

South Sudan

16-31 August 2019

3,149

Tree seedlings planted or distributed for planting to ensure continued access to firewood for vulnerable persons

2,487

Farmers provided seeds and tools to facilitate crop cultivation

6,738

Refugees, internally displaced persons and returned refugees reached through hygiene promotion campaigns

POPULATIONS OF CONCERN INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

297,952

Refugees inside South Sudan

1.82 million

IDPs in South Sudan including 182,026 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

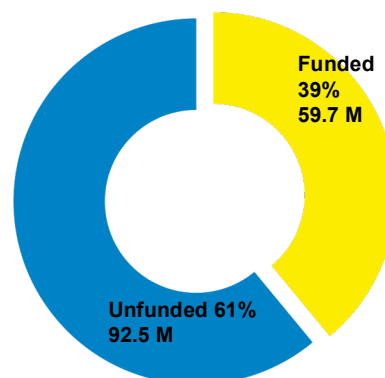
209,071

Spontaneously returned South Sudanese refugees of 2.3 million displaced.

FUNDING AS OF 31 AUGUST 2019

USD 152.2 M

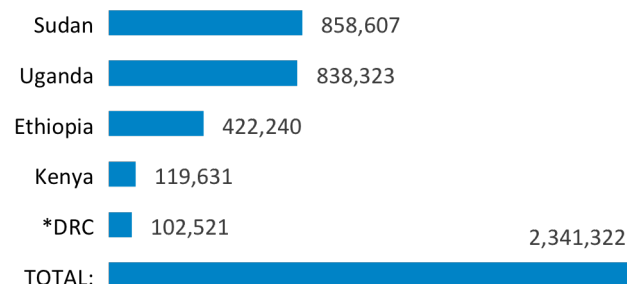
requested for the South Sudan operation



SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES

As of 31 July

Host Countries



*DRC - Democratic Republic of Congo
Total figure does not include 2,222 refugees and asylum seekers in the Central African Republic.



County authorities and UNHCR staff in Maban congratulate graduates of a four-month tailoring course supported by UNHCR and partner Save the Children International. (UNHCR/CRA)

REFUGEE RESPONSE



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Maban's Doro refugee camp during the reporting period, UNHCR and partner Save the Children International (SCI) engaged 88 (47 women, 41 men) community members in discussions on children rights. The aim is to prevent exposure to risks.
- Across Maban's four refugee camps, UNHCR and partner, SCI trained 40 community outreach workers (12 women, 28 men) on child and youth protection topics such as the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and family tracing and reunification.
- In Maban 330 youth (100 girls, 230 boys) and 1,695 children (819 girls, 876 boys), including 60 children from the host community (28 girls, 32 boys), accessed recreation and psychosocial activities across the camps over the reporting period. Activities included songs, riddles, story-telling, debates, drawing, volley ball, pool table, table tennis and darts among others, with support from UNHCR partner partners, SCI and Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS).
- Nine cases of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) were recorded across the three camps of Doro, Gendrassa and Yusuf Batil. UNHCR and partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) are working with community leaders to mitigate risk factors.
- In Maban's Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR, in partnership with DRC, conducted a one-day training on SGBV prevention, response and referral for 40 community leaders.
- More than 400 refugee women were supported by UNHCR and protection partners at women's centres across the four camps in Maban. Activities included case management, psychosocial support, kitchen gardening, tailoring, weaving and more.

Central Equatoria

- UNHCR and partner United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) conducted best interest assessments for 9 (8 girls, 1 boy) unaccompanied, asylum-seeking children. The Nuban and Congolese child protection committee that UNHCR trained on child protection in March 2019 identified and referred the children.
- UNHCR and partner UMCOR reached 115 refugees in Lasu refugee settlement with child rights and protection awareness raising activities, and 74 people with SGBV awareness raising activities.
- UNHCR and partner UMCOR assisted two domestic violence survivors in Lasu refugee settlement with psychosocial counseling and referrals for medical assistance, and followed up with four SGBV cases of sexual assault, child marriage, rape & abduction.

Unity

- During the reporting period, 27 SGBV cases were reported. Survivors received counselling and material support in Ajuong Thok (14), Pamir (9) and Yida (4).
- 58 women and girls at risk were assessed and received basic material assistance to reduce potential risks in three locations: Ajuong Thok, Pamir refugee camps and Yida refugee settlement.
- 996 refugee families received information on SGBV services through home visits conducted by UNHCR and partner International Rescue Committee (IRC). 3,919 refugees were reached through outreach campaigns designed to raise awareness about SGBV prevention and response in three refugee locations in Jamjang.

