

1 -15 May 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

268,286

Refugees in South Sudan (30 April)

1.93 M

IDPs in South Sudan, including 230,482 people in UNMISS Protection of Civilians site

US \$172 million

Funding requested for comprehensive needs in 2017

US \$125 million

Funding requested for priority needs in 2017

OUTSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

1,826,693

South Sudanese refugees in neighboring countries (as of 30 April, 2017):

- Uganda: 898,864
- Ethiopia: 375,707
- Sudan: 375,719
- Kenya: 97,147
- DRC: 76,693
- CAR: 2,246

US \$883.5 million

Funding requested by UNHCR for the South Sudan Situation in 2017

US \$139.3 million

Funding received by UNHCR for the South Sudan Situation in 2017

- **UNHCR achieves 70% relocation of displaced Maban Refugees to Extension Site:** In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and its partners in coordination with the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) relocated 1,035 refugees/259 households during the reporting period. Cumulatively 5,664 refugees and 1,217 households relocated which represents more than 70% of targeted 8,000 refugees who were affected by December 2016 conflict between refugees and host communities to new extension site. Each household is provided a standard plot of 15 x 20 meters size, which is adequate for both backyard gardening, and shelter and sanitation needs of a household.
- **Refugee teachers benefit from English and Computer Courses in Western Equatoria:** In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) commenced a 10-day training of 80 students in Intensive English Course. The English training course will equip the students with more knowledge in writing and speaking English. Also, WVI organized a Computer training to 28 teachers of Makpandu primary, secondary and APL teachers for eight days.
- **Beads project improves family livelihood in Gorom refugee settlement:** In Gorom refugee settlement, UNHCR conducted an assessment of the impact of the beads making on the life of Gambella refugees women in Gorom refugee camp. The women confirmed that the bead project has significantly improved their livelihood in the family and made them feel more confident. On average, the women group earn and share a total of 49,160 SSP per month from their various beaded handicrafts. UNHCR and the partner organization continue women's capacitation on business skills including the Village Savings Loan management skills. The need to explore a market for their items remains critical.
- **Relocation of Yida refugees and new arrivals continues:** In Yida, UNHCR registered 1,159 new arrivals. Cumulatively, 6,311 new arrivals have been registered since the beginning of the year 2017. During the reporting period, UNHCR relocated 1,178 refugees including 158 refugees previously settled in Yida and 1,020 new arrivals to Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps. Cumulatively, Pamir refugee camp is now home to 11,654 refugees since opening in September 2016.
- **Farmers received seeds and farming skills training in Jonglei and Lakes:** In Mingkaman and Twic East, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) completed the distribution of seeds and tools to 10,000 farmers (seeds 5,000 and tools 5,000 individuals) in Mingkaman (1,000), Twic East (2,000) and Duk (2,000). Seeds included okra, amaranthus dubius, onions and tool included hoes, rakes, and wooden holders. In Twic East and Duk counties, UNHCR partner HDC trained 70 farmers on farming. The training modules included, land preparation, appropriate use of farming tools, planting (line spacing), pruning and uprooting of vegetables, Weeding, local methods of pests control, harvesting, marketing (excess) and preservation of seeds for next season.
- **UNHCR distributed secondhand clothes to Juba Fire Victims:** In Juba, UNHCR distributed used clothes to 650 victims of the February fire outbreak incident at Mahad IDP Site. UNHCR plans to provide the same clothing assistance to the most vulnerable PSNs at the site.

