

UGANDA

EMERGENCY UPDATE ON THE SOUTH SUDAN REFUGEE SITUATION

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **There was another significant increase in the size of the influx yesterday**, with a total of 2,647 new arrivals crossing in to Uganda. This is a new high since the fighting began earlier this month and in 2016.
- 1,782 new arrivals were received at Elegu collection point (Adjumani axis), 153 in Moyo district, 20 in Lamwo district and 388 in Oraba district (Arua axis), while 304 new arrivals presented directly at Kiryandongo Reception Centre.
- 2,281 people spent the night at Elegu collection point, severely stretching its capacity. A new communal tent has been installed to accommodate a higher number of new arrivals. More tents will need to be installed and new transit/reception centres will need to be opened to accommodate new arrivals as the influx appears set to continue.
- The ratio of women and children amongst the new arrivals continues to be more than 90%, the majority of them from Eastern Equatoria, with smaller numbers from Juba. Refugees report that large numbers of people are waiting to cross in to Uganda.
- Refugees in Arua report that they fled from Yei state after they faced an ultimatum from an armed group to vacate their houses. Others report that houses are being looted and burnt down in Lanya County.
- Lutheran World Foundation have added an additional 80 people to their staff. The majority of them will assist with operations in Elegu, Adjumani. The World Food Programme delivered a shipment of high-energy. Medical Teams International (MTI) has doubled the number of health professionals carrying out medical screenings at Elegu to twelve.



Elegu collection point, where the majority of new arrivals (more than 90%) are women and children. ©UNHCR

KEY FIGURES

2,647

Number of new arrivals Monday 18th July (as per field reports)

7,662

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

- Collection points, transit centres and reception centres are in need of decongestion, and new centres need to be opened.
- Identification of new settlement sites and launch of site preparations.

UPDATE ON SITUATION

Transit and Reception Centres

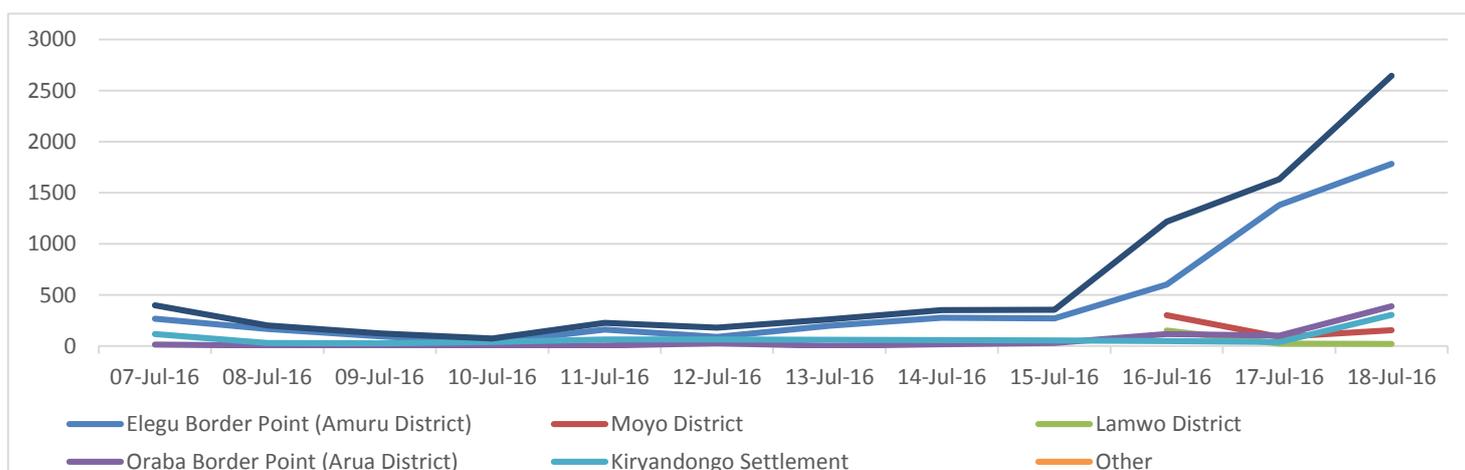
- The Office of the Prime Minister, UNHCR and partners relocated 916 refugees from Nyumanzi Transit Centre to Pagirinya settlement. Its population now stands at 1,602 refugees, less than its 2,000-person capacity.
- Two additional communal tents were installed at Ocea Reception Centre in Rhino settlement, Arua to accommodate more new arrivals. It is currently hosting a population of 438 people. DRC, with UNHCR support has been designated as the main shelter responder at Kuluba collection point (Oraba border in Koboko) and in Rhino settlement.
- Kiryandongo Reception Centre is currently host to 1,371 people and is over its 1,000-person capacity.

Operational Update

- A number of new arrivals in Kiryandongo are arriving with cases of malnutrition. They are being put on supplementary feeding programmes to bring them back to health.
- UNHCR are sending additional core relief items and trucks to assist with the emergency response in Adjumani.
- The inter-agency site assessment has departed from Kampala and will undertake the first site assessment tomorrow in Yumbe.
- In Kiryandongo, the majority of new arrivals are from Juba, with smaller numbers from Eastern Equatoria, Unity, Mundri, Malakal, Magwi, Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria and Wau. The new arrivals report fighting and insecurity in Juba, Magwi and Unity.
- UNHCR Geneva highlighted the increasing influx in to Uganda and reiterated that this new displacement will put a further strain on resources for the South Sudan emergency response and humanitarian organisation's abilities to provide timely and life-saving assistance: <http://www.unhcr.org/news/briefing/2016/7/578de9f74/thousands-flee-uganda-south-sudan-following-latest-violence.html>

Critical Needs

- The stocks of core relief items in Kiryandongo need replenishing.
- While additional staff from the UNHCR Uganda internal emergency roster have been launched, more staff are required as per recent deployment requests.
- Additional funding is required to cope with the fast-evolving emergency response.



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