

KEY FIGURES

Daily arrival figures from July 2016 are based on manual emergency registration or head-counts/wrist-banding. Confirmed figures will be available as the new arrivals undergo biometric registration. Figures prior to July are from the Government's Refugee Information Management System (RIMS).

1,604

Number of new arrivals on Sunday 25th September

1,910

Number of new arrivals on Saturday 24th September

2,111

Number of new arrivals on Friday 23rd September

175,778

Number of new arrivals after 1st July 2016 (as per field reports)

210,165

Number of new arrivals in 2016

404,954

Total number of South Sudanese refugees in Uganda

PRIORITIES

- Relocation of refugees from collection points and transit and reception centres to Yumbe.
- Provide effective services to refugees settled in Bidibidi settlement of Yumbe district.
- Increase number of health staff and means of transport for transferring refugees in Kuluba Collection Point.
- Expansion of Kuluba Collection Point.

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EMERGENCY UPDATE ON THE SOUTH SUDAN REFUGEE SITUATION

INTER-AGENCY UPDATE #44 | 24TH – 26TH SEPTEMBER 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- **5,625 people fled to Uganda from South Sudan on the 23rd, 24th and 25th September.** The average rate of new arrivals from South Sudan for September is 2,854 per day, compared to 1,594 and 1,727 per day in August and July respectively.
- A new settlement areas has been opened in Adjumani district to accommodate new arrivals. Ajogo settlement is expected to have capacity to host up to 3,000 refugees. The capacity will be confirmed once site planning and demarcation of plots has been completed.
- The total number of refugees in Bidibidi has now reached 107,746 after 4,003 refugees were relocated to the newly-opened settlement from Arua, Lamwo and Elegu Last week, the Government and UNHCR conducted an assessment to determine the suitability of locations near to current settlement areas for hosting refugees. A new settlement area started hosting refugees earlier this week with an expected capacity of up to 80,000 refugees, bringing the total capacity of Bidibidi settlement to around 180,000. Further site assessments are set to take place in the near future to identify additional potential settlement areas.
- The operation continues to focus on ensuring particularly vulnerable refugees receive the protection and assistance they require as soon as possible. 830 vulnerable individuals were identified, the majority of whom are children arriving in Uganda either with relatives other than their parents, or with no relatives at all. Some children are acting as primary caregivers to younger siblings. Best Interest Assessments are being conducted and all vulnerable individuals are being provided with specialist care as soon as they are identified, for example, 25 disabled people in Arua were provided with wheel chairs, elbow crutches, corsets, amongst others, to assist with their mobility.
- 1,206 individuals were relocated from Ocea Reception Centre to Ofua village within Rhino Camp in Arua district.
- Installation of solar-powered street lighting is set to begin in Bidibidi following the delivery of poles, mounting frames for the solar panels, light handles, battery boxes, batteries, panels, lights, and charge controllers. The additional light will help to strengthen security within the settlement. Once complete, management of the street lights will be passed over to the Refugee Welfare Council.
- No new cases of cholera were reported anywhere in Bidibidi, Adjumani or Arua. Pagirinya and Boroli settlements in Adjumani have not reported any new cases for 15 and 10 days respectively. 156 cases have been reported across all settlements since the initial outbreak, all of whom have since been successfully treated and released.

