

KEY FIGURES

157,088

South Sudanese have arrived to Sudan since 15 December 2013.

* This figure does not include a number of newly arrived South Sudanese known to be living with host communities. These statistics will be determined following individual registration in host communities.

88,783

South Sudanese new arrivals who received food and NFI assistance

14,251

South Sudanese new arrivals to Sudan between 21 May and 4 June 2015.

PRIORITIES

- Emergency response to recent influxes from
- Ongoing UNHCR and SRCS individual registration in White Nile State.
- Rainy season contingency planning across as states with South Sudanese refugees.

SUDAN

UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE FOR SOUTH SUDAN

28 May to 3 June 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fighting continues in the states of Unity and Upper Nile in South Sudan, with many areas still cut off from humanitarian aid, and as many as 650,000 people currently without assistance. A further 7,000 refugees have crossed to Sudan's White Nile State in the last week, bringing the total influx in the last two weeks to over 14,000 people. A contingency plan for a total influx of 25,000 people (5,000 households) is currently being put into place with humanitarian partners.
- The rainy season preparedness plan is well underway in White Nile State. This plan includes four main elements: the ongoing construction of the Nile River crossing and building of 3km of access road, preparations for a potential humanitarian personnel hub in Al Salam locality during less access months, large scale distribution and pre-positioning of core items, and increasing storage capacity.
- The UNHCR individual registration exercise with the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) continues in White Nile State. Registration has been finalized in Jouri site, bringing the total number in the site down to 8,092. This is a total decrease of 36% on household registration levels. Registration is continuing in Al Kashafa site, and will extend slightly to register new arrivals that have come through El Kuek border crossing in the last few days. The next scheduled site is El Redis, due to start imminently.



Registration exercise in Al Kashafa, White Nile State

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

The situation in both Upper Nile and Unity States in South Sudan remains critical. In the course of May, fighting intensified in and around Malakal, the state capital of Upper Nile, which has been controlled at various times by the SPLA and SPLA-IO since the conflict began in December 2013. An assault on Malakal by forces allied to the SPLA-IO on 15 May resulted in the SPLA losing control of the city, before it was retaken again by Government forces the following week on 25 May. The area remains volatile, with an UNMISS peacekeeper injured on 29 May. Fighting has continued in the area around Melut, with the SPLA reportedly regaining control of the oilfields by the end of May. In Unity State, all aid agencies were forced to pull out of Leer, a key town approximately 120km South East of Bentiu, the state capital, due to a rapid escalation of fighting. The situation in and around the environs of Bentiu also remains fluid, with reports of SPLA offensives against SPLA-IO north of the city on 3 June. Refugees coming to Sudan are fleeing both active conflict, and as a preventative measure, in light of rumours of potential offensives before the rainy season begins in the next two to three weeks.

11,600 refugees have fled to White Nile State from Upper Nile State in the last two weeks, with ongoing daily arrivals. This represents an influx of 4,000 between 21 and 27 May through Joda border crossing, and over 7,000 by 3 June through both Joda and El Kuek border crossings. A present, approximately 3,000 of these refugees remain in El Kuek, with 3,700 remaining at Joda, and nearly 5,000 additional refugees joining the sites, in particular El Redis II growing by over 3,000. UNHCR and SRCS are arranging transport from El Kuek border crossing to the seven sites. Negotiations are also ongoing regarding the opening of one of the three potential new sites confirmed in the previous week - Alkhaira Alzaltayia - with capacity for over 2,000 individuals and situated in between El Redis and Al Kashafa. Further space will also be made available by extending three of the larger sites in White Nile State.

Achievements and Needs Assessment



Protection

Achievements and Impact

- In Khartoum, the general needs assessment being conducted by Commission for Voluntary and Humanitarian Work (supported by UNHCR) is expected to conclude on Thursday 4 June. The exercise has covered 22 open and residential areas, compiling information regarding health, education, shelter, WASH and nutrition with a particular emphasis on the needs of new arrivals, women and children. Data from this exercise will be used to inform planning for the rest of 2015.
- UNICEF through Ahfad University are currently facilitating a 6 day training on psychosocial support packages for 21 participants, targeting Child Friendly Space animators from Jouri and Al Kashafa sites in White Nile State, Ministry of Social Affairs social workers, the State Council for Child Welfare, Elbir, FPD and Eithar national NGOs. Following this training UNICEF will conduct a pilot project in Al Kashafa and Jouri for three months to increase the impact of activities aimed at children who may have experienced trauma. The training began on 1 June and will end 6 June 2015.
- UNHCR organized a two day (2 – 3 June 2015) workshop in Khartoum for SRCS camp managers from White Nile State and their assistants, local authorities and UNHCR field staff to build their capacity in the area of camp management. The workshop reviewed the introduction to basic concepts for effective camp management, role and responsibilities, information management, coordination, care and maintenance, principles and approaches, participation and community based mechanisms.

Education

- The construction of 35 semi-permanent classrooms and six WASH facilities was completed in May 2015 by ADRA supported with UNICEF through CERF funds. These facilities will help more than 1750 South Sudanese and host community pupils in Alkhaira and Almadrasa villages and Um Sangor and El Redis in Al Salam locality, as well as the areas of Amagabi, Alwarrad, Alganaa, Mona and Shebeili in El Jebelein locality.
- UNHCR and ADRA started the activities of their joint support to education during 2015-2016 school year. The joint support will include the following activities :
 - Initial assessment on the number of children (refugee and host community), status of classrooms and schools and determination of the way forward with the project.
 - Learning assessments to determine the educational level of refugee students in the camp.
 - An accelerated learning program in Arabic language to ensure that refugee children have the basic language skills to enter the Sudanese education system for students' grades 1-8.
 - Evening classes (conducted in English based on the Sudanese curriculum) for students in grades 6-8.
 - Teacher training for both Sudanese and South Sudanese teachers to improve the quality of education provided.
 - Construction of additional facilities to accommodate the influx of South Sudanese refugees into the host community schools (and additional school supplies and WASH facilities).
 - Awareness campaign on the importance of education encouraging drop out children to return to school, as well as the refugee students to integrate with the local Sudanese system.
 - Peaceful co-existence activities and campaign to prevent any community tensions between the groups (at the community and school level).

