

South Sudan Situation

1-28 February 2019

2,281,982*

South Sudanese refugees in the region as of 28 February 2019 (pre- and post-Dec 2013 caseload).

10,405*

South Sudanese refugee arrivals in February 2019.

293,966

Refugees in South Sudan and 1.87 million IDPs including 192,521 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites.

KEY INDICATORS

4.36 million

persons of concern (South Sudanese refugees in the region; South Sudanese IDPs and refugees in South Sudan)

63%

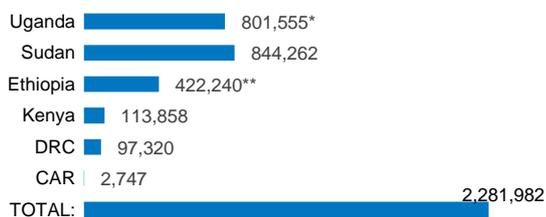
of the South Sudanese refugee population are children (under the age of 18 years old)

2,795,827

2019 Regional RRP Planning figure for the total South Sudanese refugees projected in the region by 31 December

SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2019

Host Countries



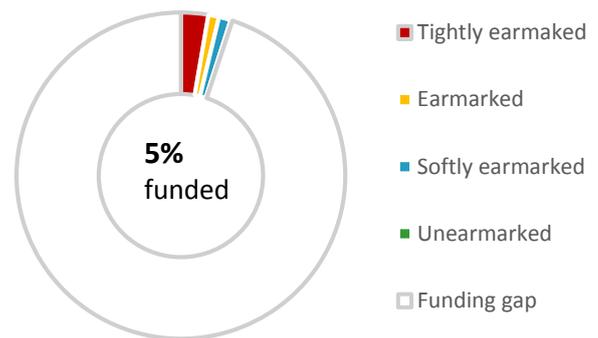
* The population and arrival figures are based on the final results from verification exercise.

** Population figures for Ethiopia were frozen as of August 2018 due to the roll-out of a new registration system aiming to enhance registration data.

EARMARKED FUNDING (AS OF END OF FEBRUARY 2019)

USD 750.6 million

requested for the South Sudan situation



New Arrivals

| | In 2018 (Jan to Dec) | In 2019 (as of February) |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CAR | 325 | 171 |
| DRC | 6,201 | 1,747 |
| Ethiopia | 19,770** | 0** |
| Kenya | 7,325 | 1,828 |
| Sudan | 33,117 | 6,253 |
| Uganda | 40,758 | 6,622 |
| TOTAL | 107,496 | 16,621 |

Regional Highlights

- **On Friday, 15th February, the Regional Refugee Coordinator and Special Advisor for the South Sudan situation and the UNHCR South Sudan Deputy Representative met with the Regional Director of IOM in Nairobi.** The meeting aimed at exchange views towards the reinforcement of the collaboration between the two agencies in regards to the voluntary repatriation monitoring exercise within South Sudan.

- **The UN Secretary-General’s Special Representative in South Sudan, David Shearer, stated that since the signature of the September 2018 Revitalized Agreement of the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan between the South Sudanese President Salva Kiir and former Vice President Riek Machar to end conflict in the country, political violence has “dropped dramatically.”** Despite the fall in political violence, conflict is still ongoing, said Mr. Shearer, pointing to, among others, ethnic violence that has led to killings, and in the South of the country, where the fighters of Thomas Cirilo’s National Salvation Front have been involved in clashes with Government forces.

Updates and Achievements

SOUTH SUDAN

Update

- The Ministry of Education announced the results of the 2018 certificate of primary examinations in Ruweng State, revealing that out of 965 (284 girls, 681 boys) candidates who were registered for the national exams, the top ten students are from refugee camp schools. The top ten students, all males, were awarded with bicycles and scholastic materials.
- In February, there were reports that 500 South Sudanese returned from Uganda, 200 from Ethiopia and 100 from DRC. Although there is neither facilitation nor promotion of refugee returns to South Sudan, as the current conditions are not yet conducive for durable, safe and dignified returns, UNHCR recognizes the refugees' right to return and has protection mandate for monitoring refugee returns, including those that return in a self-organized manner.

Achievements and Impact

- **New arrivals:** UNHCR registered some 948 newly arrived refugees in February. As of 28th February 2019, the refugee population in South Sudan stood at 293,966 individuals.
- **SGBV:** In Pamir refugee camp and Yida refugee settlement, UNHCR and International Rescue Committee continued to conduct awareness sessions on female genital mutilation (FGM). Cumulatively in 2019, 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.
- **IDPs:** In Gendrassa and Kaya refugee camps, UNHCR and International Medical Corps, 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.
- **IDP Returns:** In Maban, UNHCR and partners 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.

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).

Countries of Asylum

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Latest Developments

- On the 6th February, the Central African Republic government together with 14 recognized armed groups in the country signed the Khartoum agreement for peace and reconciliation.
- On 25th February, Central African President Faustin-Archange Touadera appointed a new government including representatives of armed group's part of the peace deal. Negotiations are still ongoing to integrate five dissent armed groups.
- In February 2019, the security situation around the city of Obo reportedly deteriorated due to increased activities of armed groups primarily the LRA, and other groups such as ex-seleka and Anti-Balaka. The border between CAR and South-Sudan remains closed due to the prevailing insecurity at the border. In a separate incident, sixteen (16) persons were reportedly killed along the Obo-Bambouti axis none of whom were persons of concern.