UPDATE ON SITUATION

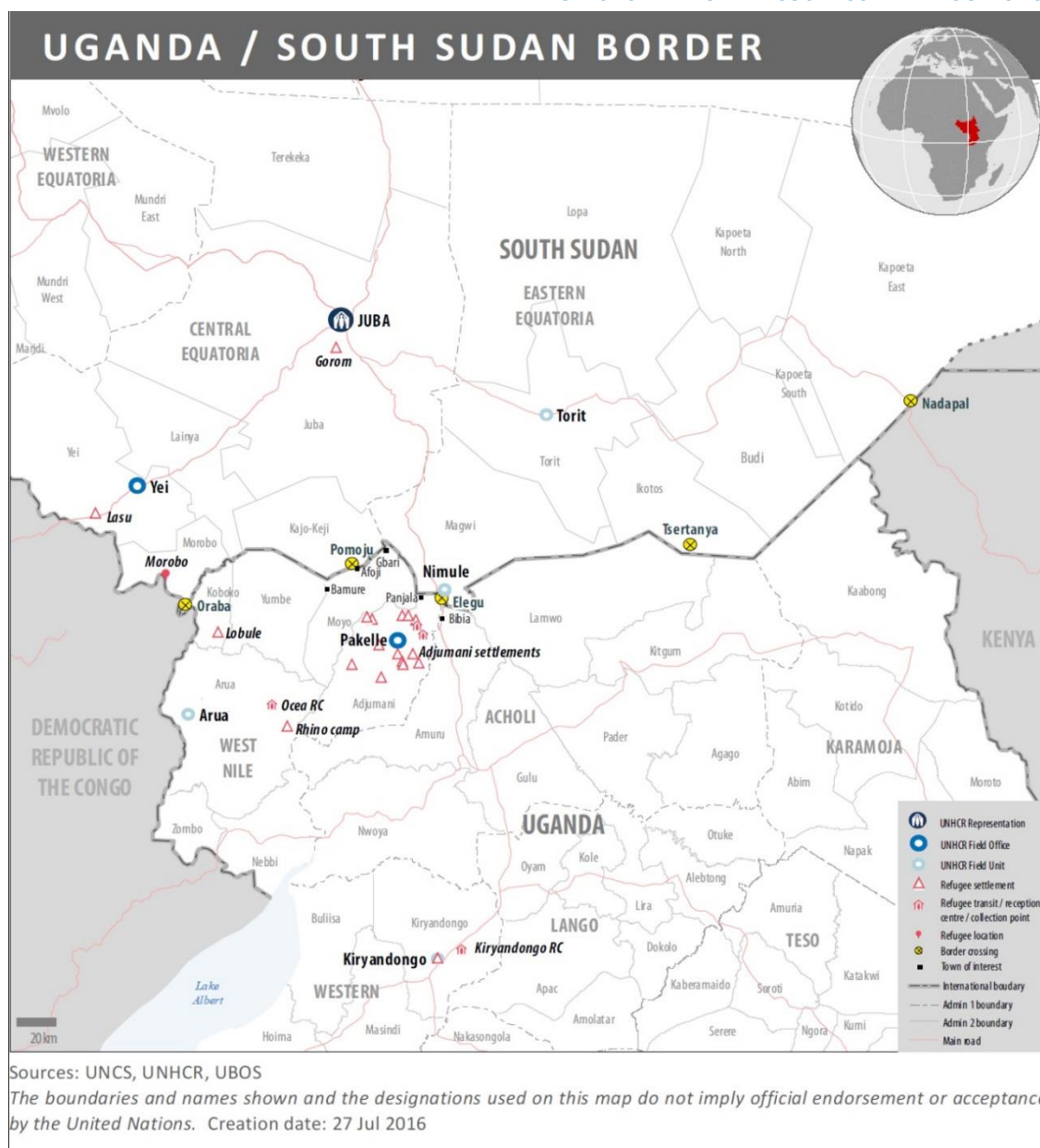
- New arrivals report having to avoid the Busia border crossing point in Arua due to the presence of armed men. This is forcing an increasing number to enter Uganda via informal crossing points, with some first transiting through the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Around 500 new arrivals crossed in to Uganda through DRC in the last week. Increasing numbers of refugees are crossing in to Uganda at Keyi and Kerwa. Many refugees report having walked through the bush for days in order to reach safety. New arrivals report that it is becoming increasingly difficult to leave South Sudan as more roadblocks are established and conflict spreads.
- A Sexual and Gender-Based Violence assessment was carried out in Bidibidi, the results of which will be published in due course. Initial findings indicate the need for more solar lighting and a need for separate and lockable latrines for men and women. Efforts are underway to address these gaps as soon as possible.
- In Bidibidi Zone 1, the selection of Headmasters, teachers and teaching assistants has been completed in partnership with Yumbe Education District Committee ahead of the start of school on 26 September. The construction of six primary schools in Bidibidi Zone 2 is ongoing, while an educational needs assessment is set to take place shortly in Bidibidi Zone 3.
- Response teams continue to conduct health awareness campaigns with new arrivals at Elegu collection points on the prevention and treatment of cholera, after which they continue to undergo the standard medical screening process. Good hand-washing and personal hygiene practices continue to be promoted before refugees board buses to be transferred to Bidibidi. Information Education Communication brochures (IEC) on cholera are provided to each family after the awareness session. New arrivals are also provided with information on referral mechanisms for survivors of sexual assaults.
- In Bidibidi, partner staff were provided with training on protection, roles and responsibilities and the coordination structure within the settlement.
- In Bidibidi, Community Outreach Volunteers carried out awareness-raising sessions on sexual and gender-based violence, including services available to survivors, for 228 members of the community.
- Elections were held amongst refugees for representatives to the Interim Refugee Welfare Council in Zone 1 of Bidibidi settlement. Elected representatives will be trained on their roles and how they can liaise with the Government, UNCHR and partners on community issues. An Innovation Team helped to broadcast announcements around the settlement through the use of a loudspeaker fixed to a motorcycle. Neighbourhood Watch Teams, Water Management and Sanitation Committees and Food Distribution Committees were also formed.
- Following the delivery of key relief items, such as plastic sheeting and kitchen sets, in Bidibidi, distributions are being carried out to refugees who had previously not received these items when they first arrived.
- In Bidibidi, clean water provision is at 11.2 litres per person per day in Zone 1, and at 8 litres per day in Zone 2, and is below UNHCR's Emergency Standards. An underground water survey is needed to identify areas that could potential host boreholes that yield high volumes of water.
- A meeting was held on the coordination of Health and Nutrition, where it was agreed to host child health days, conduct further malnutrition screening, identify and strengthen Village Health Teams in Bidibidi Zone 2 and 3, and to enhance coordination amongst health sector partners.
- 2,563 new arrivals underwent medical screening in Arua and Adjumani and were provided with various treatments including deworming tablets and vaccinations. 639 children were assessed for malnutrition, of which eight were found to have severe acute malnutrition and 44 were found to suffer from moderate acute malnutrition. Those suffering from malnutrition were placed on supplementary feeding programmes.
- 206 refugees in Odobu village, Arua took part in a peace-building and conflict management forum under the theme *"Peace in the community begins with you"*. The forum was facilitated by religious leaders and the Refugee Welfare Council.

OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Water services are being severely stretched in Bidibidi Zone 3. Efforts are underway to identify new sources of water. In the meantime, trucks are delivering water but this is expensive and unsustainable.
- Health care in Bidibidi Zone 3 is in need of permanent health care facilities as health services are currently being provided through a mobile health clinic.
- Secondary schools are set to be constructed in Bidibidi settlement, one in each of Zone 1 and Zone 2.
- More health centres need to be built as some refugees are having to walk long distances to access health facilities.
- There is a need to strengthen educational services in Adjumani and Arua with more teachers, classrooms and school materials.
- A large number of refugees are arriving with professional expertise and new appropriate livelihoods support.
- The operation continues to focus on providing new arrivals with immediate life-saving assistance at temporary reception facilities before transporting them to settlement areas. Most new arrivals are being transported to Bidibidi.
- In Rhino settlement, Arua, the operation is focused on decongesting Ocea Reception Centre by enhancing the Office of the Prime Minister's capacity to conduct biometric registration. An additional priority is the relocation of new arrivals to Ofua, a newly opened village with the capacity to accommodate up to 6,000 families. There is a need to open access roads in new villages where refugees have been settled to help enhance delivery of services to the relocated refugees.
- In Adjumani, the operation is focused on health awareness, particularly in light of last month's cholera outbreak. Campaigns continue to be carried out to raise awareness on good hygiene practices such as hand-washing and other measures that can prevent the spread of contagious diseases.
- In Rhino Camp, there is a need to accelerate the setting up of community leadership structures among new arrivals to strengthen community protection mechanisms for persons of concern.
- Relocation of refugees to Yumbe from collection points and reception facilities will continue on a daily basis. Awareness-raising campaigns and the dissemination of information to refugees on the relocation process and the new settlement through announcements, community mobilizers, partner staff and others, is ongoing.
- In Bidibidi, the operation is focused on the reception of refugees and provision of services to those relocated. Demarcation and designation of plots together with the provision of shelter kits, basic household items and dry food rations continues to ensure refugees are settled.



