided will boost school enrolment and help students to better engage during their classes.



- In Juba, five refugee teachers from Gorom completed their grade three in-service teachers training and were awarded certificates of merit by Juba University. The number of qualified teachers in Gorom has increased to 50% as compared to 40% in 2017;
- In Gorom refugee settlement, UNHCR recorded a significant improvement in pupils' academic performance. All 24 children who sat for the South Sudan Examination for Primary School passed with excellent results and their school was ranked the best in Rajaf County.
- In Juba, UNHCR partner ACROSS equipped students accommodation with 20 additional beds and 20 mattresses. As
 a result, 49 Secondary School students from Gorom were taken to Juba to commence their studies.
- In Lasu, UNHCR partner United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) registered 172 (69 boys and 103 girls) refugee children for enrolment at the Early Childhood Development Centre (ECD). UMCOR will deliver teaching materials for the ECD teachers to start classes.
- In Yei, UMCOR registered 242 refugee pupils for educational support upon verification.

Upper Nile

In Maban, UNHCR partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) received the 2017 South Sudan Primary Leaving Examination (PLE) results. The overall pass rate is 56%, while for refugees it is 38%.

<u>Unity</u>

- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR enrolled 1,076 new pupils in Primary School. The total number of enrolled children in 2 camps is 13, 877 pupils (7,852 boys, 6,025 girls). Also, UNHCR enrolled 22 (4 girls, 18 boys) new students in Secondary School, bringing the total enrolment to 1,526 (370 girls, 1,156 boys). Under new Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP), the total number of enrolled students is 3,550 (1,542 girls, 2008 boys) in both Pamir and Ajuong Thok refugee camps. The enrolment rate for ICT and ELP learners remains the same with 74 (8 girls, 66 boys) and 60 (23 girls, 37 boys) learners respectively.
- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) distributed 1,315 text books to ALP program at Napata, Merowe and Kings of Nuba schools.
- UNHCR distributed 55 solar torches to the best academically performing adolescent girls at Mandela secondary school in Pamir refugee camp. The torches will facilitate the girls' academic performance and motivate other students to improve on their studies.



Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Doro and Gendrassa refugee camps, UNHCR and its partner International Medical Corps (IMC) conducted Mental Health training on case management, communication skills and general principles for 62 Community Health Promoters (40 men and 22 women). The main objective of the training was to enhance their skills and knowledge in management of psychosocial issues. Also, IMC conducted training for 9 midwives (all females) on Basic Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (BEmONC) and Clinical Management of Rape (CMR). The main purpose was to equip the midwives with skills and knowledge in management of rape cases.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR and IMC resumed reproductive health services in Mayak PHCU. The services provided include antenatal care (ANC), post-natal care (PNC), and general outpatient care.
 Unity
- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR completed the construction of a new maternity ward. The facility will improve reproductive health service provided to refugee women.



Achievements and Impact

<u>Unity</u>

The average water supply in Ajuong Thok refugee camp stood at 21 litres per person per day, while in Pamir – 21 litres per person per day. The crude latrine coverage was 10 in Pamir and 8 in Ajuong Thok.



In Pamir refugee camp, International Rescue Committee (IRC) in collaboration with UNHCR and Danish Refugee Council (DRC) launched a two-week open defecation free campaign. The campaign seeks to increase awareness on the importance of latrine usage and negative consequences of open defecation.

Upper Nile

- Across four camps in Maban, the daily average water consumption stood at 20.5 litres per person per day which is within the UNHCR standard indicator.
- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR partner ACTED supported the construction of 29 household latrines.



Achievements and Impact

<u>Unity</u>

In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) identified and assessed 55 PSN cases, involving 114 persons (46 women and 68 men). Out of these, 35 cases were provided with basic supplies such as torches, sandals, soap, cloth and family tents.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR completed the construction of six steel shades for guards. The shades will help improve security at the airstrip and ensure that the UNMISS force protection can guard the airstrip throughout the day.
- In Doro and Yusuf Batil refugee camps, UNHCR completed the construction of additional steel waiting shade at the secondary distribution site. The PSNs will use this waiting shade during general/targeted distributions.

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

In Maban, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC), trained 26 (11 women, 15 men) members of the fire taskforce on fire safety and prevention. The training equipped the members with knowledge and skills in response and prevention during fire outbreaks in the camps.



Achievements and Impact

<u>Upper Nile</u>

- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR partner Relief International raised 6, 344 seedlings, which represents 46.6% increase as compared to the number of seedlings raised at the beginning of February.
- In Kaya refugee camp and Hofra village of the host community, UNHCR installed seven solar street lights to improve security and reduce SGBV risks. In addition, 24 street lights are to be installed in other refugee camps and surrounding host villages.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner WVI distributed agriculture tools to 216 farmer households. Tools
 included hoes, machetes, axes and gumboots.
- In Makpandu refugee settlement, WVI supported 24 vegetable growers with vegetable seeds such as onions, okra, eggplants, sukumawiki, carrot, watermelon and agriculture tools like water cans, machetes and hand hoes.
- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner WVI organised four-day training to 100 farmers (46 women and 54 men) on growing different types of crops, environment protection, pest and disease control using traditional methods, as well as harvest handling and storage management.

