

KEY FIGURES

179

Number of new arrivals yesterday
(as per field reports)

1,201

Number of new arrivals since 7th
July 2016 (as per field reports)

33,838*

Number of new arrivals registered
since 1st January in Uganda (RIMS)
(as of end of June)

229,176*

Total number of South Sudanese
refugees registered in Uganda
(RIMS) (as of end of June)

*Figures (not updated daily)
according to Uganda Government
Refugee Information Management
System (RIMS)

PRIORITIES

- Scale-up reception capacity at Elegu border point and Pagarinya settlement.
- Assessment of influxes at border points with no humanitarian presence.
- Transit and Reception Centres are being urgently decongested to provide space for new arrivals
- It is understood that the borders remain closed on the South Sudan side. This is likely preventing significant numbers of people from crossing (possibly thousands within a few days).

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EMERGENCY UPDATE ON THE SOUTH SUDAN REFUGEE SITUATION

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HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of 179 South Sudanese refugees crossed in to Uganda on Tuesday 12th July, less than the previous day's 226 despite and significantly below July's daily average of 211. **Uganda has so far not received a significant increase in refugee influxes from South Sudan.** Most of the new arrivals crossed using informal border points. 90 crossed in Amuru District (and were taken to Adjumani), 27 in Arua District, while 62 presented in Kiryandongo.
- In addition, unconfirmed reports indicate some 80 refugee arrivals in Yumbe district, where UNHCR and most partners do not have a presence. An assessment mission has been initiated by the UNHCR office in Arua district.
- It is understood that the major border crossing points remained blocked on the South Sudan side of the border, for example at the Nimule/Elegu border point.
- There are unconfirmed reports that people fleeing violence are amassing in Nimule border town in South Sudan, which has become over-crowded, and people are sleeping out in the open. Reportedly, they are not being allowed to cross by South Sudan authorities.
- According to refugees, despite the ceasefire between government troops and armed groups, the road from Juba to Uganda continues to have a number of road blocks and checkpoints, hindering people's abilities to move freely.
- At a briefing to the press in Geneva, UNHCR called on "all armed parties to ensure safe passage for people fleeing the fighting" and urged "neighbouring countries to keep borders open to people seeking asylum". UNHCR joined the UN Security Council in condemning the violence. More information is available at: <http://www.unhcr.org/news/briefing/2016/7/5784b1ef4/unhcr-calls-open-borders-possible-south-sudan-refugee-outflows.html>

UPDATE ON SITUATION

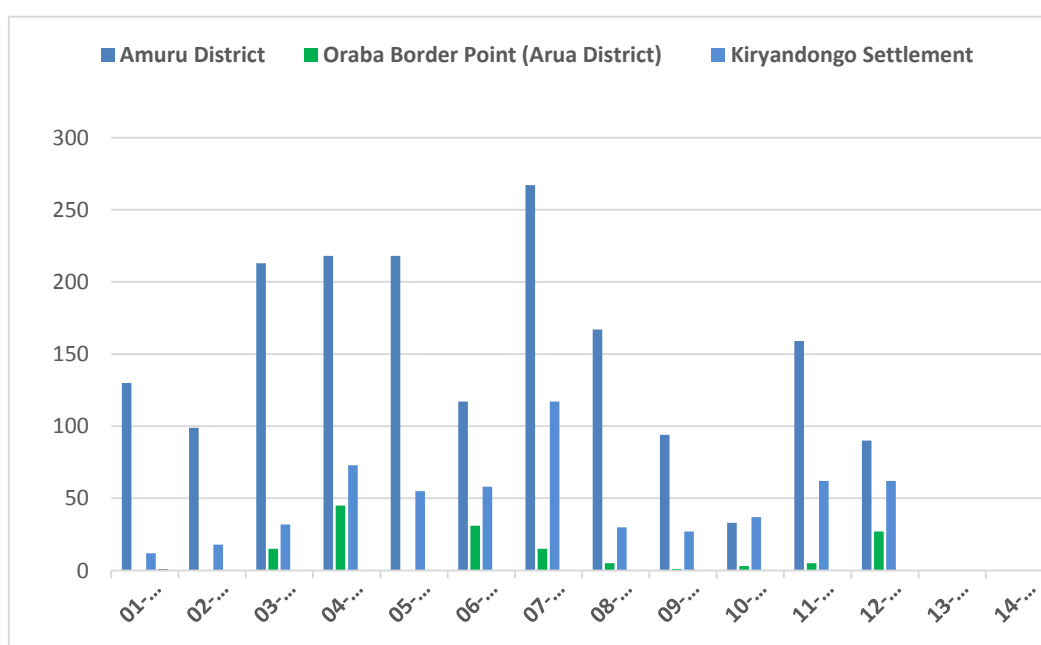
- The vast majority of new arrivals are fleeing from Torit Country in Eastern Equatoria where violence reportedly continues between armed groups and government forces. Smaller numbers are reported to be fleeing from Juba, where refugees report heavy fighting has taken place, as well as Bentiu, Bor and Kerepi. Intense fighting has been reported in Unity State.

Response Update

- Uganda continues to make preparations for a significant increase in new arrivals once passage is possible at main border points. NFIs and food for at least 10,000 individuals are being transported for pre-positioning in West Nile.
- There are currently 3,092 individuals at Nyumanzi Transit Centre, well in excess of its 2,000-person capacity. Efforts continued yesterday to decongest the transit centre and will continue in the days ahead. Ocea Reception Centre is currently host to 209 people, and is well able to accommodate more people as it has a 1,000-person capacity.
- Nine separated children and three single mothers were included amongst the new arrivals in Kiryandongo.
- 2,386 individuals are currently being hosted in Kiryandongo Reception Centre. Relocation of refugees from the Reception Centre to settlement areas will continue urgently as the reception centre is currently well in excess of its capacity. The Government of Uganda Office of the Prime Minister has deployed an additional ten registration staff to assist with clearing the backlog.

Critical needs and support requirements

- There is a need for additional temporary shelters at Kiryandongo Reception Centre, owing to it currently hosting more individuals than its maximum capacity.
- There is currently no health centre in Pagarinya to provide health services and treatments to new arrivals.
- All partners will require additional resources to respond to a possible mass influx.
- While all response resources will now be focused on Pagarinya settlement in Adjumani, there are still gaps in Maaji III settlement in the health, water and sanitation, and education sectors.



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