- UNHCR and partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) attended 16 traditional bench court hearing sessions in Ajuong Thok, Pamir and Yida. A total of 24 (5 women, 19 men) cases were heard and 14 of them were closed.
- Legal counseling was provided to 13 refugees (5 women, 8 men) in Ajuong Thok, Pamir and Yida refugee sites.
- Uniforms were distributed to 18 members (5 women, 13 men) of the traditional bench courts in Ajuong Thok and Pamir Camps.
- UNHCR child protection partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) identified 13 separated children (9 girls, 4 boys) and one unaccompanied minor (boy) in Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps. LWF will conduct home visits and follow up on their situation.
- With UNHCR support, LWF provided material support to 74 children at risk (42 girls, 32 boys) based on the identified needs. Support provided include clothes, sandals, soap, sleeping mats, body lotion and mosquito nets.
- On 28 August, 25 Pamir camp leaders (7 women, 18 men) were trained by LWF on child protection, child abuse and child support.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- 215 (113 girls, 102 boys) Early Childhood Development students took the term 2 examinations. Of that number, 74 (41 girls, 33 boys) were refugee students from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Unity

- On 29 August, UNHCR and partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) trained 19 teachers, 21 LWF community outreach workers, 4 health and hygiene promoters and 28 parents of children with special needs on basic rehabilitation skills and the use and maintenance of assistive devices in order to mainstream education to children with physical impairments.
- UNHCR and partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) supported 326 students from Soba and Mandela Secondary School with their registration fees for senior level four.

Upper Nile

- During the reporting period, UNHCR and partner LWF trained 127 teachers (25 women, 102 men); Doro 38 (2 women, 36 men); Gendrassa 32 (12 women, 20 men); Yusuf Batil 42 (6 women, 36 men); Kaya 15 (5 women, 10 men) on sign language. The objective of the training was to improve communication with children with hearing impairment thus enhancing the teaching and learning process.
- UNHCR and partner LWF conducted an inter-school event for 151 children in (Doro, 60, Kaya, 41; Gendrassa, 50). The activity aimed to enhance children's talents living with disabilities.

**HEALTH****Achievements and Impact****Central Equatoria**

- During the reporting period, UNHCR in collaboration with UNAIDS, conducted a three-day workshop on cross border services and continuum of care on HIV/AIDS for displaced populations. This resulted in a draft country work plan on how to facilitate durable solutions for the continuum of care.
- UNHCR and partner UMCOR have launched mobile health clinics in Lasu refugee settlement, which has been inaccessible due to insecurity since 2016. A total of 392 patients - 162 refugees and 230 host community members - received primary healthcare treatment and the ratio of refugees' consultation to Nationals stood at 41.3%.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR and partner UMCOR reached 199 refugees (107 women, 92 men) with key Ebola prevention messages.

Unity

- Thirty-one health workers (13 host community members, 18 refugees) graduated with certificates in different disciplines during the third graduation ceremony of Hakima Yakoub health training school in Ajoung Thok refugee camp. The training program was implemented by UNHCR and partner Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA). Graduates included 8 midwife assistants, 9 nursing assistants and 14 laboratory assistants.

Upper Nile

- During the reporting period, UNHCR in coordination with partners Relief International and Samaritan's Purse facilitated a 5-day training for 18 health workers at Gentil clinic on supporting severely malnourished children with medical complications.

Western Equatoria

- From August 27-29, UNHCR trained 31 (10 women, 21 men) health service providers, protection workers, community leaders, police and members of the South Sudan People's Defense Force (SSPDF) on SGBV and chain of evidence in Makpandu refugee settlement. Police and SSPDF were included to sensitize on SGBV issues and management of chain of evidence around the refugee settlement.

Challenges**Upper Nile**

- In Maban, health facilities became inaccessible because of the heavy flooding in August, specifically in Kaya refugee camp. This has a far-reaching implication on both health and WASH services in Kaya refugee camp. UNHCR and partners continued to preposition medical items in case of disease outbreak, and the health facilities are manned by refugee health workers till the water level drops down and access is possible. An increase in malaria cases is noted in all health facilities ranging from 18% to 41% of the total consultations.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impacts

Western Equatoria

- During the reporting period UNHCR, WFP, World Vision International (WVI) Distributed monthly general food ration and cash (6,024,850 SSP) for the month of August to 3,887 refugees in Makpandu refugee settlement.

