

15 -30 April 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

268,286

Refugees in South Sudan (30 April)

1.9 M

IDPs in South Sudan, including 223,895 people in UNMISS Protection of Civilians site

US \$172 million

Funding requested for comprehensive needs in 2017

US \$125 million

Funding requested for priority needs in 2017

OUTSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

1,815,486

South Sudanese refugees in neighboring countries (as of 15 April, 2017):

- Uganda: 882,729
- Ethiopia: 370,081
- Sudan: 388,596
- Kenya: 95,748
- DRC: 76,693
- CAR: 1,639

US \$781 million

Funding requested by UNHCR for the South Sudan Situation in 2017

US \$86.5 million

Funding received by UNHCR for the South Sudan Situation in 2017

- **Relocation of Yida refugees and new arrivals continues:** During the reporting period, UNHCR relocated 617 refugees including 117 refugees previously settled in Yida and 500 new arrivals to Ajuong Thok and Pamir. Cumulatively, Pamir refugee camp is now home to 10,711 refugees since opening in September 2016. In Yida, UNHCR registered 782 new arrivals. Cumulatively, 5,152 new arrivals have been registered since the beginning of the year 2017.
- **Relocation of displaced Maban Refugees to Extension Site Continues:** In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and its partners in coordination with the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) relocated 1,038 refugees/209 households during the reporting period. Cumulatively 4,629 refugees and 958 households were successfully relocated which represents more than 50% of targeted 8,000 refugees who were affected by December 2016 conflict between refugees and host communities to new extension site. Each household is provided a standard plot of 15 x 20 meters size, which is adequate for both backyard gardening, and shelter and sanitation needs of a household.
- **Refugee families are set to benefit from Fuel-Efficient Stoves in Upper Nile:** In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and its partner Relief International (RI) supported moulding of 231 fuel-efficient stoves. In Yusuf Batil camp, 235 stoves ready for use at the household level. Upon distribution, the fuel efficient stoves are expected to reduce fuel wood consumption, and indoor air pollution currently experienced at the household level as the majority of persons of concern households rely on fuel inefficient three-stone fire for cooking.
- **UNHCR trains refugees in livelihoods activities:** In Maban; UNHCR partner Relief International (RI) conducted a two-day financial literacy training to 15 Village Saving Loans Association (VSLA) groups comprising on average 300 to 350 persons of concern. The training aims to facilitate financial goal setting for Village Savings Loans Association. The Village Saving Loans Associations seek to increase financial and social capital to enable persons of concern access loans to engage in micro and small enterprises for greater income generation. In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR partner RI conducted a two-day training for three kitchen gardening groups to 68 women. The women groups acquired knowledge and skills on good agronomic practices including the establishment of nurseries, land preparation and crop management with an overall aim of increasing vegetable production at the household level. In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR conducted training on vocational skills to 211 participants including 154 males and 57 female youth. Also, UNHCR trained 123 women in literacy and numeracy continues at Ajuong Thok and Pamir.
- **Gorom Refugee Settlement receives new ambulance:** In Gorom refugee settlement, UNHCR in coordination with ACROSS and the Commission of Refugee Affairs (CRA) provided an ambulance to be stationed at Gorom refugee camp, whose movement will be facilitated by UNHCR's partners. The regular presence of an ambulance in Gorom will enable the rapid transport of refugees with medical issues to Juba.
- **Refugee pupils receive new school uniforms and desks in Upper Nile:** In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR partner Save the Children (SCI) distributed 1,023 school uniforms to Jamhur primary school pupils; while in Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) delivered 322 desks to Yusuf Batil Primary schools.

