

SOUTH SUDAN

January 2019

300+

Refugees and IDPs received relief packages across South Sudan in January.

1,600+

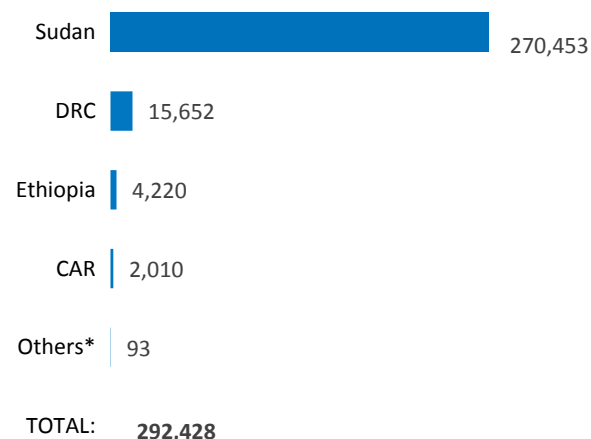
Refugees relocated to Pamir and Ajoung Thok refugee camp in January.

1,300+

Sudanese refugee new arrivals registered in January in Unity

POPULATION OF CONCERN

Countries of Origin

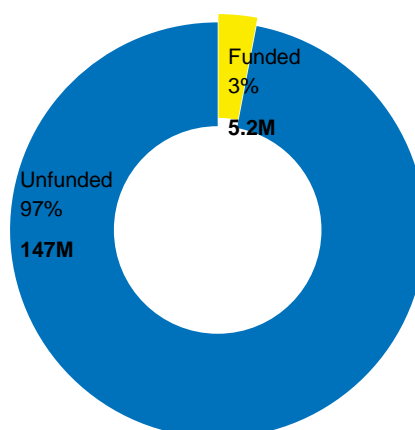


* Refers to refugees from Uganda, Somalia, Eritrea, Syria, Burundi and Egypt

FUNDING AS OF 31 JANUARY 2019

USD 152.2 M

requested for the situation



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff

304 national and
98 international staff
 (as of 31 January 2019)

Offices

1 Branch Office in Juba
2 Sub Offices in Jamjang and Bunj
5 Field Offices in Yambio, Yei, Bor, Malakal, Bentiu
2 Field Units in Wau and Yida
 (as of 31 January 2019)



UNHCR partner HDC conducting an interview during a profiling exercise at Bor PoC site. © UNHCR

Working with Partners in 2019

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- In the **refugee response**, the main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing partners in 2019 are: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), Association of Christian Resource Organisation Serving Sudan (ACROSS), Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Technique et au Développement (ACTED), CARE International, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Relief International (RI), Samaritan's Purse (SP), Save the Children International (SCI), United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), and World Vision International (WVI).
- In the **IDP response**, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC). Implementing partners in 2019 are: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanity & Inclusion (HI), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), INTERSOS, Nile Hope, Hope Restoration (HRSS), Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) and Women Development Group (WDG), IsraAID, and International Rescue Committee (IRC).
- Within the **Inter-Agency Cluster** System for IDP response, UNHCR in South Sudan is the Protection Cluster Lead (with NRC co-lead), Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and undertakes active participation in the Shelter/NFI Cluster.
- On the **prevention of statelessness**, UNHCR's main counterpart is the Directorate of Nationality, Passports, and Immigration (DNPI).
- UNHCR maintains **operational partnerships** with CAFOD, Caritas, Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB), FAO, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), MEDAIR, Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium, Swiss, Holland), Mentor Initiative, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), OXFAM, REACH, UNAIDS, UNOCHA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMAS, UNMISS, WFP, WHO, Women for Women International and UN Women.

Main Activities – Refugee Programme

Protection

- As of 31 January 2019, the refugee population in South Sudan stood at 292,428 individuals, consisting of 67,178 households in 21 different locations across South Sudan. UNHCR registered 1,460 new arrivals and 802 newborn babies mainly from Sudan's South Kordofan and Blue Nile. Women represent 53% of the total refugee population, while women and children represent 83% of the total refugee population in South Sudan. The Sudanese refugee population remains the largest at 270,453 individuals (93%) followed by Democratic Republic of Congo 15,652 individuals (5%), Ethiopia 4,220 (1%) individuals, Central African Republic 2,010 and 93 refugees of other nationalities. The majority (90%) of refugees are hosted in Upper Nile and the Unity regions in South Sudan. Compared to December 2018 Monthly Statistics Report (291,824 individuals consisting of 67,178 households), there was an increase of 604 individuals. An estimated 1.87 million people are internally displaced in South Sudan. Furthermore, South Sudan hosts 2,577 asylum seekers.

Unity

- In January, UNHCR registered 1,395 newly arrived Sudanese refugees (749 women, 646 men) from South Kordofan, Sudan.
- In January, UNHCR relocated 1,656 refugees to Jamjang refugee camps including 417 to Ajuong Thok refugee camp and 1,284 to Pamir refugee camp. This number includes 378 refugees who were previously settled in Yida and 1,278 new arrivals.

