

SUDAN: South Sudanese Refugee Response

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Steady rate of new arrivals continues, especially to South Darfur and West Kordofan.

UNHCR pursues protection capacity building for partners in White Nile, South Darfur, and South and West Kordofan.

Improved access to birth registration for refugee children born in Sudan in White Nile and East Darfur.

1,416

New arrivals in September so far

183,516

Total new arrivals in 2017

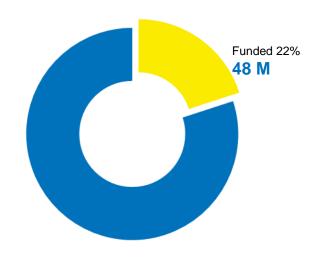
461,250

South Sudanese refugees who have fled to Sudan since December 2013

(*The Government of Sudan estimates the number of South Sudanese refugees to be 1.3 million, including those who remained in Sudan following South Sudan's secession in 2011.)

Population and demographic update can be found on page 4.

TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED USD 221.7 M



NEW ARRIVALS BY STATE IN 2017

STATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP (1-15)	TOTAL
WHITE NILE	3,801	5,901	15,363	11,576	17,249	2,482	2,113	509	169	59,163
EAST DARFUR	4,300	2,975	26,208	3,272	6,637	1,725	699	195		46,011
SOUTH DARFUR	709	2,324		2,731	8,300	2,627	7,579	3,540	750	28,560
SOUTH KORDOFAN	480	8,185	6,661	3,398	6,360	765	331	401	27	26,608
WEST KORDOFAN	1,708	5,462	1,050	2,110	630	563	377	1,201	470	13,571
NORTH DARFUR				200	4,330		5,073			9,603
TOTAL	10,998	24,847	49,282	23,287	43,506	8,162	16,172	5,846	1,416	183,516



Population Update

- STEADY RATE OF NEW ARRIVALS CONTINUES DESPITE LOWER NUMBERS A steady rate of new arrivals into Sudan has been observed over the first two weeks of September, with 1,416 refugees arriving in Sudan in September so far. The majority of new arrivals are crossing into South Darfur and West Kordofan. Total new arrivals in 2017 so far is an estimated 183,516 refugees. If the food security situation in South Sudan continues and conflicts continue to escalate, interagency partners in Sudan anticipate an estimated 200,000 new arrivals by year end.
- UP TO 2,000 REFUGEES ON THEIR WAY TO EL RADOM FROM SOUTH SUDAN Community leaders in El Radom have informed UNHCR and COR that approximately 2,000 refugees are in transit to the area from South Sudan's Western Bahr El Ghazal. UNHCR and COR are prepared to receive the potential new arrivals at the El Radom reception centre. Household-level (Level 1) registration indicates that there are an estimated 21,297 refugees currently living in the locality.
- OVER 5,000 REFUGEES BIOMETRICALLY REGISTRED IN FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER Individual biometric (Level 2) registration has continued in several refugee hosting sites, with 5,134 individuals registered since 1 September. This includes 1,336 refugees newly registered in Bielel IDP camp, South Darfur; 2,259 in Kharasana, West Kordofan; and 1,539 in Al Redis I camp, White Nile. So far, approximately 42% of South Sudanese refugees in Sudan have been individually registered. In East Darfur, mobile biometric registration for refugees living in out-of-camp settlements will begin from 24 September. Individual biometric registration supports the development of more accurate refugee figures, as well as the identification of individuals at risk and improved targeting of assistance and services.

Operational Update

- UNHCR ENHANCES PROTECTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR REFUGEES IN SOUTH DARFUR THROUGH SUPPORT TO RULE OF LAW INSTITUTIONS In response to the protection needs identified through recent missions and assessments of South Sudanese refugee communities in South Darfur, UNHCR has supported the construction of two police posts that will enhance rule of law and protection for nearly 24,000 refugees and the host community members in Buram and Al Radom localities. The completed facilities have been equipped with furniture and the hand over of the facilities to local law enforcement is underway.
- MAJOR EDUCATION GAPS IDENTIFIED IN SOUTH DARFUR With the refugee population in South Darfur now standing at an estimated 45,925, UNHCR has identified significant education gaps across refugee settlements in the state. While refugees are sharing education facilities and services with host communities in some cases, resources are overstretched and there is a need to construct and equip new schools, as well as to rehabilitate and expand existing ones in host communities. Additional teachers are also needed, along with training, school supplies, textbooks, uniforms, and student enrollment campaigns. UNHCR is coordinating with education sector partners to determine how to address the gaps.



- UNHCR WORKS WITH GOVERNMENT AND UNICEF TO INITIATE BIRTH REGISTRATION OF REFUGEE CHILDREN IN EAST DARFUR AND WHITE NILE STATE UNHCR, COR and the state Civil Registry are working together to resume the birth registration campaign targeting South Sudanese refugee children born in all refugee camps in the state. Birth registration has also been initiated in East Darfur, and will begin this month for refugee children born in Kario camp. Birth registration is an important protection activity that helps facilitate access to services for refugee children born in their country of asylum, especially education and access to health care, and reduces their risk of statelessness.
- UNHCR ENHANCES PROTECTION CAPACITIES IN SOUTH KORDOFAN AND WEST KORDOFAN As part of the ongoing effort to increase the refugee protection capacity of UNHCR's implementing partners, UNHCR conducted two protection training workshops in the first half of September, involving more than 100 participants from government, UN, and NGOs in South Kordofan and West Kordofan States. In El Fula, West Kordofan, 52 participants were trained on general child protection in refugee operations, with particular emphasis on case management, community participation, best interest assessment (BIA) and psychosocial support. In Kadugli, South Kordofan, a workshop on protection mainstreaming principles was jointly organized by UNHCR and OCHA for 50 participants.



South Sudanese refugees at Al Nimir camp in East Darfur await the start of WFP's general food distribution for August. Photo credit: Ali, M. UNHCR, 2017.

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LINKS

UNHCR Data Portal for the South Sudan Situation: http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/country.php?id=204

2017 South Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan: http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/download.php?id=3165



