



SOUTH SUDAN
November 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

409

Number of tree seedlings distributed to refugee and host communities in Ajuong Thok

2,709

Number of transitional shelters completed in Maban in 2015 to date.

1,500

Number of patients screened in the recent eye campaign in Maban

395

Cartons of essential drugs and medical supplies shipped to Bunj, Maban and Gorom

UNHCR and the Commission for Refugee Affairs concluded an operation to verify, register and issue ID cards to asylum seekers from Sudan's South Kordofan and Blue Nile states living in Juba. 331 households were screened.

Just under 400 cartons of drugs and other medical supplies were shipped to Upper Nile, Unity and Gorom settlement to resupply health facilities serving the refugee and host communities. The supplies will cover approximately 235,000 refugees.

16,294 refugees have been relocated to Ajuong Thok camp from Yida since December 2014. In the same period 14,954 refugees have arrived from South Kordofan State in Sudan.

The second eye campaign of 2015 was concluded in Maban, covering 1,500 screenings and over 500 cataract

Population of concern

A total of **1.66 million** IDPs

A total of **264,247** refugees

Refugees by country of origin

Country	Total
Sudan	242,473
DRC	15,689
Ethiopia	4,204
Central African Republic	1,881
Total	264,247

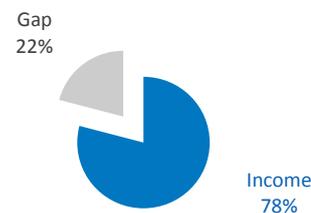
Funding

USD 418,882,292

Requested for comprehensive needs

USD 146,921,610

Needed for top priority activities



UNHCR Presence

Staff: 417

290 national staff
127 international staff

Offices:

12 offices located in:
Juba, Jamjang, Bunj, Bentiu, Bor, Kwajok, Malakal, Rumbek, Wau, Yambio, Yei, Yida.

3 field units located in: Mingkaman, Nimule and Torit

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and IDPs.
- In the **refugee response**, the main government counterpart is the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA), in addition to the Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration. **Implementing partners** in 2015 are the following: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), ACROSS, ACTED, CARE International, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Samaritan's Pursue (SP), Save the Children, UNOPS and World Vision International (WVI).
- In the **IDP response**, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Committee (RRC). **Implementing partners** in 2015 are: ADRA, African Humanitarian Action (AHA), Danish Refugee Council, Health Link, Humanitarian Development Consortium, INTERSOS, International Rescue Committee and Non-Violent Peace Force. Within the IDP response cluster system, UNHCR in South Sudan is Lead of the Protection Cluster (with NRC co-leading), Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and undertakes enhanced participation in the IOM-led Shelter/NFI Cluster.
- Also, UNHCR maintains an **operational partnership** with the Ministry of Interior and Wildlife Conservation; Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Spain); CAFOD; Relief International; Medair; Mentor; OXFAM; FAO; UNAIDS; UNOCHA; UN-Habitat; UNDP, UNFPA; UNICEF; UNIDO; UNMAS; UNMISS and WFP.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – REFUGEE PROGRAMME

Protection

Unity State

- In Yida and Ajuong Thok, UNHCR registered 199 Sudanese new arrivals from Sudan's Kordofan during the reporting period, bringing the total number of new arrivals registered since 23 December 2014 to 14,954. Among them were 82 refugees from Sudan's Talodi County, including 56 minors, who crossed to South Sudan on 29 October using a new route through Wunkur, some 70 km southeast of Ajuong Thok camp. In the same reporting period, UNHCR relocated 211 refugees from Yida to Ajuong Thok, bringing the number of relocations since 23 December 2014 to 16,294.
- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted a one-day training for 25 participants from Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). The training covered SGBV basic concepts, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, and referral pathways for SGBV. LWF also identified 210 vulnerable children including 110 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC - 53 female) and supported them with sandals and clothes, and distributed supplementary food to 165 foster care parents to help them provide a protective environment for unaccompanied minors and separated children.

