

South Sudan

16-31 August 2017

1,021

Refugees verified using the Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) in Juba. .

32, 696

Refugees and IDPs received aid items from UNHCR across South Sudan during the reporting period.

9,527

Persons reached with awareness on SGBV prevention and life-saving messages.

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

276,900

Refugees in South Sudan as of 31 August 2017.

1.89 million

IDPs in South Sudan including 212,720 in UNMISS Protection of Civilian sites.

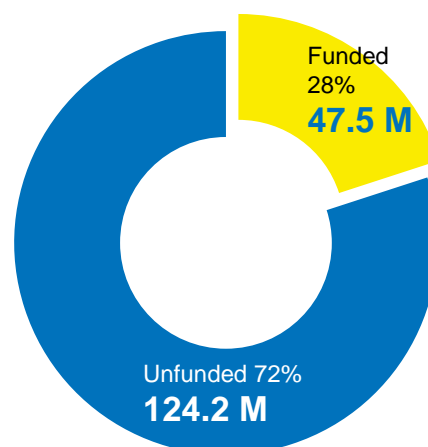
US \$883.5 million

Funding requested by UNHCR for the South Sudan Situation in 2017.

FUNDING AS OF 31 AUGUST 2017

USD 171.7 M

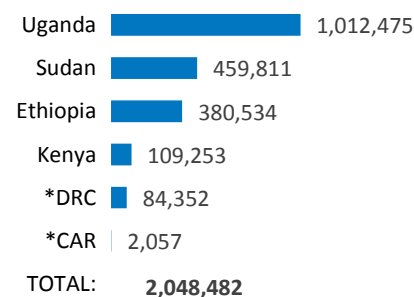
required for South Sudan



POPULATION OF CONCERN

South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries as of 31 August 2017.

Host Countries



*DRC – Democratic Republic of Congo

*CAR – Central Africa Republic



Update on Achievements

Operational Context

- **Secretary-General appointed Alain Noudéhou of Benin as Deputy Special Representative in South Sudan:** On 28 August, the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced the appointment of Alain Noudéhou of Benin as his Deputy Special Representative in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). He will also serve as United Nations Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Mr. Noudéhou succeeds Eugene Owusu of Ghana, who completed his assignment in July 2017.
- **Fresh clashes erupt in the Equatorias:** On 26 August, fresh clashes erupted between government forces and rebel fighters allied to the exiled former First Vice President Riek Machar in town close to the Uganda's border including Kaya, Bindu, Kimba and Bazi. An American journalist was killed during one of these clashes near Kaya town when he was caught in the fighting between the two sides. Insecurity in the Equatorias continues to send thousands of refugees into neighbouring countries such as Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).
- **Peace deal: JMEC notes 'little meaningful progress':** On 25 August, the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation commission (JMEC) said it has noted "little meaningful progress" in the implementation of the 2015 peace deal. The commission's chairperson Mr. Festus Mogae made the remarks during a plenary meeting attended by peace partners and government officials in Juba. Mogae stated that by now the "Peace Agreement should have achieved considerable progress towards improved security and governance in this country," Mr. Mogae stated. Two weeks ago, Civil Society Organisations said the transitional period should be extended to allow for implementation of important provisions in the 2015 peace deal. It argued that the agreement did not succeed in ending violence, restoring stability, reforming public institutions and improving the living conditions in South Sudan.
- **Attacks on aid workers increase in South Sudan:** On the occasion marking the World Humanitarian Day (WHD), the acting Humanitarian Coordinator Serge Tissot said attacks against aid workers are increasing in South Sudan. These attacks also put millions of South Sudanese in peril amid the ongoing conflict in the country. South Sudan stands as one of the most dangerous places for aid workers to operate. Eighty-two have been killed since 2013, including 15 this year. Many are local workers. Attacks on aid workers include the looting of warehouses and trucks and the loss of tons of food aid. The world body has repeatedly asked South Sudan's government to better protect aid workers and let them do their jobs without restrictions. South Sudan's Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Hussein Mar Nyuot regrets the reported challenges facing aid workers while carrying out their work across the country. He noted that despite government's efforts to protect aid workers and agencies operating within the country, the ongoing war has created avenues for atrocities against humanitarian workers.



