

South Sudan

1-15 May 2019

25,400+

Refugee children were vaccinated in refugee camps in Upper Nile and Unity

390

Refugees received training on fuelefficient stove production in Upper Nile. 2,500+

Refugees and IDPs participated in SGBV trainings/awareness sessions

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

297,321

Refugees inside South Sudan as of 30 April 2019.

1.91 million

IDPs in South Sudan including 178,923 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites as of 15 May 2019.

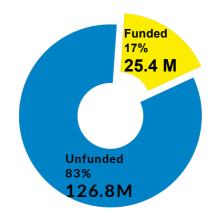
US \$750.6 million

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

FUNDING AS OF 15 MAY 2019

USD 152.2M

requested for South Sudan in 2019





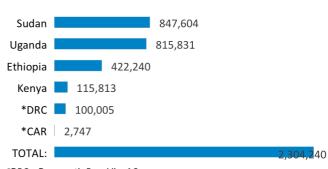
IDP returnee families receiving non-food items in Baliet

© UNHCR

POPULATION OF CONCERN

South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries as of 30 April 2019.

Host Countries



*DRC - Democratic Republic of Congo

*CAR – Central Africa Republic



REFUGEE RESPONSE



Upper Nile

- UNHCR's new Global Distribution Tool (GDT) was rolled-out during the most recent distribution of food and non-food items (NFI) in Doro and Gendrassa refugee camps. The Global Distribution Tool (GDT) is UNHCR's biometric distribution tracking tool which improves accountability, tracking and efficiency of assistance delivery to persons of concern. The new system uses biometric features for beneficiary identity verification; it generates assistance plans and manifests; it tracks who receives what when; and it allows partners access to registered biometrics during distribution exercises.
- In Maban, UNHCR in partnership with SCI assessed the protection needs of 301 children (164 girls, 137 boys) in order to referr them to the most appropriate services. Out of 301 children, there were three children (1 girl, 2 boys) from the host community who were supported with sleeping mats, blankets, food (sugar, cooking flour, oil, beans); and counselling, which was offered by UNHCR and partner Jesuit Refugee Service.
- Another 2,233 refugees (1,050 women, 1,183 men) were sensitized about two concepts: child and youth protection; and sexual and gender based violence (SGBV). The awareness drive, led by UNHCR and SCI, targeted all four refugee camps in Maban.

Unity

- In Jamjang, 288 (153 women, 135 men) new refugee arrivals from South Kordofan, Sudan were registered. It is a decrease of 65% as compared to the same period last year.
- Since the beginning of 2019, a total of 8,110 Yida refugees relocated to Jamjang camps (6,756 new arrivals and 1,354 Yida residual caseload). It is a decrease of 39% as compared to the same period in 2018.
- The April biometric verification exercise in Yida is still on going. As of 15 May 2019, a total of 37,296 refugees have been verified, which represents 78% of the total population in Yida.
- UNHCR trained 37 community outreach volunteers (14 women, 23 men) on rights based and community based approaches as part of the capacity building to enhance their role in the community. The volunteers share information on available services in the camps including new arrivals and persons with specific needs in Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps.
- UNHCR and partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) received 32 separated children (16 girls, 16 boys) relocated from Yida reception centre to Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps. All of the children are currently under prearranged kinship care with regular follow ups by UNHCR and LWF.



Upper Nile

■ In Maban, UNHCR in collaboration with Lutheran World Federation (LWF) successfully conducted the first term exams on 3 May 2019, in line with the South Sudan national school calendar. A total of 25,463 (12,067 girls, 13,396 boys) students sat for the first term examinations in the primary schools. There was a 65% passing rate (16,752 - 7,158 girls, 9,594 boys). There was the same passing rate (65%) for the 4,439 (2,493 girls, 1,946 boys) students who sat for their Accelerated Education Program (AEP) examinations. In the secondary schools, there was a passing rate of 69% for the 630 (141 girsl, 489 boys) students who sat for their first term exams.

Central Equatoria

■ In Yei, UNHCR and partner UMCOR followed up on the enrolment of children in primary schools in Lasu refugee settlement. A total of 914 (398 girls, 516 boys) children have been enrolled at Lasu refugee primary school.