Central Equatoria State

- In Juba, UNHCR conducted a one-day protection induction training for 12 prison officers from the Juba Central Police Station, including on UNHCR's activities in South Sudan, international and domestic legal frameworks for the protection of refugees, and the roles and responsibilities of agents of the state for the protection of refugees.
- UNHCR conducted a one-day protection induction training in Juba for 24 urban refugee community leaders, including on UNHCR and its mandate, international and domestic legal frameworks for the protection of refugees, rights and obligations of refugees according to South Sudan national laws.
- The joint UNHCR and CRA pre-screening exercise for new arrivals from the Blue Nile and South Kordofan states residing in Juba, which commenced on October 26, was finalized on November 13. A total of 331 households were screened during the exercise of which 269 households were screened in, 61 households were screened out.
- From 17-19 November, UNHCR organized a two day workshop in preparation for a planned Refugee Status Determination (RSD) exercise for asylum-seekers relocated from UNMISS Protection of Civilians site 2 to Yambio in 2015. A total of 11 participants (including 3 female staff) from CRA and UNHCR offices in Juba, Yambio, Yida and Maban participated in the workshop, which provided an overview of international legal frameworks for the protection of refugees, procedural standards in RSD and the use of simplified assessment tools in RSD.

Education

Upper Nile State

- Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) conducted a four-day teacher training for both new host community and refugee teachers on schemes of work and lesson plans for Mathematics, English, Social Studies and Science subjects.

Unity State

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner LWF provided school uniforms for more than 400 children aged 3-6 years.

Central Equatoria State

- In Lasu settlement, UNHCR assisted 51 primary school candidates to obtain student ID cards to enable them to sit for the South Sudan Primary Eight Leaving Examination. UNHCR partner Word Vision International (WVI) distributed 300 school uniforms for primary school pupils, while UNHCR distributed sanitary kits to 347 primary and secondary school girls in an effort to retain them in classes.

Health

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR airlifted 250 cartons of drugs and other medical supplies to Bunj to resupply health facilities for the refugee and the host communities in Maban.
- In Maban hospital, UNHCR partner Samaritan's Purse (SP) conducted the second round of its eye campaign from 11 to 17 November 2015. A total of 1,500 patients were screened and 512 cataract surgeries conducted. UNHCR coordinated and provided material and logistics support to facilitate the campaign.
- In collaboration with County Health Department and UNHCR, UNICEF trained 27 vaccinators and cold chain supervisor on vaccines and cold chain management and built their capacity in the area.

Unity State

- UNHCR airlifted 103 cartons of drugs and other medical supplies to Jamjang to resupply health facilities for the refugee and the host communities.
- UNHCR implementing partner CARE has begun offering Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV at Pariang Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC).

Central Equatoria State

- In Lasu, UNHCR partner ACRSOSS distributed 8,500 male condoms to help prevent transmission of HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI). Further, UNHCR procured more some 2,300 screening tests to boost HIV/AIDS counselling and testing services.
- UNHCR delivered 42 cartons of drugs and other medical supplies to Gorom settlement health facility.
- In Yei, UNHCR donated assorted medical drugs and items to Yei Civil Hospital in an effort to boost its service delivery. An oxygenator machine is one of the items donated to help the hospital in dealing with cases of intensive care in the facility.

Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR and partners completed the 2015 Standard Expanded Nutrition Survey (SENS) in all refugee camps in Unity and Upper Nile states. The purpose of the annual survey is to determine the nutrition status of children under five in all UNHCR camps, as well as considering selected health and WASH indicators and their impact on the nutrition situation for refugees in South Sudan. Preliminary data and analysis will be made available by the end of 2015.
- The field missions for the Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) of UNHCR and WFP began on 24 November, covering Upper Nile and Unity. The purpose of the biannual JAM is to investigate the food security and nutrition issues pertaining to refugees, by analyzing a variety of interlinked factors, including protection considerations, coordination, partnerships, impacts of environmental concerns, access to livelihoods, and health.

Unity State

- In Yida, UNHCR partner Samaritan's Pursue reached 4,632 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) with Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).

Water and Sanitation

- In all refugee camps in South Sudan, UNHCR and partners marked World Toilet Day on 19 November with comprehensive messages promoting safe access and use of latrines. The impact of which will benefit the entire camp population by contributing to improved public health and refugee wellbeing.

