

South Sudan

16-28 February 2019

36,000+

Refugees and IDPs received relief packages across South Sudan during the reporting period.

450

Adult refugees enrolled for English Courses in Maban's Doro refugee camp.

400+

Refugees, IDPs and aid workers received capacity building training across South Sudan during the reporting period.

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

293,966

Refugees inside South Sudan as of 28 February 2019.

1.87 million

IDPs in South Sudan including 192,521 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites as of 28 February 2019.

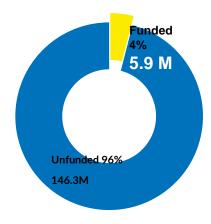
US \$750.6 million

Funding requested by UNHCR for the South Sudan Situation in 2019.

FUNDING AS OF 25 FEBRUARY 2019

USD 152.2 M

requested for South Sudan in 2019





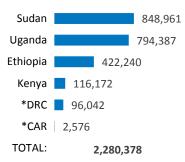
Vulnerable IDPs collect non-food items at a distribution point in Baliet County

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POPULATION OF CONCERN

South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries as of 31 January 2019.

Host Countries



*DRC – Democratic Republic of Congo *CAR – Central Africa Republic



REFUGEE RESPONSE



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- UNHCR registered 774 (414 women, 360 men) newly arrived Sudanese refugees from South Kordofan, Sudan. This is a decrease of 40% when compared to the same period in 2018.
- UNHCR relocated 991 refugees to one of the Jamjang refugee camps (339 Ajuong Thok, 652 Pamir) including 920 new arrivals and 71 refugees previously settled in Yida. In the same period in 2018, UNHCR relocated 1,892 individuals including 420 refugees previously settled in Yida.
- To date in 2019, 4,768 refugees have been relocated to Jamjang camps (4,221 new arrivals, 547 Yida residual caseload). In 2018 during the same period, 6,111 refugees were relocated (5,561 new arrivals, 550 Yida residual caseload).
- As of 28 February 2019, the total refugee population in Unity stood at 37,607 in Ajuong Thok refugee camp, 28,991 in Pamir refugee camp, and 52,395 in Yida refugee settlement.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps and Yida settlement, UNHCR and partner, International Rescue Committee (IRC), received 31 Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) cases. UNHCR provided psychosocial/emotional and material support to all survivors.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR and IRC assessed and supported 72 extremely vulnerable women and girls with food and non-food items to reduce their potential protection risk.
- In Pamir refugee camp and Yida refugee settlement, UNHCR and IRC continued to conduct awareness sessions on female genital mutilation (FGM). Cumulatively, 710 women and girls including some men and boys attended these sessions. The participants were made aware that FGM is a very harmful practice that violates human rights and is punishable by law.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR and partner, Lutheran World Federation (LWF), received 180 separated children (70 girls, 110 boys) and three unaccompanied children (2 girls, 1 boy). All separated children remained in pre-arranged kinship care, while LWF facilitated foster care placement for the three unaccompanied children following their best interest assessments (BIA).
- UNHCR and partners, South Sudan's Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), LWF and Internews conducted a radio talk show on Jamjang FM focusing on children's safety, parental responsibilities, and prevention of child abuse or exploitation to raise awareness on child protective environment in camps.

Upper Nile

■ In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR continued the registration of newborn babies. Cumulatively, 233 newly born babies were registered and issued proof of registration documents.

Central Equatoria

In Yei, UNHCR and partner, UMCOR, supported three SGBV cases. All survivors were provided with psychosocial counselling, material assistance, and referral made for medical assistance.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR and partner, Lutheran World Federation (LWF), co-facilitated two sets of training for 41 (head teachers, LWF Education Officer and Directors of Education) refugee educators to enhance their capacity in monitoring delivery of educational services, as well as enhance data collection and reporting in the refugee camp schools.