New arrivals carrying their children to safety at an informal border crossing point in Busia. Refugees are increasingly being forced to use such crossings due to the presence of armed groups on major roads in South Sudan. ©UNHCR/K. Temishev



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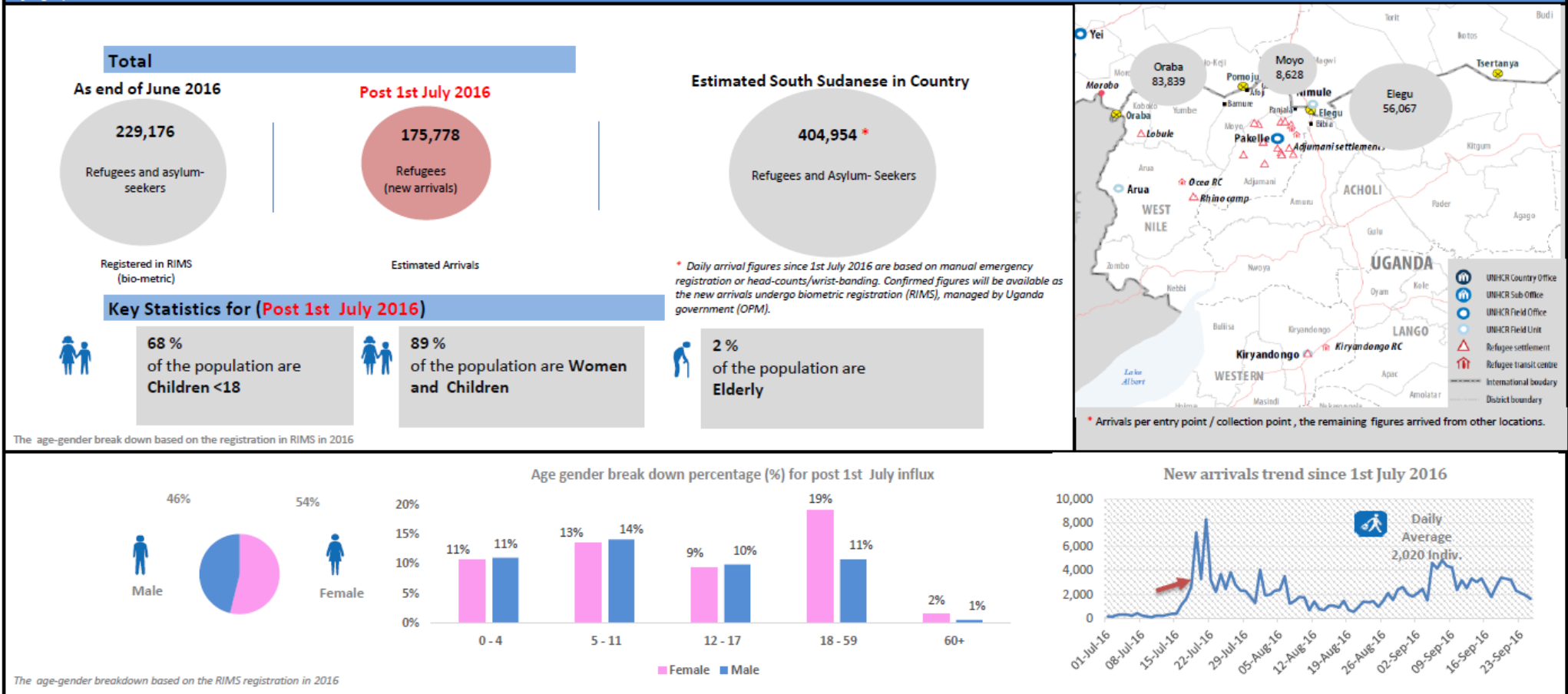
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Links:

