SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ETHIOPIA
SHELTER and LOGISTICS FACTSHEET

March 2026

Highlights

Site development continued to advance with moderate progress on dike construction across multiple sections of the camp perimeter, alongside ongoing drainage works and material placement to reinforce road structures. Shelter activities also moved forward, with additional transitional shelters completed, more families receiving essential construction kits, and new plots prepared for both upgraded shelters and household allocations. Family tents were installed to support the most vulnerable newly relocated households, while verification efforts continued across the settlement. Infrastructure works progressed as well, including the registration center, office extension, school rehabilitation, and initial stages of new staff facilities.

Response & Challenges

Despite steady progress, several operational challenges are slowing the overall response. Unauthorized occupation of newly built shelters persists, requiring stronger coordination with authorities to ensure fair allocation. Long travel distances from the transit center to new plots are creating difficulties for newly relocated families, highlighting the need for dedicated transport support. Relocation plans continue to exceed the agreed daily capacity, putting additional pressure on shelter construction and material availability. Delivery of wooden poles remains below requirements, compounded by a growing fuel shortage that is affecting contractors, delaying dike works, and limiting road accessibility. Community fencing along road corridors is further obstructing movement of construction trucks. Limited funding for road access and the absence of drainage systems increase flood risks ahead of the rainy season, and continued rainfall is already affecting site accessibility.

Achievements

Upgradable Emergency Shelter	3,146	Constructed	379 Under Construction
Communal Hangars	14	Constructed (8 for accommodation, 5 registration as well as waiting area and 1 as a health facility)	
Family Tents	863	Installed	
Household Plots	3,834	Demarcated	
Household Plots	3,791	Distributed for Self-Build	
Dyke / Embarkment	9.1	Under Construction	
Solar Streetlights	39	Installed	

Key Figures

100K Population Planning Figure (New arrivals)

447.6K Refugees from South Sudan in Ethiopia (As of March 2026)

18 Response Partners Under Emergency Response Plan

50,030 Total Individuals Registered Refugees in Luakdong Level 1 (Since 22 July 2025)

Demographic (Registered Refugees Level 1)

	Female (57%)	Male (43%)
Adults	23%	9%
Children	34%	34%

270 Hectare of Land Surveyed, Cleared & Prepared

7 Public Facilities Constructed

45,235 Current Occupancy Capcity of LuakDong Site

50,030 Actual Occupancy of LuakDong Site

* Occupancy capacity is calculated based on average family size of 5 including upgradable shelters, family tents, communal hangars and self-built shelters

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