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- **President Kiir Replaces Chief of Staff:** On the evening of Tuesday 9 May, South Sudanese President Salva Kiir issued a presidential decree replacing General Paul Malong Awun as General Chief of Staff. The same evening General Malong left Juba with the intention of returning to his home area of Aweil. It was feared the move would cause political instability with the potential for further conflict. A UN wide White Alert status was called, which was changed to Grey from 10 to 12 May. General Malong proceeded to Yirol approximately 120km South East of Rumbek, but was unable to move further due to a build-up of troops in Rumbek. Negotiations ensued to return General Malong to Juba, where he arrived on Saturday 13 May. During the period, the security situation in Juba remained calm, with Green Alert since Saturday 13 May.
- **United Nations Secretary General Expresses Deep Concern over South Sudan:** On the margins of the London Conference on Somalia held on 10 and 11 May, the Secretary General Antonio Guterres discussed the ongoing situation in South Sudan. He met with the Chairperson of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn of Ethiopia, President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda and the Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat. The Secretary-General reiterated the United Nations' deep concern at the prevailing security and humanitarian situation in South Sudan, highlighting the untold suffering being inflicted on the civilian population. He underlined the imperative of renewed regional and international efforts to bring to an end the unfolding tragedy in that country, in particular through the immediate cessation of hostilities, unfettered humanitarian access to the millions of people in need of assistance, freedom of movement for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and the promotion of a credible and truly inclusive process involving all the opposition forces in line with the principles enshrined in the August 2015 Agreement for the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan.
- **Potential for Further Famine Affected Areas in South Sudan Counties Predicted:** The Famine Early Warning Systems Network Food Security Outlook update published 6 May notes ongoing extreme food insecurity in the country coming into the lean season. Famine is likely ongoing in Leer, and Koch is in Emergency Phase 4 with an elevated risk of famine. Mayendit will be in Emergency Phase 4 and Panyijar in Phase 3 until May even with large scale assistance. Concern for Unity State remains high, with Famine likely in Leer, Koch and Mayendit at the peak of the lean season in June/July, in the absence of humanitarian assistance. The cultivation season is also disrupted in Greater Equatoria, and conflict will likely interfere with the upcoming main cultivation season in Jonglei, Western Bahr El Ghazal, Unity and Upper Nile, with Phase 4 outcomes expected from June to September. Northern Bahr el Ghazal is also expected to be in Phase 4 from June, due to high food prices and limited income options.
- **Troika and EU Alarmed by Security Situation in South Sudan:** The three country guarantors of the peace deal in South Sudan, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States, along with the European Union, released on Monday 8 May a joint statement showing concern at the increasing violence in South Sudan. The statement noted that "Opposition attacks on civilians are disrupting lifesaving aid and commercial trade. Large government offensives in Yuai, Waat, Tonga and Kodok have resulted in even more tragic humanitarian consequences, displacing 50,000-100,000 individuals in recent weeks. Government forces continue to target civilians in violation of the law of armed conflict. These actions stand in direct conflict with the Government's stated aim of a political solution to the conflict, and severely undermine the prospect of any credible national dialogue." They also called directly on President Salva Kiir to implement immediately his commitment to a unilateral ceasefire as promised on 25 March to IGAD Heads of State during the Extraordinary Summit in Nairobi, Kenya on the situation in South Sudan.

REFUGEE RESPONSE



Achievements and impact

Upper Nile

- In Maban County, UNHCR conducted two trainings to 76 (15F, 61M) primary teachers on psychosocial support and reproductive health issues and 50 women community leaders on child rights and child protection.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR issued 73 documents including 39 Asylum Seeker Certificates and 13 refugee ID cards. Also, UNHCR renewed 21 refugees ID Cards in Gorom refugee settlement. Cumulatively, 3,367 including 944 ID card renewals issued to refugees since the beginning of 2017

- In Juba, UNHCR jointly with UNICEF, UNMISS and International Medical Corps (IMC) facilitated a one-day training on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuses (PSEA) for some 21 male and 29 female staff of their partner agencies. The main issues highlighted in the training were identification of a survivor of PSEA, also enhancing of complaints and redress mechanisms of the GBV incidents;
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Unity

