

South Sudan Situation

November 2019

2,199,300*

South Sudanese refugees in the region as of 30 November 2019 (pre- and post-Dec 2013 caseload).

69,932*

South Sudanese refugee's arrivals so far in 2019, with **4,263 refugee arrivals in November 2019.**

297,947

Refugees in South Sudan with 92 per cent from Sudan, 6 per cent from the DRC, 1 per cent from Ethiopia and 1 per cent from CAR.

3.9 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)

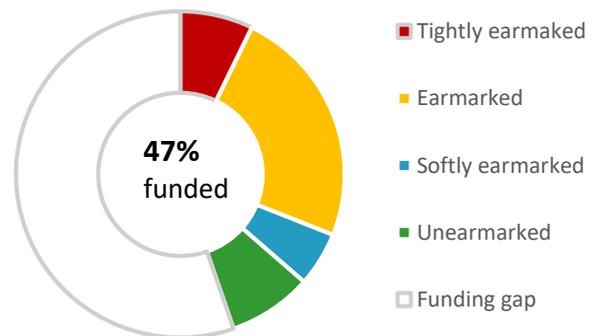
1.46 million

Number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in South Sudan with 13% inside six UNMISS Protection of Civilians site.

UNHCR'S FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS (AS OF 3 DECEMBER 2019)

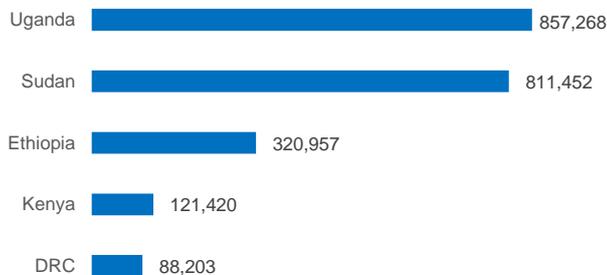
USD 718.9 million

requested for the South Sudan situation



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Host Countries



* Based on field reports, UNHCR and Government registration.

New Arrivals

	In 2018 (Jan to Dec)	In 2019 (as of 30 Nov)
CAR	325	171
DRC	6,201	5,521
Ethiopia	19,770*	5,515
Kenya	7,325	10,024
Sudan	33,117	18,034
Uganda	40,758	30,667
TOTAL	107,496	69,932

Regional Highlights

- **President Salva Kiir and opposition leader Riek Machar had been expected to form a unified transitional Government by 12 November, in line with a September 2018 peace deal aimed at ending six years of conflict.** Following a meeting in Uganda, held under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the leaders and stakeholders agreed to extend the pre-transitional period by 100 days to allow critical tasks to be completed. The UN Secretary-General and the African Union have urged all parties to use the extension to make further progress on critical benchmarks, including security arrangements and the number and boundaries of states, to allow for the formation of an inclusive transitional government of national unity.
- The head of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), David Shearer, urged IGAD **to lift all restrictions imposed on South Sudan's opposition leader, Riek Machar.** He made the call while addressing members of the African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC) in Addis Abeba. The UN official's remarks on 14 November came a week after South Sudan President Salva Kiir and Machar agreed to extend by 100 days the pre-transitional period.
- On 25 November, **the United States of America recalled its Ambassador to South Sudan for consultations** "as part of the re-evaluation of the U.S. relationship with the government of South Sudan," given the country's failure to form a unified transitional government on 12 November. Approximately USD 2 billion of bilateral aid to South Sudan may hang in the balance of these consultations.

Updates and Achievements

SOUTH SUDAN

Update

- **Protection monitoring:** According to a periodic protection assessment conducted on 13-14 November, IDPs who have returned home to Baliet County, Upper Nile are pleased to be reunited with family, and enjoying safety and freedom of movement. In addition to conducting semi-structured key informant interviews and observational safety audits, the team conducted six focus group discussions in Adong and Baliet towns with a total of 111 participants. No major security incidents or housing, land or property issues were reported. Returnees said conditions were conducive for livelihood activities.
- **Statelessness Prevention:** UNHCR conducted a two-day capacity building training on statelessness prevention for the Department of Nationality, Passport and Immigration (DNPI) and other government officials in Bor, Jonglei. Meanwhile, UNHCR, in coordination with the State Ministry of Health, assisted 406 IDPs to apply for an age assessment as this is required by the DNPI to process a nationality identity card.