Unity

- UNHCR, World Food Program (WFP) and Samaritan's Purse (SP) conducted general food distribution (GFD) for the month of August 2019 in Pamir and Ajong Thok refugee camps and Yida refugee settlement. 113,548 refugees were served (30,702 in Pamir, 37,967 in Ajong Thok and 44,879 in Yida). The food basket contained cereals, pulses, vegetable oil and salt.

Upper Nile

- The August general food distribution was conducted in Maban's four refugee camps using a hybrid of cash and food assistance. The food basket contained cereal, cooking oil, and salt. Refugees also received 530 SSP per person to purchase lentils and pay for milling.

Central Equatoria

- UNHCR in partnership with ACROSS, screened 120 children under five years for malnutrition at the Lasu primary health care center. Three cases of medium acute malnutrition and one case of severe acute malnutrition were identified and enrolled in supplementary feeding programs. Twenty-two refugees at risk were provided flour (5 kg), rice (5 kg), beans (3 kg), cooking oil, and salt in Lasu. Sixty-seven refugees with specific needs at Yei also received supplementary support.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- From 24-26 August, UNHCR and partner UMCOR's community based hygiene promoters undertook a household level sanitation assessment in Lasu refugee settlement with the purpose of reducing open defecation in the settlement. A total of 128 households were visited out of which 69 were proved to be in need of family latrines.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR and partner UMCOR reached 441 refugees with personal hygiene management messaging.

Unity

- During the reporting period, UNHCR and partner SP constructed of 143 family latrines (64 in Ajuong Thok, 79 in Pamir).
- During the reporting period, UNHCR and partners IRC, AHA reached 2,270 refugees (1,211 women, 568 men, 491 children) with hygiene promotion messages in Pamir and 40,27 refugees (2,254 women, 1775 men) in Ajuong Thok refugee camp respectively.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In partnership with UNHCR, DRC provided 41 newly settled families (89 individuals) in Ajuong Thok and Pamir camps with core relief items including blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, buckets, soap, and second hand clothes. 38 women and girls also received hygiene kits.
- UNHCR and partner DRC distributed plastic sheets and family tents to 485 vulnerable refugee families (295 in Ajuong Thok, 190 in Pamir).
- UNHCR partner DRC completed the construction of 105 shelters for persons with specific needs (75 in Ajuong Thok, 30 in Pamir). 310 families were supported with timber and zinc sheets to upgrade their roofs and were given doors and windows to replace the old ones.
- UNHCR and partner Action Africa Help International (AAHI) carried out repair and maintenance work in several access and roads in Pamir and Ajuong Thok camps, and installed drainage infrastructure to help prevent flooding.

Upper Nile

- UNHCR in partnership with AAHI refurbished 3.5 km of road that had been damaged by flooding and installed culverts to prevent further issues.
- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and partner DRC identified more than 300 shelters destroyed by the floods in Maban. Plans are underway to assist these families with core relief items once similar assessments are concluded in the other three camps of Gendrassa, Kaya and Yusuf Batil in following reporting period.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Maban's four refugee camps, UNHCR and partner Relief International (RI) supported 396 refugee families with fuel-efficient stoves. Families also received training on practical energy saving practices, stove handling and management.
- UNHCR planted 1,994 neem tree seedlings in the marram pit site in Ajuong Thok refugee camp.
- 4,779 trees were marked with paint to mark them protected in Ajuong Thok refugee camp. 68 members of the refugee community were sensitized to spread awareness to their community. This brings the total number of trees marked to 8,343 in Ajuong Thok refugee camp.

Unity

- During the reporting period, 3,149 seedlings, including passion fruit, teak, acacia, lemon, guava, pawpaw, neem, and mango, were distributed to refugee families for planting.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Kaya camp, UNHCR and partner DRC trained 39 (4 women, 35 men) members of the community watch group on mechanisms to improve crowd management, and deter and report issues identified during general distributions.
- In Maban's four refugee camps, UNHCR and partner DRC conducted three village level meetings over the reporting period. 218 refugees (149 women, 69 men) were sensitized on overall service provision, feedback and response mechanism and referral pathways. This brings the total of village level meetings to 56 reaching 5,907 refugees (2,999 women, 2,191 men, 717 children) across the four refugee camps in Maban. This community approach of engagement aims to enhance refugee capacities and increased women's participation in resolving issues affecting refugees across the camps.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- 563 farmers (342 women, 221 men) were assisted with ploughing 2,364,000 m² of land in Pamir and Ajoung Thok refugee camps.
- 1,800 refugee families (700 Pamir, 800 Ajoung Thok, 300 Jamjang) received vegetables seeds, such as tomatoes, kudra, jirjir, okra, pumpkin, eggplants, kale and watermelon, and tools, including a maloda, rake, water can, and hoe to support improved nutrition.
- During the reporting period, 1,967 new farmers (704 women, 370 men) in Ajoung Thok refugee camp and 893 farmers (597 women, 196 men) in Pamir refugee camp received Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations' (FAO) supplementary seeds. The farmers received seeds to plant maize, okra, onions and other crops. This is intended to supplement seeds and tools provided through UNHCR grant.
- UNHCR, together with partner IRC and FAO, provided 100 farmers with fishing kits (50 Ajoung Thok, 50 Pamir).

