



Pugnido Camp Profile

June 2016



Camp Opened: 1993

Camp Phase: Care and Maintenance



Population: 62,924

Pre 15th December 13: 44,460

Post 15th December 13: 18,464

As at end of June 2016



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Contextual Background

Historical background

- Pugnido is the oldest refugee camp in the Gambella Region of Western Ethiopia, and is hosting both refugees that arrived twenty years ago (since 1993) and those who arrived within recent months (after 15th December 2013). There are also refugees who arrived in 2012 following 2011 tribal conflict in Jonglei State of South Sudan. Since 18 Nov, 2014, some 16,183 refugees relocated from different entry points arrived in Pugnido of which 14,746 have been fully registered (level II).

Areas of Origin

- The camp population is primarily comprised of refugees from South Sudan's Jonglei State (71.7%) and Upper Nile (27.3%), while the rest are from other states in South Sudan.

Ethnic composition

- The main ethnic groups are the Nuer (64.8%), Agnuak (34.2%). Others (1%)

Administrative Structure

- **UNHCR** provides **Coordination Support, Protection, Registration, Logistics, and Technical Expertise** and monitors the delivery of services.
- Camp management and coordination, protection, registration, distribution of Food and Core Relief Items, Primary education, Health services and Security is conducted by Ethiopia's governmental body, the **Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA)**
- **UN Agencies** (WFP) and **Partners** (IRC, RaDO, SCI, NRDEP, NRC, DICAC and CWW) work together with ARRA and UNHCR in the provision of various essential services
- **Monthly Camp Coordination Meeting** is co-chaired by ARRA and UNHCR, on one of the working days between 1st - 5th of each month.
- The camp is divided into 4 sites: Old Nuer, Agnuak, Village-12 and the New Site.

Operations and Services

- Core protection activities include continuous registration, documentation, training of **refugee community leaders, legal assistance, protection counseling, empowerment** of vulnerable groups and human rights monitoring. Capacity building and training of police and Woreda authorities on key subjects like Ethiopian refugee policy, child protection and refugee rights is yet to be strengthened.
- Refugees have access to legal counseling through UNHCR's partnership with ARRA protection teams. Refugees are assisted in bringing their cases to either the Police Station in Pugnido Town or the judicial court in Abobo.
- There are 1,086 unaccompanied and 4,206 separated children as at end of March 2016 (UNHCR *proGres* database). UNHCR and partners have community systems in place that allow for continued identification of such children and their placement into community-based foster care.
- Refugee Central Committee (RCC) is elected for each of the four sites of the camp and is composed of a chairperson, a deputy, secretary, treasurer and about 7-10 ordinary members. The RCC is the main link between the refugee community, ARRA, UNHCR and other implementing partners with regard to community mobilisation and implementation of activities in the refugee camp.
- ARRA distributes food rations once a month at the three distribution points where refugees collect food and non-food items. Concern Worldwide started nutrition services in Pugnido in early 2015 and are running several programs including supplementary, therapeutic and complementary feeding programs.
- There are 11 pre-schools, 4 primary schools, 1 secondary school and 2 Vocational training centres. Further, there are 3 primary health care facilities in the camp; one in each site, run and managed by ARRA.

Pugnido Refugee Camp: Who does What Where (the 3Ws)

Health

Activities	Actors
Health services, including vaccination and anti-malaria campaigning activities	ARRA
Reproductive health	ARRA
Support to health centers with drugs and medical equipment's	UNHCR

Nutrition

Activities	Actors
Provision of supplementary, complementary and therapeutic feeding	Concern Worldwide
Implementation and monitoring of school feeding program	ARRA/SCI
Food supply for supplementary, school feeding and therapeutic feeding	WFP
Food supply for complementary feeding program (supply of Plumpy Nuts)	UNHCR

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

Activities	Actors
Existing water system management and monitoring, Borehole drilling	IRC
Sanitation and Hygiene promotion	IRC
Construction and maintenance of family latrines	IRC
Construction and maintenance of refuse pits	IRC
WASH related capacity building trainings	IRC
Emergency water supply and sanitation	IRC

Protection & Community Services

Activities	Actors
Camp management and security	ARRA
Support for person with disability and other vulnerable groups	RaDO
Child Protection	SCI
SGBV prevention and response services	RaDO
Capacity building trainings on SGBV	UNHCR, RaDO

Shelter

Activities	Actors
Construction and Provision of transitional shelter, pitching, allocation of make-shift tents (emergency shelter)	NRC

Core Relief Items

Activities	Actors
Supply of Core Relief Items e.g. sleeping mats, jerry cans, buckets, kitchen sets, soap and blankets	UNHCR
Distribution of Core Relief Items e.g. Sleeping mats, jerry cans, buckets, kitchen sets, soap and blankets	ARRA

Logistics and Site Planning

Activities	Actors
Relocation and transportation of refugees for in camp transfer and other cases	IOM/DICAC
Physical planning of camp layout	UNHCR / ARRA
Site clearance & plot demarcation	ARRA
Emergency road opening, in camp access road construction	GRRR

Education

Activities	Actors
Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCED)	SCI
Primary Education	ARRA
High School Education	DICAC
Vocational Training	DICAC
Support for University students	ARRA/UNHCR

Environment & Livelihood

Activities	Actors
Environmental protection and reforestation of the camp and surrounding host community	NRDEP
Implementation of small scale livelihood activities for the refugees and host community	

Food

Activities	Actors
Food supply and transportation	WFP
General Food Distribution and monitoring	ARRA

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