HEALTH

Unity

- In Jamjang, UNHCR and partner Mentor Initiative started vector borne disease control in Pamir and Ajoung Thok refugee camps. They began in Pamir refugee camp with the initiation of an indoor residual spray (IRS) campaign. Seven days into the campaign, 2,752 homes have been already sprayed in Pamir camp.
- UNHCR and partner Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), International Rescue Committee (IRC) completed the second round of polio immunization campaign, as part of the national immunization days in Ajoung Thok and Pamir refugee camps. The campaign targeted children age under five, to reduce the risk of a polio outbreak in the population. In Ajoung Thok camp 8,366 (99%) children were vaccinated and in Pamir camp 6,180 (96%) children were vaccinated.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR in partnership with Relief International (RI) conducted two refresher trainings for 32 medical doctors, clinical officers, nurses, and other medical professionals. The first training, on admission criteria for Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) cases with medical complications, was conducted on 6 May 2019. The second training, on post-abortion care, was conducted on 9 May 2019.
- From 30 April 3 May 2019, UNHCR in partnership with Relief International (RI) conducted the second round of National Immunization Days (NIDs) campaign for polio which is integrated with vitamin A and deworming supplementation. The campaign targeted children age 0-59 months with polio vaccination, 6-59 months with vitamin A supplementation and 12-59 months with deworming tablets. During the campaign, a total of 10,860 children were vaccinated with coverage of 100%, and 95% for those who recived Vitamin A supplementation and Albendazole. The campaigns were conducted in collaboration with South Sudan's Ministry of Health, UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Western Equatoria

 UNHCR, for the second time this year, donated an assortment of medical supplies and medical items to the Yambio State Hospital. This donation is a part of UNHCR's continued support to the Ministry of Health and Yambio State Hospital in order to provide comprehensive health services to refugees and the host community.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Unity

 In Jamjang, from 5-6 May 2019, UNHCR and partners Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Ajoung Thok and Pamir camps respectively, distributed a corn soy blend as part of a blanket supplementary feeding programme (BSFP).



WATER AND SANITATION

Unity

In Jamjang's refugee camps, the average water supply stood at 25.27 liters/per person/per day. (Ajoung Thok refugee camp- 27.05 l/p/d, Pamir refugee camp- 23.49 l/p/d).

Upper Nile

There was a drastic increase in demand for water for the first time since the establishment of the refugee camps in Maban. This can be attributed to 3 major factors: i) the prolonged dry season; ii) high number of domestic animals



that are competing with humans for water; iii) increased human activities through construction and production of mud bricks. The average water supply per person per day across the four refugee camps remains at 22l/p/d.

Sixty six family latrines were constructed; 19 in Doro, 8 in Kaya, 27 in Yusif Batil and 12 in Gendrassa refugee camp.

Central Equatoria

In Yei, UNHCR and partner UMCOR provided training to 25 (8 women, 17 men) members of the water management committees at Lasu refugee settlement from 6-7 May 2019. The training was facilitated by 5 hygiene promoters. The aim of the training is to enhance the skills and knowledge of the water management committee in their roles and responsibilities for effective management of the water points at the settlement.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Upper Nile

In Maban, UNHCR in partnership with Danish Refugee Council (DRC) has completed the construction of the mudbrick walls of 80 transitional shelters up to the roofing stage across the four refugee camps.

Central Equatoria

In Yei, based on refugee persons with specific needs (PSNs) verification exercise, undertaken in March 2019, UNHCR and partner UMCOR verified a total of 77 refugee PSNs in Yei. As a result, a total of 34 PSNs (19 women, 15 men) received core relief items (CRIs) from UNHCR. The items provided were blanket, mat, mosquito net, bucket, jerry-can, a kitchen set, soap, under wear and second hand clothing for women.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Upper Nile

- In Maban, from 8-9 May 2019, UNHCR in partnership with Danish Refugee Council (DRC), trained 90 (6 women, 84 men) community leaders and heads of committees on humanitarian principles enhancing participants' capacity to improve service delivery in the refugee camps.
- In Maban, UNHCR in partnership with DRC conducted a refresher training for 91 community outreach workers (24 women, 67 men) on code of conduct, community mobilization and enhanced community participation across the four refugee camps in Maban.
- In Maban, UNHCR in partnership DRC, conducted a total 23 village-level meetings held in 2019, reaching 2,377 refugees (932 women, 1,361 men, 84 children). This model of community engagement has increased women's participation and enhanced refugee capacities in identifying and resolving issues affecting their lives.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Upper Nile

- In Maban, the women stove producer groups in Kaya refugee camp and Gendrassa refugee camp produced a total of 390 fuel efficient cook stoves at their respective production sites.
- In Maban, UNHCR in partnership with Relief International (RI) trained 141 women and 50 men in Gendrassa refugee camp and 126 women and 41 men in Kaya refugee camp on how to use fuel efficient stoves, their maintenance, energy saving practices and advantages of using the energy saving stoves.
- In Maban, UNHCR in partnership with RI, supported the





community to develop a Community Environment Action plans for the four refugee camps and the neighboring communities in order to strengthen peaceful coexistence and community participation in environmental programming.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Central Equatoria

- On 7 May, UNHCR facilitated setting of a water harvesting system for the Aragan refugee's tree nursery association in Yei. The water harvesting system will reduce the need to purchase water by the group. So far, the group produced 12,600 fruit/trees seedlings and production marketing is currently ongoing.
- UNHCR in partnership with UMCOR, established two demonstration gardens in Lasu refugee settlement with a total
 of 20 (7 women, 13 men) members. The purpose of the gardens is to train refugee farmers on good agronomic
 practices particularly on land preparation, planting and weeding.
- In Yei, UNHCR provided 1,000 fruit and tree seedlings (jack fruit, moringa, cypress, guava and oranges) to refugees in Lasu refugee settlment on 15 May 2019. The seedlings will be planted along the roads and schools in Lasu refugee settlement.