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Pamir, 644 children (29 unaccompanied and 615 separated) were verified, while some 281 children did not show up for the verification exercise. 333 new cases were identified and registered and Child Protection partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is set to conduct Best Interest Assessment for all the new cases.
- 2 new SGBV cases in Yida and Pamir and 6 new cases in Ajuong Thok were identified and supported. To date, 185 cases have been supported, including 40 in Pamir, 23 in Yida, and 122 in Ajuong Thok.
- Yida Protection Unit helped relocation of 117 individuals on family reunification grounds to Ajuong Thok, while 10 individuals are still in the Reception Center waiting to be relocated in September.
- During the reporting period, 173 new arrivals were registered in Yida. In August a total of 326 new arrivals were registered. In total, 8,785 new arrivals have been registered since the beginning of 2017. Last year within the same period, 9,393 new arrivals were registered. In comparison to this year, this represent 7% decrease mainly due to the prolonged ceasefire in South Kordofan.
- During the reporting period, 233 refugees were relocated to Jamjang camps, 185 to Ajuong Thok and 48 to Pamir respectively, thus bringing a total number of those relocated since the beginning of 2017 to, 10,361 refugees.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) continued verification of asylum seekers. A total of 1,030 asylum seekers were verified during the reporting period. Out of this number, 36 asylum seekers' registration was discontinued, while 8 cases were re-registered or registered anew, including 6 births. A total of 1,021 persons were enrolled in the Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS).

- 404 refugees who previously missed the verification exercise were verified in Juba during the reporting period. Out of this number, 33 refugees were de-registered as they left the country, while 70 refugees were registered anew, including 12 births.
- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR reported 2 rape cases, 4 early marriages of girls under the age of 17 years and 6 domestic violence incidents. In response, UMCOR conducted 2 awareness raising sessions attended by 42 refugee community members.
- A 13 year old refugee girl was raped in Yei, and she (the survivor) received timely treatment at Yei civil hospital, psychosocial support and non-food items (NFIs) given to her by partner UMCOR. The perpetrator, who is believed to be her neighbor, is in jail.
- UNHCR conducted registration of 28 new Congolese refugees residing in Yei on 29 August 2017.
- Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration (DNPI) and UNHCR conducted a training on Nationality Laws of South Sudan and prevention/reduction of statelessness in the country for 46 officers from the Directorate. Since 2012 UNHCR has trained 1,000 DNPI/other government officials on prevention of statelessness and refugee-related laws.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- An alarming rate of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) cases reported in Lasu refugee locations.
- Procurement of Post-Exposure Prevention (PEP) kits and emergency contraceptives and medical supplies for Lasu.
- Need to increase awareness sessions on SGBV prevention.
- Need for categorization of SGBV cases by gender, age group etc. for better mapping and reporting which will also help community workers.

Upper Nile

- In Doro and Yusuf Batil refugee camps, UNHCR partners conducted 165 sessions of door-to-door awareness raising campaigns, reaching 2,402 individuals..
- In Kaya and Gendrassa camp, 1,605 persons were reached with SGBV prevention messages through door-to-door awareness raising
- In Doro refugee camp, 5,520 people were reached with key life-saving messages in the aftermath of the flood. Messages conveyed particularly focused on keeping children away from swimming in dirty water which could lead to outbreak of water-borne diseases.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- Over the last two weeks malaria incidence has increased from an average of 21% to 35%. UNHCR health partners, African Humanitarian Action (AHA), CARE International and International Rescue Committee (IRC), continue to conduct sensitization sessions on malaria prevention and control both through communicating with community and Jamjang FM radio.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, ACROSS provided medical consultations to 67 refugees (30 Congolese and 37 Sudanese). Most of the cases involved malaria and Respiratory Tract Infection (RTI).



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile.

- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner International Medical Corps (IMC) conducted training for 80 Mother Support Groups (MSGs) on Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) measurements.. The main objective was to enhance mothers' skills and knowledge to strengthen referral of malnourished children from the community to medical facilities.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- Key WASH indicators in Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps are as follows below:
Ajuong Thok: crude latrine coverage = 6, crude liters coverage=18.16 L/p/d,
Pamir: crude latrine coverage =7, crude liters coverage =18.07 L/p/d.
- 82 family latrines were constructed in Ajuong Thok by UNHCR partner Samaritan's Purse (SP) and 52 in Pamir. At the same time, 124 family and 3 communal latrines were decommissioned.
- SP continued hygiene awareness promotion and reached 5,909 refugees in Ajuong Thok and 181 new arrivals in Pamir with key hygiene messages.