Achievements and Impact

- **IDP returns:** In November 2019, nineteen IDP families (63 individuals) approached UNHCR at different IDP sites and UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites in Juba, Central Equatoria to request assistance relocating or returning home. To date, 991 households comprising of 3,270 individuals have expressed

and registered their intention to return/relocate to different areas across South Sudan. This information will feed into the activity of the Central Equatoria Solutions Working Group.

- From 11-21 November, 190 IDP households in and around the Episcopal Church compound in Mundri town, Western Equatoria were interviewed regarding their intentions to return. Ninety-three percent of those interviewed expressed a desire to return to their areas of origin, four per cent said they wanted to remain in Mundri because their children are attending secondary school in town, and three per cent said they were undecided. The IDPs come from the Kediba and Wandri.

Countries of Asylum

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Achievements and Impact

- In October and November, UNHCR conducted a large-scale **verification exercise of 25,691 South Sudanese refugees** in Meri and Bele settlements, Haut-Uele Province, with the aim of updating UNHCR's database of registered refugees. UNHCR subsequently printed 12,705 individual identity cards and 7,710 attestations of family composition, to be issued to the refugees.
- A total of 694 South Sudanese refugees (273 households) have been **relocated to Bele settlement** so far since September, both from the overcrowded Meri settlement and from unstable border areas in Haut Uele Province. All refugees received food assistance and non-food items (soap, mats, blankets, kitchen equipment, buckets) upon arrival, as well as a plot of land for self-reliance activities such as agriculture. In addition, UNHCR completed the construction of three waystations and four transit centers, which will be used in 2020 for relocations from border areas to Bele settlement. A total of 366 transitional shelters were also completed in Bele settlement, out of the 500 planned.
- A total of **202 South Sudanese refugees (90 households) were also relocated from border areas to Biringi settlement**, Ituri Province, and received warm meals and non-food items. In addition, 370 transitional shelters were built out of 440 planned, while 170 durable shelters were completed.

ETHIOPIA

Latest Developments

- During the reporting period, **Pamdong Reception Centre registered 1,633 new arrivals**, all willing to relocate to Assosa. Most of the new arrivals come from Jonglei and Upper Nile states and cited flooding, drought, and political tensions as the main reasons for leaving South Sudan.

Achievements and Impact

- **International Medical Corps (IMC) Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response programme at the Jewi refugee camp** carried out prevention and response programme activities to mitigate, prevent, and respond to SGBV incidences. IMC conducted community-based prevention (awareness) activities as well as provided centre-based psychosocial activities and case management services at Jewi refugee camp.

KENYA**Latest Developments**

- **From 4-14 November, UNHCR conducted a return intention survey for South Sudanese refugees living in urban centres** covered by its Sub Office in Kakuma. These areas include Bungoma, Trans Nzoia, Uasin Gishu and Kitale. The results will be shared as soon as the information has been compiled and analyzed.

Achievements and Impact

- The **Global Entrepreneurship Week celebrations** brought together over 200 refugee and host entrepreneurs in Kakuma and Kalobeyei to strengthen partnerships among actors in the business ecosystem. The exercise documented gaps and opportunities with potential solutions entrepreneurs are keen to implement.

SUDAN**Latest Developments**

- **The Transitional Government of Sudan has allowed international NGOs that were expelled by the previous regime in 2009 to re-register in Sudan.** At the same time, the Federal Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) issued decisions regarding the deregistration of 58 national non-government organizations perceived to be linked to the previous regime. These developments may affect the capacity of partners to provide humanitarian relief to South Sudanese refugees in Sudan.