Upper Nile

- UNHCR in partnership with ACTED and Relief International (RI) provided training on establishing kitchen gardens for 449 (393 women, 56 men) refugees in the four refugee camps in Maban. The training, aims at supporting households to undertake nutrient dense vegetable production, organic compost manure preparation, harvesting, post-harvest and establishment of climate smart gardens.
- In Maban, UNHCR in partnership with RI, supported 49 refugees with existing businesses in Doro and Yusuf Batil
 refugee camps with finance tracking and monitoring. The total sales recorded over the reporting period was
 1,317,470 SSP (7,840 USD) with a profit margin of 738,150 SSP (4,393 USD).
- On Friday 10 May 2019, 40 young refugees (30 women, 10 men) in Doro refugee camp graduated from their tailoring and dress making course. Not only were the youths provided with certificates of completion, they also received starter kits that include a sewing machine and all its accessories. Thus far, 163 refugees have benefited from this skills training since 2016. Another set of 40 trainees (20 refugee, 20 host community) are currently under training. They are scheduled to graduate in June 2019. This programme is part of efforts towards peaceful coexistence between the refugees and host community.





SPONTANEOUS REFUGEE RETURN



Western Equatoria

In Yambio, UNHCR and partner World Vision International (WVI) conducted a mission to Gangura County to monitor the spontaneous refugee return situation in the areas. Total of 95 South Sudanese families (503 individuals) were interviewed and recorded. The returnees returned from Bittima refugee camp in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) through Nabiapai border crossing point. Most of these returnees have returned between November 2018 and February 2019 for various reasons including, the lack of assistance and the stabilization of the security situation. This brings the total number of recorded returns in the Western Equatoria State, since November 2018, to 4,781 individuals.

Central Equatoria

In Yei, UNHCR jointly with partner UMCOR, undertook a field mission to border crossing points from 6th -10th May 2019. The mission focused on cascading the training on the spontaneous refugee returnee monitoring tools for 30 participants. Participants to the training included South Sudan's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) field protection monitors from Kajokeji, Morobo and Lainya, and border monitors. Besides the training, UNHCR provided solar lamps, Ebola Viros Desease (EVD) visibility bags, hats and jackets as part of the EVD preparedness intervention to field protection monitors at the border crossing points.

Jonglei

- UNHCR monitored 26 families (105 individuals) refugee returnees in Akobo from refugee camps in Ethiopia. They cited the reason of return as a stable security situation after the singing of peace in South Sudan and family reunification.
- In Bor, UNHCR through monitoring of internal movement at Bor dock site recorded 15 families (65 individuals) refugee returnees who came from Uganda via Nimule border and one family (5 individuals) from Kenya via Nadapal border as they were passing through Bor, headed to Northern Jonglei and other areas in South Sudan to reunite with families. They believe that the security situation has improved in South Sudan.

Western Bahr El-Ghazal

 UNHCR and partner Women Development Group (WDG) led a protection monitoring mission to Abyei and Aweil for spontaneous refugee returns. The team trained border monitors who will be collecting data at the border entry points. 200 refugee returnees from Sudan were recorded in Aweil.

IDP RESPONSE

COORDINATION



Jonglei

• UNHCR and partner Nile Hope, conducted a door to door awareness campaign reaching a total of 625 (183 women, 163 men, 149 girls, 130 boys) persons with SGBV prevention messages including respect and rights of individuals. The activity was carried out in Pochalla, Akobo, Uror and Fangak counties of Jonglei state.



Upper Nile

- Since 7-16 May, five convoys assisting 1,484 IDPs (570 families) in their volutary return from Melut to Baliet county. An inter-cluster assessment, led by the Protection Cluster, found the locations of return to be conducive for return that will be in safety and dignity and without causing harm. Identified gaps were jointly addressed by the Upper Nile Solutions Working Group (SWG) before the returns began. UNHCR and respective clusters provided transportation, NFI/shelter kits, food assistance and vaccination upon return. IDPs have been well received by the government authorities and the local communities. IDP returnees were able to reunite with their families.
- UNHCR and partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted four awareness sessions for 380 (273 women, 107 men) participants from Malakal town and 831 (606 women, 225 men) participants from Malakal POC site, on the available services and referral pathway.
- UNHCR and partner DRC offered training to two community based protection networks in Malakal town. Each
 community based protection network comprises of 16 members (8 women, 8 men). The training aimed to improve
 community mobilization, community self-management protection structures and sharing of good practices.