- As of 31 January 2019, Ajuong Thok refugee camp population stood at 37,355, Pamir at 28,621, and Yida refugee settlement at 51,884.
- UNHCR and partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) supported 10 Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) cases in Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, and Yida refugee settlement. UNHCR and partner supported survivors with psychosocial/emotional support and food/non-food items.
- UNHCR and partner IRC provided case management services to 12 SGBV cases in Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps and Yida refugee settlement. A total of 29 SGBV cases have been supported by IRC in 2019 (13 in Ajuong Thok, 10 in Pamir, and six in Yida).
- In Jamjang's refugee camps, UNHCR and IRC supported 99 extremely vulnerable women and girls with food and non-food items to reduce the potential protection risk that woman and girls may face in refugee camps.
- In Jamjang's refugee camps, UNHCR and IRC conducted home visits to 441 families to disseminate messages related to SGBV including early and forced marriage, harmful practices, and importance of early reporting on SGBV incidents, referral pathways, and available services for SGBV survivors.

Upper Nile

- In January 2019, nine cases comprised of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), theft, accident, child protection, physical assault, registration needs were reported during the month of January. Referrals and support were provided to all cases that were received and a follow-up was done by the respective sectorial partners.
- Across Maban's four refugee camps, UNHCR registered 95 new-born babies, and their families were issued with renewed documentation in January.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR and South Sudan's Commission of Refugee Affairs (CRA) registered 28 refugees (17 families) who fled from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Education

Upper Nile

- In Maban, with the support of UNHCR, its partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the County Education department, 167 refugee students (145 boys, 22 girls) sat for their senior four national examinations. The Deputy Governor of Northern Upper Nile State launched the examination exercise in the company of State Ministers and the County Commissioner of North East Maban County.
- In Maban, UNHCR and LWF completed the analysis of the end of term three primary examinations in which 73% (total 14,939; 8,093 boys; 6,846 girls) passed the exam; 83% (total 2,859; 1,179 boys; 1,680 girls) passed their accelerated education programme examinations; 67% (total 5,660; 2,984 boys; 2,676 girls) passed their Early childhood Development (ECD) examinations and 86% (total 501; 362 boys; 139 girls) passed their secondary level examinations. All of the successful candidates will proceed to the next academic level when schools reopen in February 2019.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, 84 students have been registered for the academic year 2019 at the secondary school with registration still ongoing.
- In January, UNHCR facilitated the accommodation of 30 students from Makpandu refugee settlement's secondary school to sit for their Senior Four Final examination in Yambio town. This included 12 refugees (10 boys, 2 girls) and 18 host community (13 boys, 5 girls) students.

Health

- In January, UNHCR South Sudan transitioned to the new integrated Refugee Health Information (iRHIS) system as of 1 January 2019. The iRHIS collects health data from health units using an android tablet, and once a week the data is uploaded to the HIS website (his.unhcr.org). Trainings have been conducted in Maban and Jamjang and will soon be rolled out to Yambio and Gorom.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR and partner Relief International (RI) conducted training on “Management of Acute Watery Diarrhoea at Community Level and Health Facilities” on 21 January 2019. The training was attended by 35 participants (11 women, 24 men). The objective of the training is for the participants to be able to define acute watery diarrhoea and know the signs and symptoms and management of diarrheal cases.
- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and partner International Medical Corps (IMC) relocated a health post at the extension site to a new site with permanent structures which UNHCR constructed. The health post will be upgraded to a Primary Health Care Unit (PHCU) to address the health needs of over 7,000 refugees at the extension site.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR and partners reached 21 (5 men, 16 women) refugees with key messages on transmission and prevention as part of the Ebola preparedness activities. Church announcements are currently on ongoing on a weekly basis at the two Congolese congregation churches and marketplaces.

Food Security and Nutrition

Unity

- January's monthly General Food Distribution (GFD) for Jamjang refugee camps was conducted comprising of 70% Kcal of commodities, consisting of sorghum, pulses, vegetable oil, and salt.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir camps, 92% and 90% of refugees were served respectively while in Yida refugee settlement 97% of the population was served. The food basket had a 50% ration of the vegetable oil, and 70% ration of the other commodities.
- In Jamjang's two refugee camps, UNHCR and partners Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA) and International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted the distribution of the Monthly Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) of corn-soya blend after two months of disruption as a result of a pipeline break of supplies. In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, 1,751 (76%) under-2 years' old children and 1,243 pregnant and breastfeeding mothers received the distribution. In Pamir refugee camp, 1,631 (87%) under-2 years' old children and 1,237 pregnant and breastfeeding mothers received the distribution.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR and partner World Vision International (WVI) conducted a two-month (November and December 2018) GFD and distributed cash to 3,290 refugees.

Water and Sanitation

Unity

- The water supply coverage stood at 26.5 litres per person per day in Ajuong Thok refugee camp, while 18.8 litres per person per day in Pamir refugee camp. In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, crude latrine coverage was seven persons/latrine while nine persons/latrine in Pamir camp.

- UNHCR and partner Samaritan's Purse (SP) constructed 40 family latrines (20 in Ajuong Thok, 11 in Pamir). In addition, SP constructed 14 communal latrines in Pamir camp.