Unity State

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner IRC constructed 59 family latrines during the reporting period, giving a cumulative figure of 3,143 family latrines and 489 communal latrines. The latrine to person ratio was 1:10, which meets UNHCR standard of a maximum of 20 persons per drop hole.

Shelter and NFIsUnity State

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner IRC provided 1,925 women and girls of reproductive age with sanitary kits.

Upper Nile State

- Out of 2,137 transitional shelters planned in Doro in 2015, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) completed 1,863 units, and an additional 274 are in progress. In Yusuf Butil camp, the shelter programme has also re-started. Out of 570 transitional shelters planned, DRC has thus far completed 78 units (14%), and an additional 66 units are in progress (12%). In Gendrassa camp, UNHCR partner ACTED completed all transitional shelters planned for 2015 (768).

Central Equatoria State

- In Lasu settlement, UNHCR distributed sanitary kits including soap to 2,803 women of reproductive age, as well as a monthly general soap distribution to help 8,884 refugees to maintain their hygiene needs.

Community Empowerment and Self-RelianceUnity State

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner CARE distributed 409 tree seedlings to refugees and the host community.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – IDP PROGRAMME

Protection*COORDINATION*

- The Protection Cluster submitted its Cluster Response Plan (CRP) as part of ongoing milestones in the 2016 humanitarian planning cycle. After consultations with partners and as per the objectives in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) Protection Strategy, the selected objectives in the CRP consist of improving the safety and dignity of vulnerable individuals through prevention programming and protection mainstreaming, ensuring that quality protection response services are available and can be safely and freely accessed, supporting individuals to achieve durable solutions and freedom of movement, and strengthening the resilience of communities.
- The Protection Cluster released the Protection Mainstreaming Toolkit for South Sudan, which was a key deliverable in the 2015 Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) Protection Strategy to achieve the objective about protection mainstreaming. The Toolkit was developed through extensive consultations with protection actors and relevant clusters (Protection, WASH, Health, FSL and NFI/Shelter), as well as pilot testing in Bentiu, Malakal and Juba.

- The Protection Cluster released the sixth edition of its Protection Trends papers, covering the third quarter of 2015 (1 July-30 September). The paper presents key protection developments in the areas of forced displacement, gender-based violence, grave violations of children’s rights, protection threats at UNMISS POC sites, the protection situation outside the Greater Upper Nile region, landmines and explosive remnants of war, and issues around humanitarian access. The full report can be consulted at <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/south-sudan/protection>

OPERATIONS

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR joined its first Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) mission to Upper Nile’s Ulang County on 9 November along with WFP and UNICEF to learn more about the mechanism in view of future operational engagements.

Unity State

- In Bentiu town, UNHCR held a two-day protection training for 30 participants from the local police, the army, government officials and religious leaders, including on legal frameworks, community-based protection, and mandate and role of the Protection cluster.

Lakes State

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR identified 241 unregistered households comprising refugee returnees and new arrivals. As a result of protection monitoring at the Mingkman port, UNHCR identified 22 Households comprising of 111 individuals.

Shelter and NFIs

Upper Nile State

- UNHCR partners HDC and ADRA completed 530 emergency shelters for IDPs in various displacement sites in Maban, Maiwut and Nasir counties, including 380 by HDC and 150 by ADRA. Another 699 shelter are to be constructed by HDC (670) and ADRA (29).
- In Maban, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) completed 480 emergency shelters (46%) in various IDP locations; another 120 (12%) are in progress and expected to be completed by the end of November. The shelter programme targets persons with specific needs (PSNs) in 12 IDP settlements across Maban country.

Unity State

- UNHCR distributed plastic sheets to 302 vulnerable individuals to help them set up temporary shelters in Bentiu town. Upon fleeing to Bentiu some three months, they found refuge at Liech Primary School. In September 2015, a state order called for the resumption of education activities at Liech, forcing more than 50 displaced families to vacate the school and relocate elsewhere in town.
- In Pariang, UNHCR partner African Humanitarian Action (AHA) distributed dignity kits to 600 vulnerable girls and young women of reproductive age, including SGBV survivors, female-headed households, and lactating and pregnant mothers. Ten persons with specific needs and six separated children received food and soap in Yida and Aliny payams.

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