Unity

From 8-10 May 2019, UNHCR went on a three days mission to Leer. UNHCR conducted refresher trainings for 13 persons on protection and GBV concepts, prevention and response and vulnerability criterias.

OPERATIONS



Central Equatoria

• In Yei, during the reporting period, 50 IDP community representatives (10 women, 40 men) from all nine IDP sites in Yei town attended a one day stakeholder meeting on protection issues. The objective of the meeting was to identify the main protection challenges stakeholders were facing in their localities. The community representatives who attended the meeting included executive chiefs, women representative, and other community members.

Jonglei

- UNHCR facilitated the stamping of 16 birth notifications by the Ministry of Health for children born in UNMISS Protection of Civilian (POC) Bor site. This will prevent future risks of statelessness and identification issues related to the nationality rights and privileges.
- UNHCR's partner INTERSOS, conducted a GBV awareness and sensitization session for 297 women and girls in Akobo on the causes and effects of early and forced marriage. They explored the many effects of early and force marriages and its long term consequences. This was meant to illuminate the understanding on the effect and how to voice their concerns for the society to respect the rights of women and girls in the community.



Jonglei

UNHCR and partner Nile Hope, supported recently returned IDPs from Bor POC to Akobo with 20 tukuls for 20 families for their sustainable reintegration in the community.

Unity

UNHCR and partner Hope Restroation South Sudan, distributed non-food items to 500 exteremely vulnurable families in Mayendiat North. The disutribution targeted IDPs, returnees and vulnerable families from the host community. The distributed items includes plastic sheet, blanket, sleeping mat, mosqutio net, jerry can, soap and solar lamp.





COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Jonglei

- UNHCR and partner Humanitarian Development Consotium (HDC), hosted the graduation of 60 (41 women, 19 adolescent girls) female graduates from a three months skills building training aimed at supporting SGBV survivors to engage in income generating activities.
- UNHCR and partner Nile Hope, distributed assorted vegetables seeds to 200 families in Akobo. The distribution is part of encouraging community members to farm and support themselves through the production of their own food.
- UNHCR partner Humanitarian and Development Consortium (HDC) supported 69 youth members with fishing tools in Duk to enhance their livelihood and self-reliance in the community.

Working in partnership

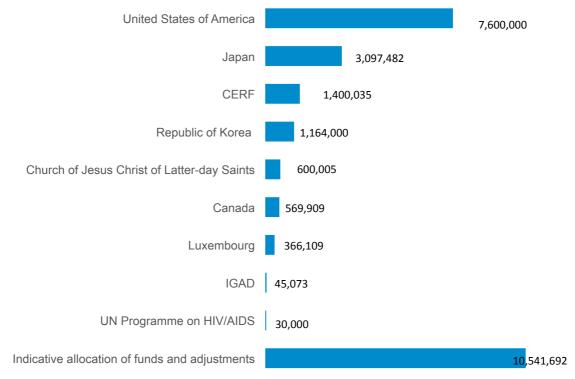
- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- In the refugee response, the main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing 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 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.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amounts to US\$ 25.4 million, for the financial year 2019 as of 15 May. 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.







Other Softly earmarked contributions 2019 | USD

United States of America 10 million | Germany 9.1 million | Canada 4.6 million | Sweden 3.1 million | Private donors Australia 2.5 million

Unearmarked Contributions in 2019 | USD

Sweden 90.4 million | Norway 44.5 million | Netherlands 37.5 million | United Kingdom 31.7 million | Germany 26.7 million | Private donors Spain 26.3 million | Denmark 24.4 million | Switzerland 15.1 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 13.8 million

Algeria | Argentina | Australia | Austria | Azerbaijan | Belgium | Canada | Costa Rica | Estonia | Indonesia | Kuwait | Malta | Monaco | Montenegro | New Zealand | Peru | Qatar | Republic of Korea | Russian Federation | Saudi Arabia | Serbia | Singapore | Slovakia | Sri Lanka | Thailand | United Arab Emirates | Uruguay | Private Donors

CONTACTS

Eujin Byun, PI/Communication Officer, byun@unhcr.org, Cell +211 922 405 683 **Richard Ruati**, Assistant External Relations Officer ruati@unhcr.org, Cell +211 927 725 515

LINKS

South Sudan Country Portal

South Sudan Situation Regional Portal

UNHCR South Sudan Facebook page