Upper Nile

- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR partner ACTED conducted extensive water supply system rehabilitation leading to the improvement in functionality of water sources from 80% to 100% (all 5 boreholes operational). On water supply, the average consumption stands at 15.75l/p/d across all four camps.
- In Gendrassa, Doro and Kaya refugee camps, ACTED constructed 164 household latrines. While in Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR partner Medair completed 63 household latrines. In total, 227 house latrines were constructed across all four camps during the reporting period.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR provided 203 pieces of soap to 96 inmates at the Yei civil prison to improve their hygiene and sanitation.

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) continues to construct 50 mud brick transitional shelters for persons with special needs (PSN). To date 20 shelters (14 in Yusuf-Batil and 6 in Doro) have been completed.
- In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR partners ACTED and DRC continue to construct 1,050 mud daub wall transitional shelters. So far, 655 shelters have been completed. In Kaya refugee camp upgrading of 325 transitional shelters is under way. So far, 180 shelters have been upgraded.
- In Bunj, UNHCR undertook major repairs along the Bunj airstrip road section and Kaya circulation road affected by the flood. So far, 271 km of roads have been repaired enabling to maintain refugee population's access to essential services.
- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, DRC conducted a catch up distribution of seeds to 1,096 persons of concern. The persons of concern received an assortment of crop and vegetable seeds (sorghum, maize, cowpeas and simsim).
- In Doro refugee camp, DRC conducted an assessment to establish effects of the flooding which occurred in the camp. 118 households were found in need of shelters and NFIs.
- In Upper Nile, UNHCR, DRC and ACTED distributed sanitary materials to 23,271 women and girls of reproductive age 10-50 years.

Unity

- In Jamjang camps, UNHCR and DRC assessed 122 families whose shelters were damaged in the heavy rains. All families will receive plastic sheets and essential supplies.
- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner AAHI handed over three newly constructed buildings in Pamir to IRC and Lutheran World Federation (LWF). This includes a two block Child Friendly Space which was handed over to LWF, a Nutrition Centre and a two-room house at Hope Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC) complex that was handed over to IRC. The house will cater for the accommodation of medical staff on night duty at the health facility.
- In Pamir refugee camp, 805 T-shelter out of 1,000 planned were completed..

**CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile**

- In Kaya, UNHCR partner ACTED conducted a capacity development training to 136 (42 females, 94 males) members of the Women, Youth and Social Welfare committee on volunteerism and ownership of service provision.

**ACCESS TO ENERGY****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile**

- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR through its partners distributed 400 fuel efficient stoves to refugee and host community households. The fuel efficient stoves minimize indoor air pollution from excess smoke. The overall aim is to address rapid deforestation in areas surrounding the camp as a consequence of rampant tree cutting for charcoal production.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE****Achievements and Impact****Unity**

- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, 200 participants from refugee and host community who attended the Business Skills training organized by IRC graduated on 16 August. Certificates and start-up capitals were provided to all graduates.

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and its partner Relief International (RI) facilitated loaning and saving activities for 330 refugees (193 female and 137 male) engaged in Village Savings Loans Associations. A total of 191,600 South Sudanese Pounds were disbursed in loans to support small and micro enterprises, and a total of 71,700 South Sudanese Pounds were received in loan repayment.
- In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and RI conducted business proposals pitching exercise for 110 refugee and host community entrepreneurs. The overall aim of business pitching exercise is to validate viable business enterprises and support 100 women and youth to establish enterprises through business start-up and accelerator grants.

IDP RESPONSE**PROTECTION****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile**

- In Nasir County's Torkech Payam, UNHCR and its partner ADRA conducted rapid protection assessment to determine risk patterns and trends facing IDPs and host community. During the assessment, the community talked about their challenges, particularly stressing that their current location makes them vulnerable to attacks by cattle raiders and militia groups.

Unity

- In Bentiu, UNHCR continued counselling and outreach activities through maintaining a protection desk at protection of civilians (POC) site. During the reporting period, 74 different cases involving from SGBV (domestic violence and rape), need for NFIs, vulnerability cases, and robbery-related cases were received at the protection desk. All the cases were referred to relevant partners for action.