Upper Nile

- Across Maban's four refugee camps, nearly 21,775.50 metres of portable water were produced to serve almost 145,000 refugees. The water supply coverage stood at 21.96 litres per person per day across the four camps.
- In Maba's four refugee camps, UNHCR and partner ACTED supported refugees in the construction of 34 new blocks of latrines to increase and improve latrine coverage.

Shelter and NFIs

Upper Nile

- UNHCR and partner Africa Action Help International (AAHI) commenced minor refurbishment of Maban Airstrip – Kaya road which is the main road connecting all four refugee camps in Maban County.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Upper Nile

- UNHCR and partners ACTED and Relief International (RI) provided business coaching on sustainable business management to 131 refugee entrepreneurs (90 women, 41 men) in Doro, Yusuf Batil, Kaya, and Gendrassa refugee camps. The entrepreneurs, who were previously trained on business idea generation, business plan development, and business establishment achieved total sales of 9,265,015 South Sudanese Pounds, and a total profit of 2,939,500 South Sudanese Pounds.
- In Gendrassa and Kaya refugee camps, UNHCR and partner ACTED provided business management support to 110 refugee women involved in economic enterprises including tailoring, catering, bakery and handicraft. The female entrepreneurs continue to receive training on financial literacy and were able to earn a total cash income of 131,975 South Sudanese Pounds.
- In Gendrassa and Kaya refugee camps, UNHCR partner ACTED continues to provide savings and loans support to 39 Village Savings Loans Associations with an overall aim of strengthening financial inclusion and social capital. A total of 859 persons of concern (835 women, 24 men) were trained on record keeping and financial literacy.
- In Maban, UNHCR and partners ACTED and Relief International (RI) continue to provide ongoing business coaching support on record keeping, stock control and customer retention to entrepreneurs with established business. As a result, 82 (27 men, 55 women) refugees earned 6,793,345 South Sudanese Pounds and registered 1,884, 660 South Sudanese Pounds as profit.
- Across Maban's four refugee camps, RI and ACTED provided savings and loan technical support to 50 Village Savings Loans Associations (VSLAs) comprising 1,005 refugees (93 men, 912 women), who were able to save 685,209 South Sudanese Pounds. VSLAs promotes financial inclusion by increasing access to financial and social capital.
- In Gendrassa and Kaya refugee camps, ACTED provided post-harvest support including harvest data collection to 70 cereal refugee farmers (34 men, 36 women). Post-harvest support minimises post-harvest losses and as a result, 3286.5 kilograms of sorghum was harvested.

Main Activities – IDP Programme

COORDINATION

Upper Nile

- In January 2019, UNHCR and partners Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) and Danish Refugee Council (DRC) launched a 'one-stop shops' in Malakal POC and Malakal Town. The objective of this innovative project is to make referrals more efficient as beneficiaries can access the following services in one location: general protection, legal aid/Housing Land Property, child protection, as well as Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) for general complaints.
- In January 2019, a UNHCR multifunctional team conducted a mission in Melut. The team collected data on spontaneous refugee returnees and conducted a participatory assessment in all six IDP settlements. They identified 6,276 spontaneous refugee returnees. The team provided Non-Food Item (NFI) assistance to 50 individuals consisting of the elderly, the disabled, and female-headed households taking care of a large number of children/orphans.

Western Bahr el Ghazal

- In Wau, UNHCR held a meeting with IDP leaders living in UNMISS Wau Protection of Civilian (POC)/Area Adjacent (AA) site. As a result, 350 IDPs would like to return to their place of origin, citing cessation of war and harsh conditions in the POC. This follows the similar demand from UNMISS Wau POC1 where 90% of the minority population would like to move to their home states of Upper Nile, Unity and Jonglei. UNHCR has taken a lead role in the discussions with the community including other humanitarian agencies and UNMISS in Wau.

OPERATIONS

Shelter and NFIs

Upper Nile

- In Malakal town, UNHCR and partner Danish Refugee Council, DRC distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 786 (228 men, 558 women) IDP returnees with special needs. NFIs included blankets, buckets, female sandals, shirts, solar lamp, local shoves, collapsible jerry can and female clothing.

Jonglei

- On 24 January, UNHCR team distributed protection based non-food items (NFIs) to 215 inmates (215 men, 10 women) at Bor Central Prison and Model Police Station. The items distributed include mosquito nets, washing soap, and sanitary kits (washing soap, bucket, underwear, and sanitary cloth). The intervention was aimed at improving the living conditions of inmates who lacked basic items following a joint visit by humanitarian actors to Bor state prison.

Community empowerment and self-reliance

Unity

- In Bentiu, UNHCR trained 47 women (10 from POC and 37 from Bentiu and Rubkona towns) in sewing. After 30 days of training, these women were able to sew dresses and other articles of clothing that has enabled them to generate an income and reduce protection related risks.

UNHCR South Sudan Main Donors in 2019 (in USD)

Republic of Korea



1,164,000

Luxembourg



366,109

IGAD



45,073

Other Softly earmarked contributions 2019 | USD

Germany 9.1 million

Unearmarked Contributions in 2019 | USD

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