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR and partner SCI, graduated 40 refugees and host community members (22 refugees and 18 host community members) with specific protection needs who completed a four-month training in garment making. The graduates received start-up kits (sewing machine, a roll of fabric, pair of scissors, measuring tape, lubricating oil) to enable them to launch their own tailoring businesses.
- In Doro and Yusuf Batil refugee camps, UNHCR and partner Relief International (RI) trained 38 refugee families and 14 producer groups on crop pest and disease control to improve crop yields during harvest.
- In Doro and Yusuf Batil refugee camps, UNHCR and partner RI provided on-the-job training to 50 refugee entrepreneurs in hair dressing, catering and baking.
- In Gendrassa refugee camp, UNHCR and partner ACTED distributed FAO-supported seed kits and tools to 924 individuals (460 women, 464 men) over the reporting period.
- In Kaya refugee camp, weeding of 140 feddans planted with maize, sorghum, cowpea, simsim and groundnuts is ongoing to improve plant growth and yield for persons of concern. However, the heavy

flooding has submerged almost all farmlands. UNHCR and partner ACTED are undertaking an after-flood assessment to ascertain the level of damage.

- In Kaya and Gendrassa refugee camps, UNHCR and partner ACTED supported 42 kitchen gardens with agronomic practices such as weeding, pruning, transplanting and staking tomatoes plants.
- UNHCR partner ACTED disbursed 945,000 SSP (USD 5,921) to business grantees in Kaya, Gendrassa refugee camps and host community, with each business grantee receiving 63,000 SSP (USD 390). The recipients of these grants will use the cash to start their own business as UNHCR works to promote business inclusion and economic empowerment of refugees.

SPONTANEOUS REFUGEE RETURN RESPONSE

Unity

- On 16 August, an inter-cluster needs assessment mission led by the Protection Cluster and OCHA was conducted to Kitkwang in Manyo County where the civilian population is facing harsh living conditions. Most pressing needs are WASH, health, nutrition, food and non-food items. As per information from local authorities, there are about 18,000 people living in Kitkwang, including 8,467 IDPs; 1,757 IDP returnees, 5,423 spontaneous refugee returnees, and 3,000 host community. It was also noted that there has been an increase of spontaneous refugee returns from Sudan.
- A protection monitoring mission was conducted to Kaka and Wadakona, located at the border with Sudan. During June and July, as per community level assessment, 1,901 South Sudanese refugee (664 families) spontaneously returned to the two locations. UNHCR and partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) conducted four focus group discussions with 60 participants.

Jonglei

- UNHCR continued to monitor spontaneous refugee returns at the border areas, especially in Akobo, Pochalla and Jebel Boma. During the reporting period, UNHCR recorded 413 refugee returnees (120 girls, 118 boys, 101 women, 74 men) who have decided to come back to South Sudan due to various reasons including family reunification and the current security situation in South Sudan.
- During the reporting period, the protection desk at Bor Dock recorded 43 families (44 individuals) who have spontaneously returned from Rhino camp in Arua, Uganda. Most of them cited family reunification and economic hardship as the reason for their returns.

IDP RESPONSE

COORDINATION



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Jonglei

- During the reporting period, UNHCR conducted an advocacy meeting with the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare in Jonglei State to advocate for a high-level dialogue to strengthen individual case management systems, and improve referral pathways. The Minister assured UNHCR and protection cluster that the ministry will work closely with the law enforcement agencies for better response to SGBV issues in the State.