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR continue to reinforce its partnership with WFP in order to sustain a regular food distribution. However, in February it has not been able to provide food or cash to the refugees in Obo due to limited funding.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Latest Developments

- In early February, clashes in South Sudan led to a new influx of refugees into DRC, particularly in the Kakwa and Kaliko chiefdoms in Aru Territory, Ituri Province. Because of the ban on border assistance by the government authorities in place since 2016, UNHCR organized the transfer of 985 newly-arrived refugees to Biringi settlement near Aru town, Ituri Province.
- On 26 February, UNHCR and the World Food Programme (WFP) launched a joint analysis of the markets used by South Sudanese refugees living at Meri and Biringi settlement, which likely is aimed at reviewing the amount of WFP's cash-for-food assistance provided and encourage self-reliance. The analysis will evaluate criteria such as physical accessibility, availability of food, prices and product quality.

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR, WFP, the National Refugee Commission (CNR) and refugee representatives have agreed to resume cash-for-food assistance by March 2019 after it had been halted following a security incident at Meri settlement, Haut Uele Province, in November 2018. A memorandum of understanding was signed on 18th February agreeing

that assistance will resume under the condition of staff security, and for a limited time while UNHCR designs an alternative self-reliance programme.

ETHIOPIA

Latest Developments

- **Out of a 131,185 shelters needed, UNHCR and partners are working to construct some 40,000 transitional shelters in different refugee camps in 2019, covering 30.5 percent of the gap identified.** Shelter prototypes are being produced in line with the relevant guidelines which form part of the implementation modalities of the 2017-2020 National Shelter Strategy.

Achievements and Impact

- **UNHCR held the first livelihoods sector coordination meeting with the participation of strategic partners including the World Bank, World Food Programme, Food and agriculture Organization, GIZ, Danish Refugee Council, Lutheran World Federation and ZOA.** A sector coordination mechanism at national level was deemed crucial to ensure the adequate engagement with a variety of existing and still in the pipeline investments towards economic inclusion activities in refugee hosting areas.

KENYA

Latest Developments

- **In February, the Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, Ambassador Mohamed Abdi Affey carried out a visit to Kakuma.** During his visit, Ambassador Affey met with the local authorities and refugees and called for more investments in the refugee youth to promote peace and stability in the region.

Achievements and Impact

- **UNHCR and International Finance Corporation (IFC) have been closely working together with the Ministry of Trade to establish the Huduma/Biashara center in Kakuma, a key flagship under Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Program (KISED).** This centre will ease the provision of legal documentation and business development services to refugee and host communities in Turkana West.

SUDAN

Latest Developments

- **Funds are urgently needed to cover vector control and water quality activities until the end of 2019, which are an essential component of disease prevention programmes in refugee camps.** The State Ministry of Health (SMoH) conducted vector control campaigns in all camps, through support from the World Health Organization (WHO).

Achievements and Impact

- **The National Forest Corporation (FNC) distributed 1,100 fuel-efficient stoves (FES) to new refugee arrivals and training women-headed households to produce the stoves on site and provide a source of income for refugee women in Al Nimir and Kario camps, and El Ferdous settlement.** The FES production is a part of Sudan's Safe Access to Energy Strategy (SAFE), and provides a safer, more environmentally sustainable cooking alternative for refugee families.

UGANDA

Latest Developments

- **On 19th February, the official signing ceremony on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the construction of Nyala Bridge between Omugo and Ofua Zones in Rhino Camp settlement in Arua district was held at the Embassy of Japan in Kampala.** Based on the joint assessment by JICA, UNHCR and the Office of Prime Minister in 2017, this bridge was chosen as top priority for improved access by refugees and host communities through the settlement areas and will be implemented by UNOPS.

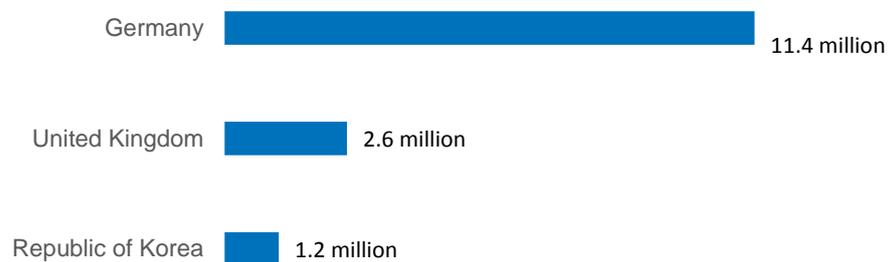
Achievements and Impact

- **On 18-19 February, UNHCR participated in the National Consultation on the Development of the Refugee Management Policy for the East African Community, in Kampala.** The meeting adopted an inception report on the development of the East African Refugee Management Policy which entailed recommendations to be used as background information during the drafting of the policy.

Financial Information

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the South Sudan situation as well as for those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.

Total contributions for the South Sudan Situation amount to some **USD 38.9 million**.



Special thanks to the major donors of softly earmarked and regional funds in 2019 | USD

United Kingdom 6.9 million

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Sweden 90.4 million | Denmark 54.9 million | Norway 44.5 million | Netherlands 37.5 million | United Kingdom 31.7 million | Germany 27.3 million | Switzerland 15.1 million

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