Upper Nile

 In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Relief International (RI) provided micro-finance support to 22 Village Saving Loans Association groups engaged in savings and loaning activities. Cumulatively, they have generated



saving portfolios of 508, 720 South Sudanese Pounds. Village Saving Loans Association seeks to strengthen access to informal microfinance services through increased financial as well as social capital for enterprise creation.

- In Maban, UNHCR partner Relief International (RI) supported the establishment of eight Farmer Groups (21 women; 219 men) to facilitate agriculture skills transfer for improved agricultural output. The overall aim is to ensure persons of concern can undertake sustainable agriculture production, applying relevant agronomic skills and practices that ensure increased food availability.
- In Maban, UNHCR and partner ACTED continue to provide tillage support in Kaya and Gendrassa camps ahead of main planting season in May 2018. 47 acres of agriculture land were cleared for secondary tillage and 177 acres ploughed under primary tillage.

Unitv

- In Yida refugee settlement, UNHCR and its partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) worked with the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) and the local authorities to identify 15 acres of land for woodlot. The woodlot is part of UNHCR's contribution to environmental reclamation through reforestation.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR selected 1,392 individuals (1,333 females and 59 males) for the training in production of energy efficient stoves using local materials. The energy efficient stoves will reduce the amount of firewood required for cooking as well as time spent by women collecting firewood.

IDP RESPONSE

COORDINATION

Achievements and Impact

Western Equatoria

- During the reporting period, UNHCR participated in an Inter-agency assessment mission led by OCHA to Amadi state to prepare for a multi-sectoral intervention in April and May 2018. Areas assessed included Kotobi, Karika, Gullu Boma, Ditto, Wiro, Movo, Minga, Lozoh, Ladingwa, Dosso, Milindani, Wande, Munufuru, Mbari, and Bangolo. Unity
- In Bentiu, UNHCR conducted a one-day training for 15 community leaders, chiefs from the customary court and youth to increase their understanding of the challenges faced by women and girls in the community and discuss men's role in eliminating SGBV.

OPERATIONS

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- During the reporting period, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) conducted four community-based protection trainings for 153 (63 women; 90 men) members of the Community-Based Protection Network (CBP) in four IDP hosting sites at Gasmalla, Hofra, Blanket and Bir Talta on general protection, community based protection mechanisms and referrals and the roles and responsibilities of CBPN members.
- UNHCR partner HDC conducted SGBV awareness raising, sensitisation and mobilisation sessions for 36 (22 women, 14 men) community members in three IDP hosting sites in Dollo, Banabowa and Ortiji. The purpose of the sessions was to equip community members with knowledge on SGBV prevention, response as well as the existing referral pathways.



Achievements and Impact

Western Bahr el Ghazal

During the reporting period, UNHCR conducted field missions to Bagari, Gedi and Wadalel, 60 km west of Wau town. During these missions, UNHCR distributed Core Relied Items (CRIs) to 1,200 internally displaced persons with special needs (PSNs). CRIs included kitchen sets, blankets, soap, water containers, clothes and plastic tarpaulins. Also, women and girls of reproductive age received sanitary kits. Furthermore, UNHCR donated soap and clothes for patients at two health centres. This is the second round of intervention for returning population estimated at 23,000 IDPs who have received little attention in the last two years due to restricted access to their location.





COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

<u>Jonglei</u>

In Akobo County, UNHCR partner Nile Hope commenced the construction of a Vocational Training Center.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

<u>Jonglei</u>

During the reporting period, UNHCR identified 1,500 farmers in Duk, Twic East and Awerial counties who were
provided with farming tools and seeds. In addition, 100 young people were identified in Bor and enrolled in livelihoods
training. Also, 100 women received training in baking, crocheting, and beads making in Bor town.

Working in partnership

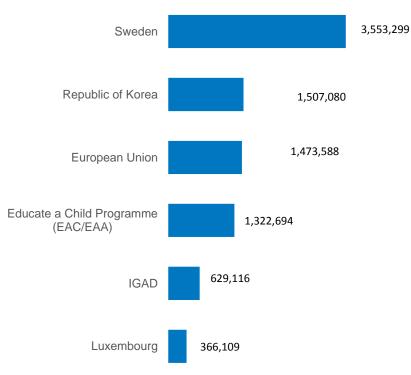
- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- In the refugee response, main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing partners in 2018 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 (RRC). Implementing partners in 2018 are UMCOR, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Handicap International, Humanitarian Development Consortium, INTERSOS, Nile Hope, UNV 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), 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 US\$ 8.9 million, for the financial year 2018 as of 20 February 2018. 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 un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.



2018 funding received in a million USD





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