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- During the most recent education partners meeting 2 June 2015, the directors of basic education in the localities of El Salam and El Jebelein in White Nile State noted that the South Sudanese children in sites are reluctant to join the recently constructed public schools as the language of instruction in the schools is Arabic. However, The Director General of the Ministry of Education indicated that with the construction of the new schools, no temporary learning spaces should be in the South Sudanese sites, and all the children should be enrolled in public schools. The Ministry of Education (MoE) has allocated more teachers to work in the two localities. The MoE General Director notified the meeting that the qualified South Sudanese teachers can be recruited as volunteer teachers. The meeting was concluded with an agreement to announce the school start up in the camps and encourage the South Sudanese families to enroll their children in public schools.

Health

- The UNHCR Regional Health Information Officer conducted a visit to the sites in White Nile State to assess the public health situation and service delivery. A coordination meeting was conducted to discuss reporting, rainy season preparedness, and arrangements for the construction of new shelters to accommodate the clinics in Jouri, Um Sangor and Dabat Bosin with shelter materials donated by UNHCR.
- A total of 1224 medical consultations were held this week in Al Kashafa site in White Nile State, along with 848 in Jouri clinics, 2042 in El Redis (two sites) and 1073 in Al Alagaya. Acute respiratory infection (ARI) remains the primary cause of attendance, followed by malaria, diarrhea and eye infection.

- 300 clean delivery kits were provided to Jouri, Al Kashafa and El Redis clinics, in addition to gloves, hormonal strips and other needed accessories. With support from UNFPA, 7 cases of south Sudanese women who had emergency obstetric complications were transferred from Jouri, Al Kashafa and El Redis to Kosti hospital for further treatment and management. Cases were referred mainly due to obstructed labour, Pre-eclampsia and absent fetal heart sound. All cases were managed safely except one stillbirth.
- The state Ministry of Health in coordination with UNFPA celebrated international day for midwifery and safe motherhood at Jouri and Al Kashafa in White Nile State. The event aimed to provide the South Sudanese community with information and educational messages on safe motherhood and delivery.




Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- General Food Distribution (GFD) for the month of May with a total of 1069.557 MT of food has been distributed to 69,229 beneficiaries across all seven sites in White Nile State.
- WFP started dispatch of four months food ration to the five less accessible sites in Al Salam locality, White Nile State, as part of rainy season preparedness. Two months distribution will be conducted in June (for June and July) and August and September rations will be prepositioned. White Nile state has a total of 8 rub halls now (5 set up this year, and three last year).
- In South Kordofan, WFP teams are currently on ground and will start a three month distribution to South Sudanese in Elleri. Given that Elleri will become inaccessible soon another round of distributions will be conducted (two months ration) within the upcoming weeks.
- WFP maintained ongoing delivery of nutritional supplements in White Nile State as follows:
 - 0.858 metric tonnes Plumpy Sup was distributed to 282 under-fives and 29 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) at Joda reception center;
 - 0.216 metric tonnes of SC+ was distributed to 36 Moderate Acutely Malnourished (MAM) children under 5 in Al Kashafa, of these 19 children were new admissions;
- In South Kordofan, 204 new arrivals (34 HHs) were observed, and 44 PLW and under-fives were registered for e-BSFP in El Sirajiya and Gedied locations in Abu Jebeiha Locality. No MAM or SAM cases were identified.
- 1834 children were screened during the past week for acute malnutrition across White Nile sites, of which 20 (1%) were identified with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 86 (4.6%) with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM). Weekly screenings continue to take place in all sites in White Nile.
- In White Nile, UNICEF conducted CMAM ToT for 21 health workers to support intervention for treatment of SAM including staffs from the two localities in White Nile State.
- Prepositioning of essential supplies for treatment of acute malnutrition took place in the White Nile sites to avoid interruption of service.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- WFP cross border operation is temporarily suspended due to the insecurity around Melut in Upper Nile State (SSUD). WFP has rented an additional warehouse in Kosti in order to store the remaining 6,100 MT for South Sudan until the security situation improves.



Water and Sanitation

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The overall water and sanitation picture in White Nile State has continued to deteriorate due to the large influxes over the last two weeks. This has particularly affected Al Alagaya and El Redis II, which now have very low water availability ratios.

Camp name	Total number of SSA registered	Ratio of Liters/Person/Day	Latrine /persons based on existing latrine
Al Alagaya	12,177	4.9	49
Dabat Bosin	2,365	16.9	15
Um Sangor	6,862	7.7	572
El Redis	15,383	5.9	63
El Redis II	12,740	5.9	106
Al Kashafa	12,967	9.3	216
Jouri	8,618	10.4	48

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TOTAL 2015 REQUIREMENTS	\$152,119,709
FUNDING LEVEL (13 May 2015)	\$14,869,675
FUNDING PERCENTAGE	10%

The 2015 South Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan was launched on 17 December 2014. Inter-agency requirements for Sudan amount to USD \$152.1 million for an anticipated 196,000 South Sudanese refugees in Sudan by end of year. 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 programs with un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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