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- **Upper Nile Fighting Displaces Civilians:** Renewed offensive on the West Bank of the Nile has forced up to 30,000 civilians to flee internally and across the border to Sudan, specifically from the villages of Tonga and Kodok, with potentially more located in other areas. Most civilians have moved north to Abrouc, joining those who were displaced to the town in fighting during January and February. Humanitarians were forced to evacuate from both Kodok and Aburoc on 23, and 24 April due to insecurity, with humanitarian assets, subsequently looted. An inter-agency assessment visited Aburoc on 29 April, noting a huge need for water, while civilians continue to arrive having walked for days. Others are continuing onwards to Sudan, but with many prohibited due to high transport costs and insecurity. In a statement released 1 May, the Humanitarian Co-ordinator ad interim, Serge Tissot, highlighted that “Civilians in Aburoc are living in fear, not knowing what each day will bring. I call on the Government to respect the civilian nature of these settlements and ensure they are not subject to attacks, and call on the opposition forces to ensure that areas highly populated by civilians are, and remain, demilitarized.” UNHCR South Sudan and Sudan continue to share information to inform additional response as the situation evolves.
- **United Nations Mission in South Sudan Regional Protection Force Begins to Arrive:** In a statement released on 29 April United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) confirmed that the first elements of the Regional Protection Force (RPF) have started to arrive in the country. The RPF Headquarters has already been established in Juba under the leadership of recently appointed Brigadier General Jean Mupenzi from Rwanda. Also, an advance party of a Construction Engineering Company from Bangladesh arrived on 20 April bringing essential equipment to begin the preparation of accommodation and working areas for the RPF in Juba. Regional troops from Rwanda will follow in June and July. Some other specialist capacities which are unavailable in the region will be provided by troop-contributing countries from the other UN Member States including Nepal and Pakistan. In line with UN Security Council Resolution 2304 (2016) and cooperation with the Transitional Government of National Unity, the 4,000 peacekeepers of the RPF, commanded by Brigadier General Mupenzi, will be based in Juba to bolster the Mission’s capacity to advance the safety and security of civilians.
- **The African Union Calls for End to Violence in South Sudan:** In a statement on 30 April, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, expressed his deep concern over the increasing military clashes in South Sudan, especially in the restive Upper Nile region. The statement noted that “The renewed fighting in South Sudan is a clear indication that the warring parties continue to believe in a military solution, fully disregarding the plight of innocent civilians which they claim to represent and defend. The immediate consequences of the military clashes on the civilian population are shattering, and therefore it should be understood that those engaging in this callous behaviour should be held accountable.” The chairperson also called for unhindered access to the Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring Mechanism (CTSAMM) and the UNMISS, as well as for facilitation of access by humanitarian actors to the affected areas.

REFUGEE RESPONSE



Protection

Achievements and impact

Upper Nile

- In Gendrassa and Kaya refugee camps, UNHCR and its partners conducted Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) awareness sessions to 78 refugees including women and men. During the sessions, participants discussed the importance of accessing medical services after the rape and also defined rape and the consequences, and asked questions to promote their understanding.
- In Gendrassa and Kaya refugee camps, UNHCR conducted a one-day SGBV prevention workshop for Child and Youth Protection and SGBV partners to evaluate current SGBV prevention activities and develop new strategies that are evidence based.
- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR trained 42 community leaders on child rights and child protection; while in Gendrassa refugee camp, UNHCR trained 70 youths on how to deliver messages on child rights and child protection.
- During the reporting period, an average of 4,049 children daily attended psychosocial support and recreational activities at Community Child Centres (CCC)/ Children Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Maban’s four refugee camps. UNHCR and partners also distributed playing materials (e.g. footballs, volleyballs, hula-hoops, kites, skipping ropes, and tennis balls) to CCCs and Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Gendrassa and Kaya camp.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR issued 170 documents including 110 Asylum Seeker Certificates, 17 refugee ID cards and 8 Proof of Registration to asylum seekers and old and new refugees in urban Juba. Also, UNHCR renewed 35 refugees ID Cards in Gorom refugee settlement.

- In Juba, UNHCR enrolled 48 persons into the Biometrics Identity Management System (BIMS) during the reporting period as part of the continuous registration activities. BIMS is a multi-modular biometric system that allows the capture of 10 fingers and two iris scans, in addition to the picture, providing support to the operation in preserving and protection of identities thus strengthening the provision of protection services such as assistance to refugees and other persons of concern to UNHCR.