- The Ministry of Education announced the results of the 2018 certificate of primary examinations in Ruweng State, revealing that the top ten students are from refugee camp schools. Out of 965 (284 girls, 681 boys) candidates who were registered for the national exams, 98% comprising of 942 (273 girls, 669 boys) sat for exams with 84% (total of 790, 211 girls, 577 boys) candidates passed their exams. The top ten students, all males, were awarded with bicycles and scholastic materials.
- In Pamir refugee camp, 69 (10 women, 59 men) refugee teachers including eight teachers from the host community completed in-service teacher training conducted by Emmanuel Christian College, with the support of UNHCR and Lutheran World Federation. A graduation ceremony was organised on 27 February in Pamir refugee camp, where the teachers were presented with their certificates.

Central Equatoria

In Yei, UNHCR and partner, UMCOR, distributed scholastic materials, including exercise books to 77 refugee students (28 girls, 49 boys) at two primary schools. Cumulatively, 292 refugee students received scholastic materials in 2019 for their first-term.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, the 2018 certificate of primary examination (CPE) results were announced. Of the registered candidates, 86% (total of 799, 273 females, 526 males) sat for the examinations whereas 14% did not sit for the examination. The general pass rate is 46% with the top candidate in Greater Maban County being a refugee male from Werak primary school in Yusif Batil refugee camp. He scored 409 marks out of 500 indicating 82%. And the top female candidate is also a refugee from the same school and refugee camp, who placed 7th overall.
- The Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) with support from UNHCR and donors, registered 450 (129 female, 321 male) refugees from Doro refugee camp in English language courses. The English language courses will boost the English skills of the community members who are Early Child Development (ECD) teachers, youth and the accelerated education programme (AEP) learners to enable them do their work with ease.

Western Equatoria

In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR and World Food Programme (WFP) delivered some food items to supplement the school feeding program at Makpandu refugee primary school. Food Items included beans, Maize, cooking oil and salt.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

The Ebola virus (EVD) outbreak continues in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and preparedness continues in South Sudan. UNHCR continues to work with partners and the EVD Task Forces. UNHCR provided World Vision, in Yambio, with ten non-contact infrared body thermometers in support for the Ebola preparedness and response.

Unity

In Pamir and Ajuong Thok refugee camps, UNHCR and partner, Mentor Initiative (MI), completed the first round of a fly control campaign. The campaign targeted the sources of flies, such as open defecation, animal manure, garbage pits and latrines. This will reduce the instances of infections being transmitted by flies.

Upper Nile

- In Gendrassa and Kaya refugee camps, UNHCR and partner, International Medical Corps (IMC), conducted a four-day training for 102 (55 women, 47 men) community health promoters (CHPs) and village health and nutrition committees (VHNC) on the recently developed behaviour change communication and information education communication materials (BCC/IEC) for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB), family planning, diarrhoea and malaria. The training is expected to strengthen their skills in the dissemination of different disease prevention messages to improve health-seeking behaviours of refugees in their respective camps.
- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR and partner, Relief International (RI), conducted a four-day training for 80 (70 women, 10 men) lead mothers and sectoral health committees on HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis (TB) prevention, community referral and reporting mechanisms to enable behaviour change in the individuals and the community at large in relation to TB and HIV knowledge.



Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR and partners reached 87 (63 women, 24 men) refugees with key messages on the transmission and prevention of Ebola virus as part of the continued Ebola response preventative measures.
- In Yei, UNHCR and Word Health Organisation (WHO) facilitated the Ebola Virus vaccination of 28 frontline workers including frontline health workers. Cumulatively, 184 health workers and frontline staffs have been so far vaccinated against Ebola Virus.

Western Equatoria

In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR screened 244 (123 women, 121 men) individuals for Ebola virus. No suspected case was reported or detected.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

■ UNHCR, World Food Programme (WFP) and partner Samaritan's Purse conducted the February general food distribution (GFD) to 36,498 (97%) refugees in Ajuong Thok refugee camp, 27,687 (96%) refugees Pamir refugee camp, and 48,799 (99%) refugees in Yida refugee settlement. The 70% Kcal ration included sorghums, pulses, vegetable oil and salt.