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Uganda - South Sudan Refugee Situation 25 of September 2016

Info-graphic and statistics



Uganda - South Sudan Refugee Situation, Daily Arrivals (Since July 2016)

Date	Elegu	Moyo	Lamwo	Kuluba / Oraba	Kerwa & Keyi	Kiryandongo	Total
01-Sep-16	324	385	67	904		133	1,680
02-Sep-16	257	0	47	1,731		65	2,035
03-Sep-16	524	394	5	1,534			2,457
04-Sep-16	145	193	20	1,125			1,483
05-Sep-16	175	466	0	3,745		268	4,386
06-Sep-16	324	407	15	3,332		93	4,078
07-Sep-16	199	350	27	4,060		243	4,636
08-Sep-16	151	255	0	3,833		134	4,239
09-Sep-16	270	427	2	3,509		68	4,208
10-Sep-16	210	NR	26	2,091		21	2,327
11-Sep-16	235	520	13	2,402		10	3,170
12-Sep-16	141	280		2,022		77	2,443
13-Sep-16	218			3,015		91	3,233
14-Sep-16	137			2,804		82	2,941
15-Sep-16	170			3,162		9	3,332
16-Sep-16	152			1,848	498	52	2,498
17-Sep-16	117	88		1,461	103	5	1,769
18-Sep-16	78			2,125	464		2,667
19-Sep-16	32	110	7	2,830	405	25	3,384
20-Sep-16	63	22	27	2,466	673	55	3,251
21-Sep-16	164	91	0	2,313	630	27	3,198
22-Sep-16	55	69	0	1,739	431	28	2,322
23-Sep-16	82	0	0	1,544	485	NR	2,111
24-Sep-16	43	NR	0	1,159	708	NR	1,910
25-Sep-16	22	23	0	966	593	NR	1,604
26-Sep-16							0
27-Sep-16							0
28-Sep-16							0
29-Sep-16							0
30-Sep-16							0
Total	4,288	4,080	256	57,720	4,990		71,362

* Arrivals this month per entry point, collection point.

* Arrivals in Kiryandongo did not show up / registered at the collection points

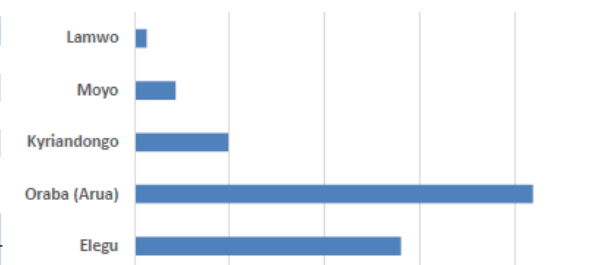
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Total Arrivals per Month Since 1st July 2016

July	53,531	Oct	Dec
Aug	49,427	Nov	
Sep	71,362		

Location	Total
Elegu	56,067
Oraba (Arua)	83,839
Kyriandongo	19,730
Moyo	8,628
Lamwo	2,524

Total	175,778
Post 7 Jul 2016 i	174,492
Since Jan 2016	210,165



Arrivals per location