OPERATIONS



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- During the reporting period, UNHCR, together with DRC, IRC and Mercy Corps, conducted a two-day awareness raising session on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation Abuse (PSEA) in Rubkona town targeting women and girls at the Women and Girls Friendly Spaces. A total of 92 women and girls from all the three centers attended the sessions. The sessions aimed at raising awareness on sexual exploitation and abuse and inform on the confidential community-based reporting mechanism among the women and girls.
- During the period, UNHCR received five cases of domestic violence at the protection counseling desk at the Bentiu Protection of Civilians (POC) site. UNHCR provided counselling and referred the cases to relevant partners for medical and psychosocial support.

Upper Nile

- On 30 August, UNHCR, in collaboration with the Malakal Solutions Working Group, supported the voluntary return of one IDP female-headed household (5 individuals, 4 children and 1 mother) to Malakal town from Juba. The family left Malakal amidst fighting in 2014. The family was provided cash assistance, and some basic household items. The returnees were warmly received by relatives, local communities and authorities.
- On 22 August, UNHCR and partner HDC conducted a SGBV awareness raising session in Malakal town to share information on referral pathways and discuss concerns faced by communities, attended by 7 persons (3 women, 4 men).
- On 27 August, UNHCR and partner DRC conducted a full day training on use of alternative dispute resolution mechanism for 40 sector and block leaders (17 women, 23 men) in Malakal POC site.
- On 28 and 29 August, UNHCR and partner DRC conducted two awareness raising sessions on Housing, Land and Property (HLP) rights and referral mechanisms in Malakal town for 31 (15 women, 16 men) member of community-based protection networks.
- On 28 and 23 August, UNHCR and partner DRC team conducted a protection information campaign for 110 IDPs (65 women, 45 men) in the Malakal POC site.

Western Equatoria

- From 17-23 August, UNHCR and partner AAHI undertook an interagency response mission to Tambura State, 185 km from Yambio town. During the mission, the team distributed core relief items, including plastic sheets, buckets and mosquito nets, to 199 IDP and returnee households in Tambura, Nagero and Zamoi.

Jonglei

- UNHCR and partner INTERSOS conducted a training on SGBV prevention and response. The training targeted 25 community leaders.
- UNHCR and partner INTERSOS received and managed 14 SGBV cases in Akobo and Lankien Counties. The survivors were provided psychosocial support and referred for medical care.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- On the 28 of August, UNHCR and partner DRC distributed plastic sheets, blankets, buckets, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, and soap to 180 extremely vulnerable families in Bentiu, Rubkona, Kurkal and Koytheiy.
- On 16 August, UNHCR, together with partners HDC and IMC, distributed dignity kits in Malakal town to 428 vulnerable women and girls.
- From 16-25 August, UNHCR and partner HDC distributed blankets, mosquito nets, jerry cans, plastic sheets, buckets and soap to 2,064 vulnerable IDP and refugee returnees, and host community members in Wadakona and Kaka. Additionally, 100 vulnerable women and girls received dignity kits. The distribution was conducted based on the results of 2-month assessment and in coordination with Shelter/NFI Cluster and GBV Working Group.

Working in partnership

Government Partners: Ministry of Interior, Commission for Refugee Affairs, Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration

Implementing Partners: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Association of Christian Resource Organisation Serving Sudan (ACROSS), Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Technique et au Développement (ACTED), CARE International, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Hope Restoration (HRSS), Humanity & Inclusion (HI), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), INTERSOS, IsraAID, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Nile Hope, Relief International (RI), Samaritan's Purse (SP), Save the Children International (SCI), United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Women Development Group (WDG), World Vision International

Operational Partners: CAFOD, Caritas, Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB), FAO, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), MEDAIR, Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium, Swiss, Holland), Mentor Initiative, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), OXFAM, REACH, UNAIDS, UNOCHA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMAS, UNMISS, WFP, WHO, Women for Women International UN Women

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amounts to US \$59.7 million, for the financial year 2019 as of 31 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 un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

2019 funding received in USD

United States of America	23,900,000
Japan	3,097,482
CERF	1,400,035
Republic of Korea	1,164,000
European Union	1,111,724
Switzerland	753,012
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	600,005
Canada	569,909
France	568,182
Luxembourg	366,109
IGAD	222,324
Foundation de Luxembourg	111,483
UN Programme On HIV/AIDS	30,000
Miscellaneous private donors	35,000
Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments	25,800,536

Contributions earmarked for the South Sudan situation (including six neighboring countries)

United States of America 54.3 M | Germany 9.1 M | Australian private donors 8.1 M | Canada 4.6 M | Sweden 3.1 M | Norway | Private donors

Unearmarked contributions to UNHCR's global operation

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