

ETHIOPIA UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE

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HIGHLIGHTS

KEY FIGURES

199,348

UNHCR PoC for the situation

FUNDING

USD 153.2m

requested for the UNHCR operation



PRIORITIES

- The sensitization of refugees and host community, and the subsequent relocation of refugees from Nip Nip and Leitchuor camps to Pugnido and Jewi camps respectively; as well as the development of Jewi camp
- The development of Tsore camp, Assosa

- The relocation of South Sudanese refugees from flood-prone areas, which was temporarily halted by host community elders, is scheduled to resume in the coming days after the local community dropped their opposition to the exercise. However, tensions still remain in the area, linked to the upcoming election and related security incidents. UNHCR is working with ARRA to ensure the safety of refugees and staff. Site demarcation, detailed survey, allocation of space for partners and access road clearings are on-going at Jewi camp. Currently, 684 plots have been demarcated.
- An average of 72 South Sudanese refugees arrived per day in Gambella during the week through Pagak, Akobo, and Burbiey entry points. There is a gradual increase in new arrivals at Pagak entry point being recorded.
- The total new arrivals from South Sudan from 15 December 2013 to date is 199,348 of which 71% are female and 67% are children. The number of new arrivals in Gambella is 196,531, bringing the total South Sudanese refugee population in Gambella Region to 254,270. In Assosa, there are 2,817 new arrivals, 6,161 pre December 2013 refugees, making a total of 8,978. The total number of South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia stands at 263,248.
- In Gambella, some 997 new refugee arrivals were Level 1 registered of which 103 arrived through Pagak during the reporting week while 894 arrived through Akobo the previous week. The refugees mainly come from Jonglei State. Of the registered refugees 51 were unaccompanied or separated children. All refugees who arrived through Pagak were relocated to Pugnido camp while 264 were relocated from Akobo to Pugnido camp through Burbiey. Relocation of the remaining refugees will take place in the coming days. The relocation brings the total number of refugees relocated to Pugnido camp since mid-November 2014 to 11,371.
- Level 2 registration as well as issuance of Proof of Registration (POR) was completed for 44,169 refugees who arrived in Pugnido camp before December 2013; all refugees over 16 have received their individual POR.
- Over 1,000 family tents and tukuls were reported to have been either partially or completely damaged by storms (strong winds and heavy rain) in Leitchuor camp on 2-3 April. Plastic sheets are being distributed to affected households by UNHCR and ARRA.
- In Tierkidi camp, 123 transitional shelters constructed by NRC collapsed due to wind. UNHCR's technical team carried out an assessment to identify the defects and fears many other shelters may be in the same condition). UNHCR has requested NRC to provide an action plan to resolve the situation
- In Assosa, the Tsore camp layout has been modified following partner feedback. Office and guest house plots were identified. Three community boundary demarcations are complete. IRC is construct WASH facilities.

Population of concern

A total of **199,348** people of concern

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

- The total number of South Sudanese refugees who have entered Gambella Region since the outbreak of the conflict in mid-December 2013 is now 196, 531 individuals with a small but steady number of 72 new arrivals recorded daily during the reporting week. The focus of the Gambella operation is the relocation of refugees from flood-prone Leitchuor and Nip Nip refugee camps before the rainy season begins in earnest, and the development of Jewi Refugee Camp, which was officially inaugurated on 15 March.

Achievements

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- A total of 413 individuals were deactivated in Pugnido Refugee Camp since they have not collected food for three consecutive months as part of the continuous registration based on the standard operating procedures agreed upon by both the refugees and ARRA. A total of 486 new born babies were registered during the week of which 211 were registered in Leitchuor camp while 275 were registered in Pugnido Refugee Camp
- The Jewi proGres server was prepared as part of the registration action plan for the relocation of refugees from Leitchuor Refugee Camp. The proGres server will be used to receive registration data of refugees who will be relocated since they have already gone through individual registration.

SGBV

- International Medical Corps (IMC), UNHCR, ARRA, Women's Committee, and the Refugee Central Committee opened a new Women Friendly Space in Kule camp. Female refugees indicated they are very pleased with the new facility and the meeting space will be used for several purposes, including individual counseling and case management, focus group discussions, special events, and as a private safe place for female refugees to relax in.
- In Leitchuor camp, a campaign against sexual exploitation, abuse and domestic violence was carried out through group discussions which were attended by 154 refugees (133 female, 21 male). A two-day workshop on sexual exploitation and abuse was also conducted for 28 incentive workers (13 female, 15 male).

Livelihood

- In Okugo camp, the new grinding mill is operational and providing services for refugees. Previously, the refugees covered a distance of up to 10 Km to the nearby host community to grind their wheat.
- In Kule camp, Norwegian Refugee Council registered more than 900 youths to be enrolled in vocational, business development, literacy, numeracy and life skills trainings.
- In order to scale up energy efficiency of households, through Vluchtelingen zorg/Refugee Care (ZOA) a total of 18,498 stoves were distributed at Kule and Tierkidi camps.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- In Okugo camp, during the reporting week an additional 73 newly registered pupils (31 Grade One and 42 Grade Two) joined the camp's emergency school. They were attending the CFS. This brings the total number of pupils in the school to 571, including 305 (53.4%) female and 266 (46.5%) male, 498 pupils were registered last week.
- In Pugnido, all 11 pre-schools in the four sites were operational and providing educational services for pre-school children. A total of 7,596 (of which 1,543 are from the new arrival site) pupils registered for the second semester. There are 74 refugee incentive teachers teaching at the 11 pre-schools.