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- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR organized training on detention monitoring and human rights, which is in line with strengthening community-based protection for 12 Community Outreach Volunteers (COVs). The training focused on equipping the COVs with best practices that ensure they carry out their duties with respect for each other's rights from an Age, Gender and Diversity perspective.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR in collaboration with Lutheran World Federation (LWF) assessed 20 cases of Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) and matched them with new foster families. UNHCR also identified 150 unaccompanied vulnerable children (110 boys and 40 girls) and supported them with solar lamps. This support will enhance their safety at home by providing lighting in the night hours to deter protection incidents and also to support their studies at night.
- UNHCR distributed dignity kits to 3,959 people including 1,786 in Ajuong Thok and 2,173 in Pamir women and girls of childbearing age. This was in line with UNHCR's commitment on Prevention and Response to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR and its partner identified nine cases of Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) cases as follows; one child abuse incident, four physical cases of abuse, four emotional violence. All these cases received psychosocial counseling.
- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR organized a retreat for 35 couples to discuss the prevention of and response to SGBV incidents in the settlement. Couples discussed domestic violence and SGBV at the household level. Both women and men group came up with suggestions and recommendations for spouses to curtail the prevalence of SGBV in the settlement.

Education

Achievements and Impact

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Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) provided additional food to 133 persons with specific needs. With the 30% food reduction in general food distribution, individuals and families with persons with specific needs are identified for targeted assistance with additional food items to meet their nutritional needs.

Health

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Gendressa and Kaya refugee camps, UNHCR partner Mentor Initiative concluded the Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) campaign targeting the existing structure in the camps, the campaign is still ongoing in Yusuf Batil camp and preparation of the campaign is ongoing in Doro camp.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Yida refugee settlement, UNHCR distributed 140 family tents to 140 Households of refugees
- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR completed the construction of 55 transition shelters' walling in various blocks.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and impact

Upper Nile

- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR completed the construction of 20 latrines, improving the coverage from 80 to 100. Also, UNHCR conducted Hygiene Promotion focusing on creating public awareness and behavior change.
- Across the Maban four refugee camps, the coverage of water supply stands at 20.5 liters per person per day (ranging from 18.4 to 24 liters) while sanitation coverage has maintained the same level for the last two months at 14 persons per latrine.
- In Doro refugee camp, latrine coverage has been updated following assessment conducted by UNHCR partner REACH in collaboration with the WASH partner ACTED responsible for Doro refugee camp, the latrine coverage in Doro stands at 21 persons per latrine from the figure 22 persons per latrine existed for a couple of months. This number has only considered newly constructed latrines and latrines which are half full, with an estimation that this entire latrine will be in use until the end of the year. New latrine program in 2017 for Doro refugee camp (#1750) will keep on improving the latrine coverage, to be implemented through community participation.
- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR completed the construction of water storage facility at Nur Primary School. Water supply to this particular school was interrupted after a security incident in December 2016. This installation will improve the learning environment of this school and ensure good hygiene practices by the school community.
- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR decommissioned 550 latrines at the areas where people have been moved (Buffer Zone – Doro refugee camp). Cumulatively, 580 household latrines decommissioned in 2017.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR conducted refresher training to 49 water point operators and supervisors. The two-day training aimed at continuous improvement of daily WASH water quality supply/delivery to refugees as well as effective management of fuel and chlorination activities at all water points.



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and impact

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, 34 farmers received seeds for first season planting. Each farmer/household received seeds of groundnuts, rice and green beans, and maize.

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR partner Relief International (RI) provided technical support to 20 Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) during the reporting period. The 400 VSLA members are undergoing a 9-month training cycle on savings and loaning concepts as well as receive entrepreneurship training. The overall aim of establishing VSLAs is to ensure increased access to financial and social capital among persons of concern who participate in the association activities.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

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Access to Energy

Upper Nile

Achievements and Impact

- In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and its partner Relief International (RI) supported moulding of 270 fuel-efficient stoves. Once distributed the fuel efficient stoves are expected to reduce wood fuel consumption and indoor air pollution currently experienced at the household level; the majority of households rely on fuel inefficient three-stone fires for cooking.

IDP RESPONSE

Protection

COORDINATION

Achievements and impact

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) conducted a meeting with community-based protection groups Ortiji, Koma and Dollo IDP sites to consult with the selected nine members from each site, on how they could be supported with livestock that was meant for 100 recipients.

