

# South Sudan Situation

1-30 April 2019

## 2,384,240\*

South Sudanese refugees in the region as of 30 April 2019 (pre- and post-Dec 2013 caseload).

## 9,414\*

South Sudanese refugee arrivals in April 2019.

## 297,321

Refugees in South Sudan and 1.91 million IDPs including 178,923 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites.

### KEY INDICATORS

## 4.4 million

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

## 63%

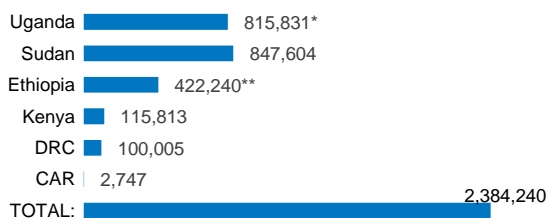
of the South Sudanese refugee population are children (under the age of 18 years old)

## 2,795,827

2019 Regional RRP Planning figure for the total South Sudanese refugees projected in the region by 31 December

### SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES AS OF 30 APRIL 2019

## Host Countries



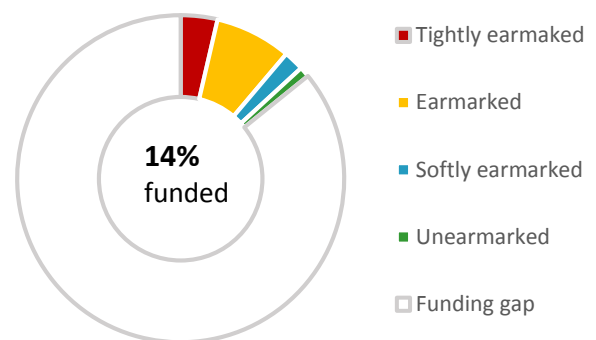
\* The population and arrival figures are based on the final results from verification exercise.

\*\* Population figures for Ethiopia were frozen as of August 2018 due to the roll-out of a new registration system aiming to enhance registration data.

### EARMARKED FUNDING (AS OF END OF APRIL 2019)

## USD 750.6 million

requested for the South Sudan situation



## New Arrivals

	In 2018 (Jan to Dec)	In 2019 (as of April)
CAR	325	171
DRC	6,201	3,785
Ethiopia	19,770**	0**
Kenya	7,325	4,454
Sudan	33,117	9,874
Uganda	40,758	16,141
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,496</b>	<b>34,425</b>

## Regional Highlights

- **On 2 April, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and European Union released the “Global Report on Food Crises 2019”, revealing that South Sudan is expected to remain among the world’s most severe food crises in 2019 with some 6 million people already affected.** The report has also identified conflict as the key driver of food insecurity for the majority of the 113 million acutely food-insecure people globally.
- **In April, African Union released the report of the roundtable on root causes and solutions for forced displacement held on 9 February 2019 at United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.** While the Global Compact on Refugees and CRRF, and their potential to ensure the socio-economic inclusion of refugees in host communities and enable self-reliance have been highlighted it was also raised that durable solutions for refugees and the internally displaced require the establishment of conditions of normality and inclusion of refugees, IDPs and stateless persons in national development plans to harness their potential.
- **On 17<sup>th</sup> April UNHCR issued an update to its 2015 Position on Returns to South Sudan.** The position calls on states to uphold that the bar on forcible return as a minimum standard until such time as the security, rule of law, and the human rights situation in South Sudan significantly improve to permit a safe and dignified return of those determined not to be in need of international protection. Under the current circumstances, UNHCR current stance is that it cannot facilitate, promote or otherwise organize returns to South Sudan.

# Updates and Achievements

## SOUTH SUDAN

### Update

- UNHCR continued its involvement in the prevention and response to the Ebola virus disease (EVD) in South Sudan through increased support to preparedness and coordination activities and participating in the South Sudan EVD Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) meetings as well as National Taskforce Meetings.

### Achievements and Impact

- **Education:** In Maban, UNHCR and partners conducted the end of term examinations across the four refugee camps for all levels. In primary school, attendance increased from 67 per cent during the first half of the month to 78 per cent during the examination period.

In Jamjang, UNHCR and partners conducted an assessment to determine status of safe learning environments in schools at refugee camp. The preliminary findings reveal gaps in WASH. During focus groups discussions female students' highlighted lack of sanitary pads as the major reason for absenteeism.

- **IDPs:** UNHCR and partner Nile Hope formed community complaint mechanisms in Akobo and Pochalla counties. The self-managed mechanism, comprising 20 women and 30 men, aims at identifying and reporting protection and sexual and gender-based violence issues to Nile Hope.
- **Spontaneous returns:** Following ongoing reported spontaneous returns, UNHCR carried out two field missions to Leer and Mayom to gather information on South Sudanese returnees to these areas. Moreover, to ensure the adequate protection monitoring of the movements, UNHCR and partners have been promoting trainings on newly developed return monitoring and reporting tools to partners.

## Countries of Asylum

### CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

#### Achievements and Impact

- **From 15 to 18 April, UNHCR and partners National Refugee Commission (CNR) and African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD) carried out a verification and registration of refugees exercise in Mboki.** During the exercise, long term refugees from South Sudan, the DRC and Sudan were all registered.