Achievements and Impact

- A third round of Polio immunization campaign was completed in all refugee camps and surrounding host communities during the reporting week. The immunization campaign was organized by Ministry of Health (MOH) as a strategy to eradicate the Polio virus in the country. During the campaign in Pugnido 87.8% (8,614 out of 9,808) were vaccinated, Kule 85.2% (7,098 out of 8,335 vaccinated), Leitchuor 80.2% (6,886 out of 8,588 vaccinated) and Tierkidi 81.9% (6,914 out of 8,411 vaccinated).
- Arrival vaccination was provided for all children under 15 years of age at Pagak, Akobo and Burbiey entry points to prevent the outbreak of vaccine preventable diseases. Accordingly, 240 and 209 children under 15 years of age received measles vaccine and Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) respectively. Also, 102 children 6-59 months of age were reached for Vitamin A supplementation during the reporting period.
- A total of 12 suspected cases of Hepatitis E were seen in Pugnido Refugee Camp during the reporting week. A rapid test was carried out where five out of the seven cases tested positive. UNHCR and ARRA initiated a rapid response and MSF Holland assisted in the provision of test kits. Emergency preparedness and response (EPR) was strengthened during the week by training 91 participants including government health centre staff in Pugnido.
- UNHCR Health and Protection, ARRA, MSF-H and MSF-France held meetings to work on the New Refugee Emergency Referral Form so registration requirements are not an impediment for refugees to have Emergency Medical Care and referrals to secondary and/or tertiary medical services.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- Community outreach activities through mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) were conducted. A total of 19,247 children under five years were screened for malnutrition by community outreach workers. UNHCR is prioritizing the review of the current community outreach standard operating procedure to enhance its effectiveness to address community nutrition interventions.
- April General Food Distribution is ongoing in all camps but at slow pace due to the ongoing shortage of trucks. Nutrition partners GOAL and ACF report TSP and BSFP programmes are progressing well. Sufficient nutrition food was prepositioned in the camps. During relocation to Pugnido, HEBs and hot meals were provided for refugees by WFP/ARRA and IOM respectively. Refugees also received GFD and nutrition foods (6-59 months of children and PLW) upon their arrival at the camp.

Challenges

- There were 223 new Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) cases admitted into the outpatient therapeutic program during the week. The caseload of children under five years with Severe Acute Malnutrition is 1,355 (574 Leitchuor, 283 Kule, 144 Tierkidi, 312 Pugnido, 38 Matar and four in Okugo).
- 260 new cases were admitted with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) for management in the Therapeutic Supplementary feeding program during the week. The current caseload for Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) for under fives is 5,282 (2,778 Leitchuor, 1,388 Kule; 790 Tierkidi; 67 Matar, 244 Pugnido and 15 Okugo).



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- Five new water points are operational in Zone D, Tierkidi camp. The total number of water points is 38. A total of 1.3km of pressure main to supply Kule camp storage tank trenched, laid and backfilled. 0.5km of pressure main from Itang towards Itang junction trenched.
- Water supply coverage for Kule camp is 17 litres per person per day; Leitchuor 17 lpd, Pugnido camp 15 lpd, Tierkidi 16 lpd and 22l/p/d in okugo. Sanitation coverage is 27 persons per latrine in Tierkidi, 19 p/l in Kule, 44p/l in Leitchuor, six p/l in Okugo and 50p/l in Pugnido. World vision has completed drilling one borehole in Itang.
- Six new tapstand aprons for the permanent water system in Tierkidi were completed and foundation for the 600 cubic storage tank in Kule is at final stage. KAP survey data collection was completed and data analysis is ongoing by Oxfam for Kule and NRC for Tierkidi. DCA and NCA are supporting sanitation activities for Jewi site

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- Site demarcation, detailed survey, allocation of space for partners and access road clearings are on-going at Jewi camp. Currently, 684 plots have been demarcated.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- In Kule camp, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) completed 45 % of the office complex construction while 2,850 transitional shelters were completed including mudding, out of the 5,103 shelters under construction by NRC and IOM. In Pugnido camp, NRC completed 1.6 km of the 6 km road construction at 100 % completion level as well as 260 tukul superstructures out of the newly started 300 tukuls. Soil provision for mudding of existing tukuls continued. In Tierkidi camp, DRC has completed the 500 tukuls construction including mudding.

Logistics

Achievements and Impact

- As of 3 April, a total of 10,595mt, 2,500mt and 619.653mt of assorted food commodities were dispatched to South Sudan through air, road and river respectively.

Working in partnership

- UNHCR continues to coordinate the refugee response in Gambella and a number of donors and partners continue to visit the operation. In Addis Ababa, the Refugee Task Force remains an important coordination body while several consultative meetings have been held with partners, donors and UN agencies on the flooding response.
- The Emergency Response Task Forces in Gambella have continued to convene regularly to address challenges and to strategize the response in both Leitchuor and Gambella.
- In Pugnido, the monthly inter-agency camp coordination meeting was held on 3 March and was attended by all partners and refugee representatives during which issues to do with operational achievements and challenges over the past five months were discussed. The meeting is hosted on rotational basis between ARRA and UNHCR.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the UNHCR operation amount to some **US\$ 22 million**, against **US\$ 153.2 million** requested for the situation, which is **14% funded** as at 7 April. 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 unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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