OPERATIONS

Achievements and impact

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR identified 18HHs (120 individuals) new arrivals to the POC, 01 HH/14 individuals (a mother with 13 children) came from Leer County (Southern Unity), the family shared that they were forced to flee due to increased insecurity in their area. Also, 04 HHs/13 individuals came from Yei and Mundri, 02HHs/13 Individuals from Uror and 11HHs/80 individuals from Yuai and Waat, they also shared that the deteriorating security situation in their areas forced them to flee to Juba. UNHCR screens new arrivals to identify Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs).

Jonglei

- In Bor, UNHCR conducted a two-day refresher training sessions on Community Based Protection to 54 Community Based Protection Network (CBPN) members (18 female and 36 male). The CBPN training modules covered Human Rights, Protection, Persons of concern to UNHCR, HIV/AIDS, Gender and its roles, Community Based Approach, Community-based Protection Principles, Roles of CBPNs and the tips Network members.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and impact

Lakes

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR distributed 22 bicycles, t-shirts, and raincoats to 22 Chiefs (18 men and 4 women). Also, UNHCR distributed T-shirts and raincoats.

Central Equatoria

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Unity

- In Bentiu, 89 individuals approached the Protection Desk and raised their concerns on different complaints and needs: 5 cases of GBV, 18 cases of missing and unregistered cards numbers, 63 cases of NFIs complain and three child protection cases. UNHCR referred all cases to partners for assistance.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- As a result of UNHCR and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) advocacy for land to IDPs/returnees in Bentiu, the Ministry of Land and Infrastructure allocated 127 plots of land to vulnerable IDPs living in the collective centers in Bentiu town. The process is ongoing, 193 plots continue to be allocated. A total of 320 plots of 10 by 10 meters will be allocated by the government.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

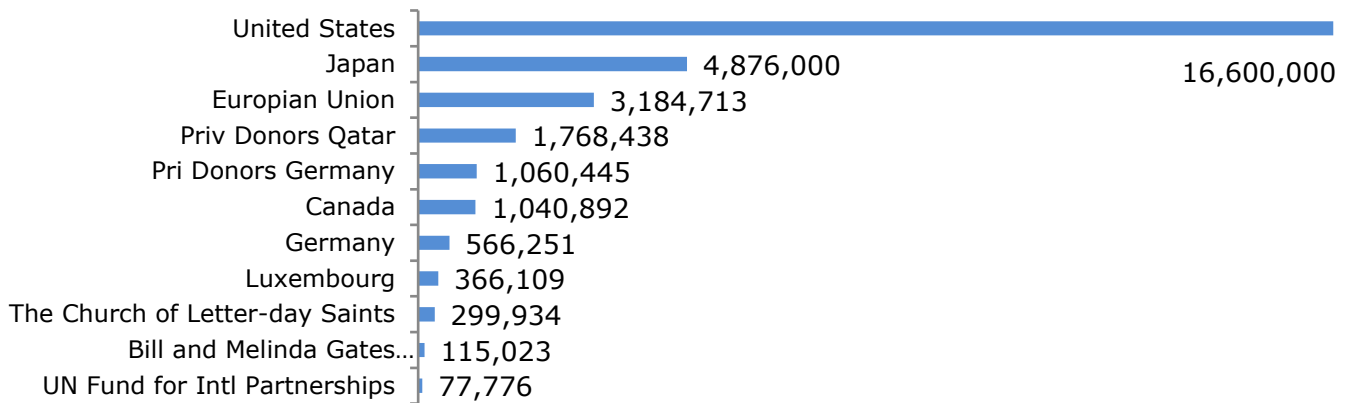
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to USD 29,957,701 for the financial year 2017 as of 20 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 programs with earmarked and broadly earmarked funds. UNHCR's comprehensive needs for 2017 amount to \$172 million, with most priority needs of \$125 million.



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