Unity

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- During the reporting period, UNHCR relocated 617 refugees including 117 refugees previously settled in Yida and 500 new arrivals to Ajuong Thok and Pamir. Cumulatively, Pamir refugee camp is now home to 10,711 refugees since opening in September 2016.
- In response to the increasing number of children coming on their own to pick up rations during the General Food Distribution (GFD), UNHCR has initiated the verification of such cases to adjust their registration information. Most of these children claimed that their parents/caregivers went back either to Yida or South Kordofan.
- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted home to home visits including three education sessions on the dangers of early marriage to 140 beneficiaries including 48 women, 34 girls, 34 men and 24 boys. Also, UNHCR and partners conducted Gender-Based Violence (GBV) education sessions at Hope Health Center to 34 outpatient beneficiaries comprising of 22 women, 7 men, 3 girls and 2 boys were sensitized on physical assault and the danger to the community.
- In Yida, UNHCR partner IRC conducted six home to home visits on GBV education sessions at Taraoni, Sefaia, Noss, Miri, and Lira bomas on physical violence, rape, and early marriage. There were 119 beneficiaries in attendance comprising of 100 women, 36 men five girls and three boys representing 56 households.
- In Yida, IRC outreach team conducted one psychosocial group session on physical violence through a coffee/tea session at Demba Boma to 19 people including 17 women and two men.

Education

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR partner Save the Children (SCI) distributed 1,023 school uniforms to Jamhur primary school pupils; while in Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) delivered 322 desks to Yusuf Batil Primary schools.
- In all Maban four refugee camps, pupils competed for the end of term exam for primary and ALP classes. Both LWF and SCI distributed school materials to pupils ahead of the exam; more than 20,000 pens, 48 cartons of exercise books and 240 packets of chalk have been equally distributed to 23 primary schools.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR and the partner ACROSS completed the distribution of stationaries (2448 exercise books, 612 pens, 306 mathematical sets, and ruler) to 306 urban refugee children enrolled in 9 Public primary schools. The distribution was halted in March after UNHCR envisaged a risk of hostility from the host community children who are equally destitute and don't have support. The new mode of distribution was administered through urban refugees' community social workers with close supervision of ACROSS and UNHCR.
- In Gorom refugee camp, UNHCR jointly with ACROSS trained 22 (8 female and 15 male) executive members for Parent Teachers Association (PTA) and School Management Committee (SMC). Participants benefited from Safe Learning Environments and the roles and responsibilities of the school governance structures. The issues highlighted during the training included the early marriage of school girls, gender discrimination. Corporal punishment and the need for community-based school feeding program. The training consolidated the efforts to improve learners' safety in schools and at home.

Unity

- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR completed the roofing works of two classrooms in King of Nuba School, as well as foundation slabs for 12 semi-permanent classrooms in the second and third school sites.

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Gendrassa and Yusuf Batil refugee camps, UNHCR partner International Medical Corps (IMC) and Medair commenced the first cycle of Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program (BSFP) distribution; while in Doro and Kaya refugee camps, the distribution is still ongoing. All children under the age of two (6-23 months) are targeted during this intervention, which is aimed at preventing their nutritional status deterioration. So far, 3,038 children benefited including 2,155 children in Yufusf Batil and 883 children in

Gendrassa. During the BSFP, children were screened for acute malnutrition using Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) to determine their nutritional status and for referral purposes to the appropriate nutrition programs of Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP), Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) or Stabilization Centre (SC). Each child received monthly food rations of 6kgs of Corn Soya Blend (CSB++) at 200g per day giving children 752 Kcal per day. This food is provided as a take-home ration.

- Across all four Maban camps, UNHCR operational partner World Food Programme (WFP) and its partners conducted General Food Distribution (GFD) for April. Food baskets comprised of three items; cereals, cooking oil, and pulses (beans). All food items are given at 70% at 406g per day giving Persons of Concern limited energy of 1,475 Kcal as compared to the recommended 2,100 Kcal.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International carried out GFD for April to 3,390 refugees present during the exercise.



