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UNHCR strengthens support to South Sudan's government's search for durable solutions for millions of forcibly displaced

SOUTH SUDAN. *UNHCR Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, Ambassador Mohamed Affey, concluded a High-Level mission to renew the joint commitment to find durable solutions for millions of forcibly displaced people in the region.*

UNHCR, the UN refugee Agency, strengthens its support to South Sudan's Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity's search for a comprehensive and lasting solutions for those forcibly displaced in the region. With 1.6 million internally displaced persons and 2.25 million South Sudanese refugees in the neighbouring countries, South Sudan continues to represent the largest displacement situation in Africa, and one of the biggest globally. In addition, more than 302,000 refugees and 3,700 asylum seekers are generously hosted in the country.

While the country is moving towards the establishment of a long-lasting peace, through the implementation of the 2018 Revitalized Peace Agreement, UNHCR renews its commitment in supporting the government to find durable solutions for those displaced. More than 205,000 South Sudanese refugees have spontaneously returned to South Sudan since the signing of the peace deal, two years ago.

It is in this backdrop that UNHCR's Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, Ambassador Mohamed Affey, held a three-day mission to South Sudan. During his visit, concluded yesterday, he met and discussed this critical topic with President Salva Kiir Mayardit and Vice President Rebecca Nyandeng De Mabior, and other high-level officials. He also met with SRSG David Shearer and other UN senior officials in the country.

Thanks to these meetings, the start of a longer dialogue was established on which UNHCR and the government will build on to find a way forward that will ultimately benefit both displaced and host communities. This is in line with the pledges that the country has set for itself at the first Global Refugee Forum, last December in Geneva.

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