Jonglei

- During the reporting period, 20 households including 85 individuals (40 children, 25 women and 20 men) transited from Mayendit and Fangak to Uganda through Juba. The main reason brought up by the displaced persons was taking children to school in Uganda. At the same time, 35 households consisting of 148 individuals from Juba POC transited to Fangak and Southern Unity areas. They reported that the current economic hardship in Juba and the desire for family reunification is the main reasons for their departures.
- In Bor, UNHCR Protection Desk at the POC identified and verified 79 vulnerable households (58 female & 21 male) of various vulnerability categories that include older persons at risk, single parents, and persons living with disability. The beneficiaries will be provided with solar lamps as a protection measure to reduce the risks of SGBV when accessing water points, bathrooms and toilets at night.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Jonglei

- Despite the reduction of population in the POC, some IDPs still do not have a shelter but are living with relatives or in communal areas, such as churches.
- The Protection Cluster prepared an advocacy paper on displaced youth, which has been adopted by the HCT, and requested relevant partners dealing with youth to come up with proposals to seek donor funding.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, through UNHCR advocacy, 404 individuals with specific needs (PSNs) identified among the new arrivals in POC 1 were included in WFP list for emergency food assistance.

COORDINATION

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

Jonglei

- In Bor, UNHCR chaired the Protection Cluster Meeting which addressed the response to the Bor County Jalle Payam incident. World Food Program (WFP) and Norwegian People Aid (NPA) in collaboration with other food security cluster members are preparing to deliver food to the affected population in Jalle, while other agencies are undertaking a verification exercise in Jalle for further response.

Central Equatoria

- On 23 August, UNHCR, UNICEF, OCHA, and 8 NGOs successfully conducted a response mission to IDPs in Goli, 32kms west of Yei along Yei-Tore road. The team distributed NFIs to 600 IDP households. The Government and IO (in-opposition) forces allowed for safe passage of the convoy without any hindrance.
- UNHCR partner UMCOR completed the formation of 5 SGBV Committees in 5 IDP sites, including African Inland Church (AIC), Jigomoni, Sobe, Sudan Pentecostal Church (SPC) and Luzira in Yei. The committees made up of a total of 68 members were formed to enhance UNHCR's community based protection strategy.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- Support to SGBV and Child Protection sub-clusters is required to ensure that meetings are held regularly and follow up activities are conducted.

OPERATIONS



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Doro IDP site, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) constructed 30 shelters
- UNHCR through its partners distributed essential supplies such as kitchen sets, blankets, jerry cans, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, plastics sheeting and pulses, cereals and vegetable oil to 3,852 individuals displaced from Banketa, Khorfar and Kilo Ashara to Jamam County headquarters following recent conflict in Adar areas.

Central Equatoria

- During the reporting period, IDP unit finalized distribution of UNIQLO clothes for both POC sites in Juba. In total, about 5,573 individuals were provided with clothing.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- There is a need to undertake a detailed protection assessment to address NFI needs of PSNs and large families.
- The issue of lack of transport to reach the remote locations out of Yei when there is a scheduled assessment/intervention requires solution.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Jonglei

- UNHCR Partner INTERSOS distributed farming tools and seeds to 300 families (30 males & 270 females) in Bor town, covering areas of Kuoi-ngo, Thonawai, Paanliet, Hai Salaam, Thonbuoor, Hai Machuor, Langbaar, Nigel, Tibek, Panapet, Moldoor, Achiengdiir, Malou, Lekyak, Panjak, Arek, Hai-sora, Piabal, Pakwau, Leudiet, and Kondai.

Central Equatoria

- UNHCR through its partner UMCOR distributed seeds and tools to 150 beneficiaries during response mission to Goli IDPs.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- Land shortage remains a challenge for IDPs in town as they do not have access to large farm land out of the town center due to fear of being killed, raped or kidnapped.
- The IDPs do not have access to poles and dry grass for shedding the vegetable nursery beds.

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**, main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and Minister of Wildlife Conservation and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing partners in 2017 are : 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), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Relief International (RI), Samaritan's Purse (SP), Save the Children International (SCI), UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), UNV and World Vision International (WVI).
- In the **IDP response**, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission Committee (RRC). Implementing partners in 2017 are ADRA, UMCOR, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Handicap International, Humanitarian Development Consortium, INTERSOS, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Nile Hope, UNV, Women Aid Vision and Women Development Group. 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.
- On **prevention of statelessness**, UNHCR's main counterpart is the Directorate of Nationality, Passports, and Immigration (DNPI).
- UNHCR maintains an **operational partnership** with CAFOD, Caritas, CMMB, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), ICRC, Jesuit Refugee Service (JSR), Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium), Medair, Mentor Initiative, OXFAM, UNAIDS, UNOCHA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMAS, UNMISS, World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), Women for Women International and UN Women.

Financial Information

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