Health

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- UNHCR partner Mentor Initiative started the indoor residual spraying (IRS) campaign in Gendrassa, and Kaya camp as of 5 April and the campaign is expected to last for 12 days. This is an important malaria control measure aimed at reducing malaria transmission. In both camps, the exercise started with the training of 96 participants in each camp and shall be completed in the second week of May.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- In Gorom refugee settlement, following a storm, which caused significant damage to shelters and community buildings, including school buildings and teachers' accommodation, UNHCR and its partners conducted an assessment of damaged structures and provided family tents and other non-food items to refugees and camp schoolteachers affected. UNHCR jointly with ACROSS distributed emergency shelters and NFI to 40 refugee households whose shelters and personal items were destroyed. The items distributed included 74 mosquito nets, 74 Blankets, 180 pieces of soap and 40 family size tents. The distribution showed a positive impact on the life of the refugees as it significantly mitigated the risk of children being exposed to the harsh weather after several shelters had been blown away by heavy storm.
- In Gorom refugee settlement, UNHCR in coordination with ACROSS and Commission of Refugee Affairs (CRA) provided an ambulance to be stationed at Gorom refugee camp, whose movement will be facilitated by UNHCR's partners. The regular presence of an ambulance in Gorom will enable the rapid transport of refugees with medical issues to Juba.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR provided non-food items (NFIs) to 21 Persons with Special Needs (PSNs). NFIs included torches, soap, sugar, and salt.
- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR completed the construction of 638 out of 1,000 shelters planned.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR distributed family tents to 164 refugee households from Yida vulnerable households.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and impact

Upper Nile

- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR completed the construction of 20 latrines, improving the coverage from 80 to 100. Also, UNHCR conducted Hygiene Promotion focusing on creating public awareness and behavior change.
- Across the Maban four refugee camps, the coverage of water supply stands at 20.5 liters per person per day (ranging from 18.4 to 24 liters) while sanitation coverage has maintained the same level for the last two months at 14 persons per latrine.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, the coverage of water supply is satisfactory, and it stands at 18 liters per person per day. In Pamir camp, the coverage of water supply exceeds UNHCR standard of 20 liters, as it stands at 32 liters per person per day.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR constructed 61 family and five communal latrines, also in Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR decommissioned 52 family and communal latrines and constructed 64 family latrines during the reporting period.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Achievements and impact

Western Ekuatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) distributed crop seeds to 85 farmers for the first planting season. Each farmer/household received seeds of groundnuts, rice, green beans, and maize. The distribution was done to those farmers who have tilled their land and those who started tilling.

Unity

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Upper Nile

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Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

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- In Maban four refugee camps, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) started the construction of 25 mud brick shelters for persons with specific needs (PSNs).

Access to Energy

Upper Nile

Achievements and Impact

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IDP RESPONSE

Protection

COORDINATION

Achievements and impact

Unity

- As a part of Beyond Bentiu response, UNHCR joined an OCHA-led Inter-Cluster four-day mission to Bieh (Koch County) to assess the humanitarian situation and need of vulnerable IDPs. UNHCR team conducted rapid vulnerability assessments in four villages, such as Bieah, Hiyot, Rubtuot and Wichduelyaka and identified extremely vulnerable with specific needs for material support. UNHCR and partners will coordinate relief support to the identified persons.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei town, lack of food remains a major challenge to IDPs due lack of access to farmland.

OPERATIONS

Achievements and impact

Upper Nile

- In Doro boma, UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) in coordination with the community leaders, Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), Payam Administrator and Development Committee have completed the verification of returnees (host community) displaced during the December 2016 conflict between the host and refugee community. HDC conducted community awareness raising, sensitization, and mobilization on the mechanisms for the shelter support and required community participation and involvement. An assistance package including shelter assistance has been devised for the affected families, and the distribution will start in coming weeks.
- As a result of the improved security situation in Nasir County, in particular, 249 IDP households have returned to their areas of origin. During the protection monitoring, 433 individuals have also reportedly returned from Gambella refugee camps in Ethiopia to their hometowns in Mathiang, Pamach, Malual and Jangok.
- In Nasir County, UNHCR partner ADRA completed the construction of two Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Mandeng and Banytik bomas and held a meeting with local authority and school management committee on the use and maintenance of two CFSs.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR and partner UMCOR commenced efforts to expand community-based structures to involve Chiefs and other individuals in the IDP sites in Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and Child Protection. So far Executive Chiefs Committee has been put together support 18 SGBV and CP committees in SGBV and CP prevention and response in their communities.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and impact

