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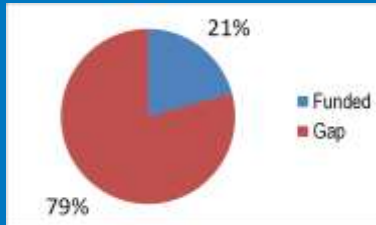
219,009

UNHCR PoC for the situation
(as of 31 July 2015)

FUNDING

USD 153.2m

Requested for the UNHCR operation



PRIORITIES

- With new refugee arrivals continuing, the main focus of Gambella operation during the reporting week was the Contingency Planning and the development of Pugnido 2 site for the imminent transfer of refugees from entry points.

ETHIOPIA

UNHCR ETHIOPIA: SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION OPERATIONAL UPDATE

28 July-02 August 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- The general security situation in Gambella Region has been calm. However, two Ethiopian National Defense Force soldiers have been fatally wounded and several others have been wounded following the exchange of gunfire with one of their members who had allegedly robbed money from a convoy escorted by his fellow soldiers. No UN casualties or damages were reported. Normality has returned to the town. Following this incident, a joint UNHCR/WFP Field Safety and Security team from Gambella visited the area and re-oriented staff on caution to be taken when such incidents occur.
- South Sudanese continue to arrive at a daily average of 211 individuals. They entered Ethiopia through the Pagak, Akobo, Burbiey and Raad entry points. This brings the total number of South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia from 15 December 2013 to 219,009, (including 215,331 in Gambella and 3,678 individuals in the Benishangul-Gumuz region, near Assosa). This brings the total number of South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia to 282,429 including 63,420 who were in the country before December 2013.
- A Contingency Planning Workshop for South Sudanese refugees was held in Gambella from 28-31 July with the participation of all humanitarian actors, including the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) Addis Ababa and Gambella, UN Agencies and partners. The facilitators were drawn from Budapest, Juba and Geneva while the participants were from Addis Ababa, Gambella and South Sudan. In her opening remarks, the Head of Sub-Office, Ms. Angele Djohossou, stressed that while hoping for the best case scenario for South Sudan, it is prudent to plan in view of the continued insecurity in some parts of that country, as well as continuing new arrivals.
- The first meeting of the Biometrics Technical Working Group (BTWG) was held on Friday, 31 July in Gambella office with the participation of both WFP and ARRA. The BTWG is undertaking preparations for the rollout of the Biometrics verification. The project will first be targeting Pugnido camp in Gambella commencing September this year following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between UNHCR, WFP and ARRA in May 2015. The rest of the camps should follow next year after the test launch in Pugnido. The project will support the use of fingerprints during food collection to ensure only bona-fide refugee family members or designated refugees collect food.

- Verification of refugees relocated from Leitchuor and Nip Nip refugee camps to Jewi camp was successfully completed. A total of 46,133 refugees consisting of 11,472 families were processed. Verified refugees were issued with new ration cards and a documentation giving Proof of Registration. About 47,100 refugees were relocated to Jewi camp. The remaining population of about 1,000 individuals will be processed on a case-by-case basis.
- 3,939 refugees are awaiting relocation at Pagak entry point following completion of Level 1 registration in late May while a total of 3,946 refugees are awaiting Level 1 registration bringing the total number of refugees at the Pagak transit centre to 7,885. Service provision has been scaled up. A total of 6,492 refugees who underwent Level 1 registration in Akobo and Burbeiy are awaiting camp transfer from Matar way station. Distribution of food and core relief items is ongoing at the centre.

Population of concern

A total of **219,009** people of concern

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

The total number of South Sudanese refugees who have entered Ethiopia and crossed the border into Gambella region since the outbreak of the conflict in mid-December 2013, stands at 215,331 individuals as of 31 July. South Sudanese refugees continue to arrive through Pagak, Akobo, Burbiey and Raad entry points. The focus of the Gambella operation was to come up with contingency plans in view of continuing new arrivals and the development of the newly allocated site for the establishment of the refugee camp Pugnido 2.

Achievements

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- A total of 720 individuals in 286 families were inactivated in Pugnido Refugee Camp as they missed three consecutive food distributions as per the continuous registration standard operating procedures; 32 individuals were activated following protection interviews after continued absence from the camp.
- A total of 82 new born babies were registered in Pugnido camp (Agnuak site).
- 449 South Sudanese arrived through Raad entry point. Level 1 and Level 2 registration are ongoing in Okugo camp.
- A total of 151 lost ration cards were replaced in Tierkidi and Kule refugee camps as part of continuous registration.
- In Kule camp, Plan International continued with parenting sessions at the Early Childhood centres. Parents were also trained for two days on how to make play materials from locally available materials. Parents will be more involved in their children's development and there will be more ownership of the programme by the community.
- In Jewi camp, 1,057 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) and ten children with disabilities were provided with various non-food items such as blankets, Jerry-cans, and mattresses. In addition, 14 government and humanitarian workers participated in a one-day child protection training.
- In Kule camp, Mothers and Children Multisectoral Development Organization (MCMDO) conducted training on chicken production and management from 28 - 30 July for 100 women group representatives from poultry groups. The training aimed at enabling the organized women's groups on how to utilize the benefits derived from the distributed chicken.
- The final version of the Child Protection Information Sharing Protocol (ISP) was adopted by the Information Management Working Group during the reporting week. The ISP will be presented before the Case Management Protection Working groups for final adoption in the coming week. This protocol will help in boosting the data harmonization efforts between CPIMS (Child Protection Information Management System) and UNHCR proGres database. It will also ensure that child information is shared in a confidential and protected manner among relevant actors.
- In Jewi camp, the election process of new Refugee Representatives continued at the community Level.
- In Jewi camp, Help Age International has constructed a centre for elderly persons. Refugees are being sensitized about the availability and accessibility of the centre.
- About 2,000 new refugee arrivals are awaiting first level registration at Burbiey hence the Registration team has started listing them in collaboration with refugee community.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- Plan International, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and Save the Children International (SCI) held graduation ceremonies for end of 2014/2015 academic year. This was done to encourage students to come to school and improve attendance. Messages on school attendance were passed to parents during these functions. Best performing students received awards (gifts). SCI held the graduation in Tierkidi camp while NRC held the graduation ceremony in both Tierkidi and Kule camps.



