SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ETHIOPIA
PROTECTION AND EDUCATION FACTSHEET

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Highlights

UNHCR and partners strengthened protection delivery through coordinated relocation efforts, ensuring safer living conditions and improved access to essential services for refugees in Luakdong. Community-based protection interventions remained active, with child-friendly spaces and awareness campaigns providing psychosocial support and promoting protection from gender-based violence and harmful practices. Engagement with refugee communities, including children and adolescents, enhanced participation in protection activities and social cohesion. Ongoing border monitoring and protection assessments provided insights into the needs and risks faced by newly arriving populations, informing timely and targeted responses across the operational areas.

Response & Challenges

The protection response focused on expanding community-based mechanisms, case management, and awareness-raising to address risks faced by women, children, and other vulnerable groups. Efforts included strengthening referral pathways, supporting survivors of violence, and enhancing child protection services through case follow-up and foster care arrangements. However, significant challenges persist, particularly for new arrivals at entry points and transit locations, where lack of shelter, food, and basic services continues to expose individuals to heightened risks. Protection concerns are further compounded by overcrowding, limited access to water and essential services, and increasing reports of gender-based violence and child protection risks. Operational constraints, including resource gaps and pressure from continuous new arrivals, continue to hinder the scale-up of comprehensive protection interventions.

Achievements

- **6** Child Friendly Space Attended by **400** Children Daily
- **306** Best Interest Procedure (BIP) Case Management
- **166** Unaccompanied Children Placed in Foster Care
- **469** Foster Families Trained
- **73** GBV Case Management
- **2,405** Dignity Kit Distributed
- **19** Community-Based Protection Committees Established
- **4** Feedback Mechanism Established And Functioning
- **2** Protection Desk Deployed
- **345** Home Visit Conducted
- **105** Focus Group Discussions With Refugees
- **731** Awareness Raising Sessions on SEA

Key Figures

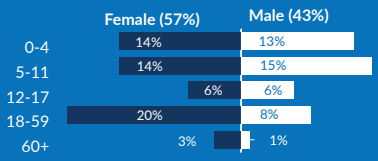
100K
Population Planning Figure **(New arrivals)**

447K
Refugees from South Sudan in Ethiopia

18
Response Partners Under Emergency Response Plan

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

Demographic (Registered Refugees Level 1)



11,908
Refugees Registered With Different Categories Of Vulnerability

10,482
Children At Risk

- 8,438 Separated Children
- 794 Unaccompanied Children
- 1,250 Other Vulnerable Children
- 5,777 Girls (of them)

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