Western Equatoria

In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR, WFP and partner World Vision International (WVI) conducted a general food distribution and multi-purpose cash assistance to 3,664 refugees. Food items included cereal (50%), vegetable oil (100%), salt and pulses.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

The daily water supply coverage stood at 27.2 litres per person per day in Ajuong Thok refugee camp, while 22.2 litres per person per day in Pamir refugee camp. In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, crude latrine coverage was seven persons/latrine while ten persons/latrine in Pamir refugee camp.

Upper Nile

- The daily average water supply coverage stood at 22 litres per person per day in Yusuf Batil, Doro refugee camp and Gendrassa refugee camps.
- UNHCR and partner ACTED constructed 58 family latrines (24 Doro refugee camp, 12 Yusuf Batil refugee camp, 10 - Kaya refugee camp and 12 - Gendrassa refugee camps). Cumulatively, 118 latrines have been constructed since the beginning of 2019.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Upper Nile

■ In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner ACTED was alerted by Offra borehole guards at 6:30AM of a burst water pipe. A critical water pipe burst due to high water pressure and friction generated during the pumping and release of water to the camp storage tanks (CS).





SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Unity

In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR and partner, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), distributed core relief items (CRIs) to 159 households (565 individuals). The CRIs included kitchen sets, buckets, mosquito nets, used clothes, soap, sleeping mats and blankets. This is to ensure households have access to basic domestic items to enable their transition in the camps. Also, 155 women and girls of reproductive age received sanitary materials.

Upper Nile

In Doro and Gendrassa refugee camps, UNHCR and partners distributed of sanitary materials targeting 23,479 women and girls.

Western Equatoria

In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR and partner, World Vision International (WVI), distributed soap to 3,664 refugees.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Achievements and Impact

Unity

During the reporting period, UNHCR and its partner, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), transplanted 5,299 tree seedlings (2,849 - Ajuong Thok and 2,450 – Pamir refugee camps). The seedlings are different varieties of acacia, kei apple, guava, and moringa. The trees will be planted in woodlots as part of environmental protection efforts.

Upper Nile

- Across Maban's four refugee camps, UNHCR and partners completed the identification and profiling of 100 female stove producers. In addition, UNHCR selected and trained 53 producers in Kaya and Gendrassa refugee camps on the production of fuel efficient stoves (FES) that uses charcoal and fuelwood.
- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR's partners completed the rehabilitation of three nursery beds. This brings the total to seven nursery beds that have been completed.
- Across Maban's four refugee camps, UNHCR and partners completed the profiling of seedling nursery groups (SNGs). Membership of the SNGs is comprised of 48 refugee women and 16 men.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and partners formed seven new village saving loans associations (VSLA). Each VSLA comprises of 20 members for a total memberships of 140 (98 women, 42 men) refugees. Support continued for the 13 VSLA groups that were formed in 2018.
- In two primary schools in Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Relief International (RI) enhanced 55 (25 women, 30 men) agriculture club member's knowledge for agri-nutrition sensitive farming. While in Gendrassa refugee camp, UNHCR's partner, ACTED, provided technical support on vegetable production to four primary schools during this dry season.
- In Kaya refugee camp, ACTED registered 31 refugees (18 women, 13 men) for entrepreneurship training. While mentorship and support visits to the business grantees of 2017 and Women Economic Enterprises (catering, handcraft, cakery and tailoring) continued across Kaya refugee camp, Gendrassa refugee camp and the host community. The monitoring recorded sales of up to 156,005 South Sudan Pounds.



- In and around Doro and Yusuf Batil refugee camps, UNHCR registered 161 refugee and host community households (52 women, 109 men) for tractor tillage support.
- In Kaya refugee camp, ACTED installed a water storage bladder for vegetable production during the dry season. This will support transplanting, weeding, nursery bed management, planting and mulching of vegetables.