Health

Achievements and Impact

- The Rehabilitation and Development Organization (RaDO) referred 13 refugee cases of clubfoot or cleft lip to Addis Ababa for reconstructive surgery and medical follow-up (four from Tierkidi, four from Jewi and five from Kule).
- Health team was provided technical support in Pugnido camp from 27 - 30 July to strengthen Acute Watery Diarrhoea preparedness and prevention activities. The emergency preparedness and response (EPR) task force and rapid response team (RRT) were revitalized and sensitized to monitor epidemic prone diseases trend and prevention activities on weekly basis. Besides, camp-based lifesaving drugs and medical supplies mapping and repositioning for rapid response were done.
- For malaria prevention initiative, about 17,000 bed nets were dispatched to Pugnido camp on 29 July. It was agreed with ARRA and UNHCR at field level that distribution will start in the coming week.
- The vaccination for all newly arrived children less than 15 years of age is ongoing at all entry points where 1,412 children between the ages of 6 months to 15 years were vaccinated for measles, 1,558 children 0-14 were vaccinated with oral polio vaccine (OPV), 604 children between the ages of 6 months to 5 years received Vitamin A supplementation and 347 children between the ages of 2-5 years received albendazole for de-worming.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- MSF-F started scaling up health services in Jewi and admitted 10 severely acute malnourished children with complications.
- Refugees at entry point in Matar received nutrition assistance through Action Contre la Faim (ACF) and the initial screening of 966 screened children for acute malnutrition revealed that 2.58% (25) individuals were severely malnourished while 5.17% (50) individuals were found to be moderately acute malnourished. The admissions of cases reached 34 and 65 children of Severely Acute Malnutrition and Moderately Acute malnutrition respectively.
- Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) services are ongoing at nutrition centres in refugee camps. The population of children under five years with Severe Acute Malnutrition is 594 in Jewi, 89 in Tierkidi, 182 in Kule and 226 in Pugnido camps; a total of 83 new SAM cases were admitted in the Outpatient Therapeutic Feeding Program (OTP). The current population for Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) for children under five years is 2,838 (821 in Jewi, 750 in Tierkidi, 652 in Kule; 615 in Pugnido camps); a total of 145 new cases were admitted in the Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP).
- General Food Distribution for July cycle was completed in all camps except Jewi camp where the distribution is underway.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- Construction of collection chamber for the permanent water system and connection of distribution pipeline to 32 tap stands was completed in Kule camp.
- Water supply in refugee camps are within Sphere standards with an average of 16.1 litres/per person /per day in Kule, 16.8 litres/per person /per day in Tierkidi, 7.6 litres/per person /per day in Jewi, 17.2 litres/per person /per day in Pugnido and 22 litres/per person /per day in Okugo. Toilet coverage is also within Sphere standards, including 1 toilet for 11 people in Kule, 1 toilet for 26 people in Tierkidi, 1 toilet for 49 people in Jewi; 1 toilet for 25 people in Okugo camp and 1 toilet for 33 people in Pugnido camp.
- Progress was made on WASH host community exit projects in former Leitchuor camp. So far, maintenance of 11 hand pumps, environmental cleaning and backfilling of 554 pit latrines have been completed.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- In Jewi Refugee Camp, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) road construction, second layer of graveling and compacting of the 6 km main road is in progress. Drainage construction started in three critical places.
- In Pugnido Refugee Camp, the 35.4 km of Abobo-Pugnido Road maintenance works is ongoing by Gambella Rural Roads Authority (GRRRA).
- Pugnido 2 site assessment was completed and the draft camp master plan and development is now available.



Shelter

Achievements and Impact

- NRC handed over the newly constructed UNHCR offices in Tierkidi and Kule camps.
- In Jewi camp, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is progressing with the construction of the transitional shelters and currently has ongoing construction of 400 transitional shelters out of their current target of 970. NRC is also progressing with the construction of the transitional shelters and currently has ongoing construction of 250 transitional shelters out of their current target of 1,330. The target for both NRC and DRC has increased with additional funding.
- In Jewi camp, marking of the refugee shelters is ongoing. Registration team has so far collected addresses for a total of 6,508 families which are being updated in the proGres database.

Logistics & NFI

Achievements and Impact

- The following items were dispatched to Okugo Refugee Camp for South Sudanese refugee new arrivals: 200; 20 liter jerry cans; 200 semi-collapsible jerry cans; 200; 15 liter buckets 300 plastic tarpaulin sand 200 portable Solar lanterns.
- 15 pieces of plastic tarpaulins were issued to the DRC for the construction of additional hangers at Matar transit centre.
- 12,226 pieces of laundry soap were dispatched to Kule camp for general distribution to refugees.
- 2,810 pieces of portable solar lanterns were dispatched to ARRA in Pugnido for general distribution to refugees.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the UNHCR Ethiopia operation amount to some **US\$ 31.8 million**, against **US\$ 153.2 million** requested for the situation, which is **21% funded** as at 19 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 unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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