Lakes

- In Rumbek, UNHCR and partner AAH-I distributed plastic sheets to 45 persons with special needs (PSNs). These PSNs are part of old IDPs who settled in Denghial village around Rumbek Town following their displacement from Unity late last year.
- In Rumbek, UNHCR distributed sanitary materials to 100 IDP female pupils at Rumbek Girls Primary School. These IDP girls fled from Marindi, Yeri and Molvo counties of Western Equatoria while some of them came from Unity and Western Bahr el Ghazal States earlier this year. Sanitary materials included underwear, towel, and soaps.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 84 PSNs who are seeking shelter at the Don Bosco IDP Site as a result of fighting in Pajok, Eastern Equatoria in March. The items distributed included sleeping mats, blankets, buckets, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, plastic sheets, and soap.
- In Yei, UNHCR and its partner UMCOR conducted targeted distribution of second-hand clothes to 195 IDP PSNs (105 M and 90 F) at St. Peter IDP Centre. This is in addition to 789 (259M, 528F) children who received a similar support during the previous reporting period.

Unity

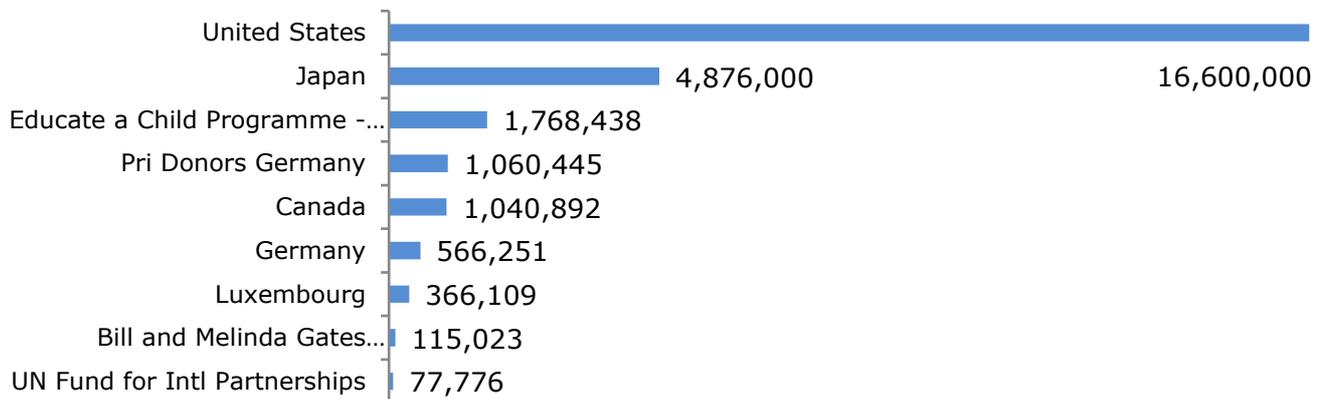
- In Bieh of Unity's Koch County, UNHCR distributed 50 solar lanterns to the most vulnerable IDPs during the reporting period. UNHCR also distributed dignity kits to 441 women and girls of reproductive age. The dignity kit comprised of buckets, underwear, sanitary cloth, and soaps.

Unity

- In Malakal, UNHCR and its partner HDC distributed NFIs including mosquito nets and sleeping mats to 476 PSNs.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to USD 26,473,053 for the financial year 2017 as of 20 April. 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 programs with earmarked and broadly earmarked funds. UNHCR's comprehensive needs for 2017 amount to \$172 million, with most priority needs of \$125 million.



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