IDP Response

COORDINATION



Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR, partner Humanitarian and Consortium Development (HDC), and South Sudan's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) continued the verification of the internally displaced persons (IDP) returnees to their villages of origin. As a result, 1,791 families (6,013 individual) IDP returnees were verified in the following villages of origin of Lekka, Kenwoye, Dungaji, Yenaji, Keweji, Kanyaji, Liang, and Bugaya. The verification exercise addressed many of the issues surrounding the IDP return process by mitigating the unnecessary movements and waves of IDP returns from village to village in search of humanitarian assistance.
- In Maban, UNHCR and HDC conducted two protection monitoring missions Kongo Mamur and Hofra IDP sites, to ascertain the status of the return process as expressed by the IDPs during a community-led consultative meetings. In Kongo Mamur IDP site, the IDPS expressed wishes to stay due to the available basic services including school, clean water, access and proximity to Yusif Batil market and Bunj town.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Upper Nile

Maban

UNHCR organised a joint mission to Maban's Lekka village to confirm the return of displaced families and to assess their current situation. The joint mission included Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) and Save the Children. As a result, UNHCR and HDC identified 512 families that returned in December 2018 from Banabowa IDP site. Key challenges identified during the visit included repair of an existing hand pump, the need for an additional borehole, shelter support, provision of food and non-food items, and health and education facilities.

OPERATIONS



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

Maban

In Maban, UNHCR and partner, HDC, distributed core relief items (CRIs) to 829 IDP families (2,923 individual) who were returning as the last phase of the 2018 IDP Exit Strategy in greater Maban. CRIs included blankets, sleeping mats, plastic sheeting, jerry cans and kitchen sets. The intervention targeted four areas of origin: Lekka, Kenwoye, Dungaji and Yenaji.

Malakal



- In Melut County, UNHCR distributed CRIs to 3,720 persons with special needs (PSNs). This distribution comes following a UNHCR assessment that no CRI assistance was provided in Melut since 2015. CRIs included blankets, plastic sheets, sleeping mat, soap, collapsible jerry can, mosquito net and bucket.
- In Baliet County, UNHCR and partner, Humanitarian and Development Consortium (HDC), distributed CRIs to 406 PSN families (2,247 individuals). CRIs included blankets, plastic sheets, sleeping mat, soap, collapsible jerry can, mosquito net and bucket.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

<u>Jonglei</u>

In Bor, UNHCR registered 60 families (128 individuals) who expressed willingness to voluntarily relocate from Bor UNMISS Protection of Civilian site to their place of origin (Uror, Nyirol, Akobo, Fangak, Nasser, Leer, Goch, Tori, Chukudum, Panyijaar, and Ayod). Through UNHCR, IDPs requested the local Solutions Working Group (SWG) for transport, food and non-food item assistance at their final destination. The SWG is engaging all stakeholders on how best to support the voluntary relocation. Cumulatively, 110 families (241 individuals) have requested for relocation since the beginning of 2019.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Jonglei

■ In Bor, UNHCR and partner, Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), trained 60 women on breadmaking and crafts as a way to empower them through attaining new skills.

Working in partnership

- 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 as co-lead, Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and is an active participate 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,

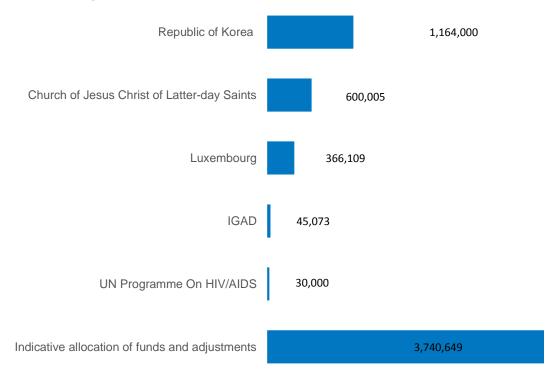


UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMAS, UNMISS, WFP, WHO, Women for Women International and UN Women.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amounts to US\$ 5.9 million, for the financial year 2019 as of 25 February. 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 programmes with un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

2019 funding received in million USD



Other Softly earmarked contributions 2019 | USD

Germany 9.1 million

Unearmarked Contributions in 2019 | USD

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