Achievements and Impact

- In November, the NGO Welthungerhilfe (WHH) finalized a borehole in the village of Dalil Babiker in North Darfur **to provide safe drinking water for refugees, host communities, and their livestock.** There are 1,981 registered refugee women and men in the refugee settlement in Dalil Babiker. Once all the works around the pumping station are finalized by the end of the year, the new water scheme will provide the required 20 liters/person/day.
- World Vision International and National Humanitarian Aid organization (NaHA) **launched a pilot supplementary feeding programme** by distributing food vouchers to the refugee community in El Radom settlement in South Darfur, targeting 8,000 refugees and 2,000 members of the host community. The program aims to complement the general food distribution (GFD) with additional items, focusing on supporting people with special needs, particularly children. The program will continue up to March 2020 as pilot project for El Radom settlement.

UGANDA**Latest Developments**

- The **National Roadmap to implement the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and its Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF), foresee further inclusion of refugees in development planning and budgeting.** Currently, the next National Development Plan III (2020/21-2024/25) is being prepared at national level, whereas at district level, the planning for the next financial year is underway. In the refugee-hosting districts, development and humanitarian partners were invited to the District Budget Conferences to align District Plans and development/humanitarian interventions, with the objective to enhance joint planning and better use of resources.

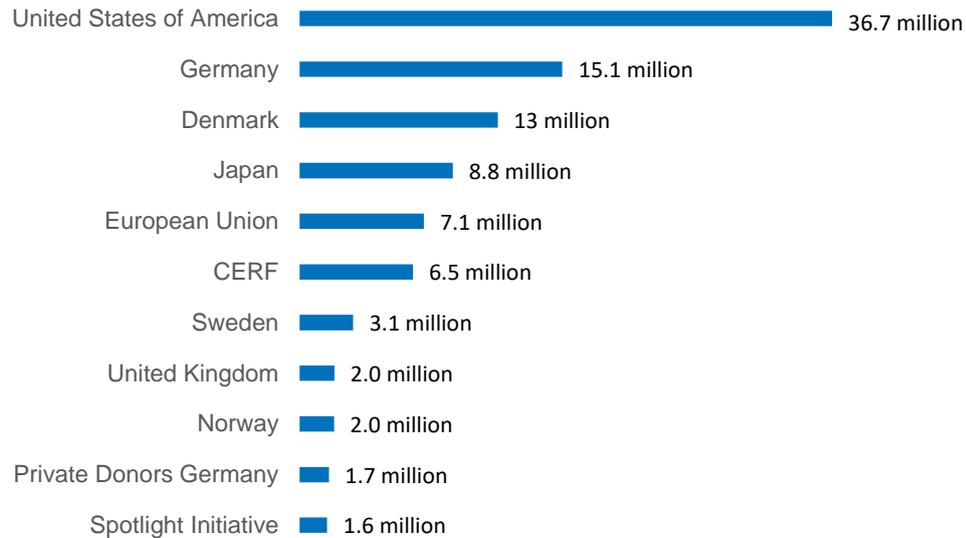
Achievements and Impact

- Following the identification of fraud in the refugee SIM card registration process and subsequent suspension of registration of new SIM cards using refugee cards and attestation letters on 7 October 2019, the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) issued a **refugee registration interim action plan** on 12 November 2019. The interim plan allows for the manual validation process for registration of new refugee subscriptions, SIM swaps and PIN resets of existing registrations. This is part of the joint effort by UCC, OPM and UNHCR, to minimize the disruption of crucial services for refugees during the period prior to delivery of a biometric solution.
- In the capital Kampala, Raising Gabdho Foundation (RGF) opened a fourth energy kiosk or 'green shop' that **provides access to clean energy solutions to refugee and host community members** including cooking baskets, charcoal briquettes and cook stoves. Training and fabrication of the items sold in the shops for income generation continued. RGF also empowered 100 women to participate in the Run For Justice during the launch of the 16 days of activism against gender based violence.

Financial Information

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