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

#### Latest Developments

- **In 25 April, an armed incursion from South Sudan into Faradje Territory (Haut-Uele Province) resulted in a clash with the DRC army (FARDC). This led an unconfirmed number of refugees to relocate away from border areas fearing repercussions. Local authorities have encouraged such movements.** Some refugees also attempted to return to South Sudan after the incident, with some subsequently re-entering DRC to seek international protection given the still-volatile situation in South Sudan. UNHCR is assisting them in reaching safety at Biringi settlement.

#### Achievements and Impact

- **UNHCR biometrically registered 1,432 South Sudanese refugees at Meri, Biringi and Kaka settlements, and Dungu town, from 1 to 30 April.** Currently about 46,090 refugees are biometrically registered at the four locations, with the goal of ensuring refugees' protection.

### ETHIOPIA

#### Latest Developments

- **Due to recent security incidents in Gambella which resulted in some civilian fatalities, including refugees and a humanitarian worker, UNHCR has suspended missions to all the refugee camps since 29 April as per the recommendation of the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS).** Due to the movement restrictions, only limited humanitarian assistance is being provided in the camps by a significantly reduced humanitarian staff mainly through existing community structures.

#### Achievements and Impact

- **UNHCR has developed a multi-year Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Strategy (2019-2021) in line with the principles of UNHCR's Global Livelihoods Strategy (2019-2023) and the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR).** This strategy outlines UNHCR's role in the economic inclusion of refugees and host communities and intended to be aligned with the development priorities of refugee hosting areas across the six regions in Ethiopia.

**KENYA****Latest Developments**

- **A first ever Techfugges Hackathon competition in Africa has been carried out in Nairobi with the participation of two refugee groups among eight groups that competed.** The hackathon competition aimed at finding innovative solutions for health services in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei Settlement.

**Achievements and Impact**

- **The use of Kiosk for Access Service and Information (KASI) system has allowed the issuance of travel and movement passes in an easier manner for refugees as well enhanced the recruitment process of beneficiaries by organizations working in Kakuma.** As an innovative tool KASI has promoted a more efficient use of refugees' existing data and ensures that their information is biometrically verifiable and available.

**SUDAN****Latest Developments**

- **In March, UNHCR, partners and the Government of Sudan's Commissioner for Refugees (COR) conducted a second post-harvest assessment for South Sudanese refugees in White Nile state.** It examined experiences of over 100,000 refugees from across all nine camps in 2018 who were employed in harvesting activities, and identified challenges and protection issues that refugees faced, namely low wages, breach of employment contracts, injuries and inadequate shelter. The number of refugees engaging in 2018 harvesting activities has significantly increased compared to 2017 when close to 30,000 refugees engaged in these activities.
- **The worsening of cash shortages are leading to implementation challenges for cash-based interventions (CBIs) in South Kordofan state both to refugees and host community members.** The programme was envisaged to cover six months assistance to about 1,500 households and as banks are not able to meet their obligation to disburse cash to beneficiaries of cash assistance programming, Save the Children will be switching from cash transfer modality to vouchers.

**Achievements and Impact**

- **Enrolment campaigns launched for refugee children in East Darfur led to nearly doubling the refugee student's attendance in a two period. It rose from 617 refugee students to 1,210 students across both Al Nimir and Kario camps.** The campaigns are led by the State Ministry of Education, the Commissioner for Refugees (COR), UNHCR and partners and include coordinated refugee community sensitization initiatives on the importance of school enrolment and attendance, especially for girls.

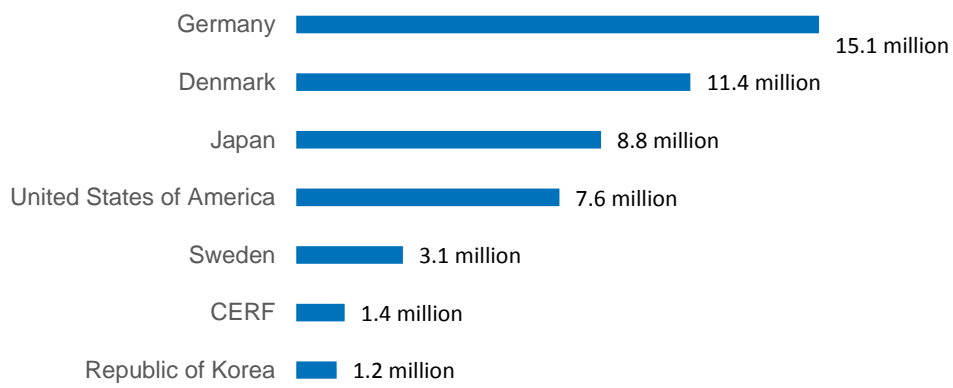
**UGANDA****Latest Developments**

- **From 1 to 30 April 2019, 4,307 South Sudanese out of a total of 9,139 new South Sudanese refugee arrivals crossed into Uganda.** The total number of new refugee arrivals since 1 January 2019 is 32,998.

## Financial Information

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

Total contributions for the South Sudan Situation amount to some **USD 106.5 million.**



### Special thanks to the major donors of softly earmarked and regional funds in 2019 | USD

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UNHCR South Sudan situation Page: <https://www.unhcr.org/south-sudan-emergency.html>

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