



# South Sudan

16 -31 May 2019

## 9,000+

Refugees children and mothers received nutritional support in Upper Nile during the reporting period

## 2,000+

Refugees received vegetable and crop seeds in Upper Nile during the reporting period

## 500+

Refugees and IDPs received trainings across South Sudan during the reporting period

#### **KEY FIGURES**

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

298,069

Refugees inside South Sudan (as of 31 May 2019)

## 1.83 million

IDPs in South Sudan including 178,186 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites (as of 31 May 2019)

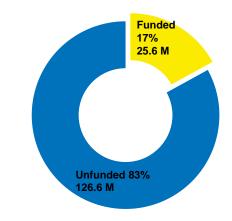
## US \$750.6 million

Funding requested by UNHCR for the South Sudan Situation in 2019

## FUNDING AS OF 29 MAY 2019

USD 152.2 M

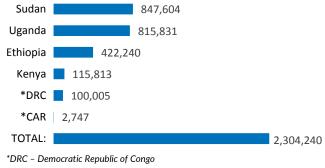
requested for South Sudan in 2019



#### POPULATION OF CONCERN

South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries as of 30 April 2019.

## Host Countries



\*CAR – Central Africa Republic



A newly handed over block of Early Childhood Development Centre in Yei © UNHCR



## **REFUGEE RESPONSE**



<u>Unity</u>

- UNHCR registered 249 (118 women, 131 men) newly arrived Sudanese refugees from Sudan's South Kordofan. This is a decrease of 51% as compared to the same period in 2018.
- UNHCR relocated 520 refugees to one of the Jamjang refugee camps (147 Ajuong Thok refugee camp, 373 Pamir refugee camp). The relocation comprised of 367 new arrivals and 153 refugees previously settled in Yida settlement. In 2019, a total of 8,630 refugees were relocated to one of Jamjang's camps (7,123 new arrivals, 1,507 previously settled in Yida).
- In Yida, UNHCR completed the Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) verification exercise, which started on 8 April 2019. Cumulatively, 46,379 individuals were verified and biometric information from 35,218 individuals were captured.
- In the Jamjang refugee camps and Yida refugee settlement, UNHCR and partner International Rescue Committee (IRC), received 19 sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) cases. UNHCR provided psychosocial, food and material support to all survivors.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR and partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) received 53 separated children (37 girls, 16 boys). All of the children are under prearranged kinship care with regular follow up visits by LWF.

#### Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR together with the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) registered 384 new arrivals and 23 new born babies during the reporting period. UNHCR issued proof of registration documents to all new arrivals' family. UNHCR also issued identity cards to 226 refugees aged 16 years and above.
- In Maban, UNHCR and partner Save the Children International (SCI) monitored and followed up cases of 208 children (115 girls, 93 boys). As a result, SCI supported 136 children (76 girls, 60 boys) with non-food items that included blankets, clothes, water buckets and oil.
- Across Maban's four refugee camps, UNHCR recorded 18 new SGBV cases. UNHCR and partners
  provided case management support to all survivors.
- In Maban, UNHCR and DRC conducted a one-day training on South Sudan's laws for 32 community leaders and youth to enhance their knowledge on criminal procedures and to sensitise them about their roles and responsibilities.

#### Central Equatoria

In Yei, UNHCR's partner UMCOR conducted six SGBV awareness sessions for 113 refugees. The sessions focused on child/forced marriage, drug abuse, rape risk reduction, menstrual hygiene and update the community about available services and referral pathways.



#### <u>Unity</u>

In Ajuong and Pamir refugee camps, the majority of students returned for the second term. The improved attendance is attributed to the back to school campaign carried out in collaboration with the camp leadership, County education officials and Parent Teachers Association.

#### Central Equatoria



- In Lasu refugee settlement, UNHCR and partner UMCOR distributed scholastic materials to 242 (110 girls, 132 boys) refugee students. At the beginning of the second term, the student enrollement stands at 207 (99 girls, 108 boys) refugee students and 772 (333 girls, 439 boys) students from host community. Cumulatively, 979 students have been enrolled in primary schools in Lasu refugee settlement.
- In Yei, UNHCR handed over two Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres of three classrooms each, one for a baby class, Nursery (Middle) and pre-unit (Upper Kindergarten. These two public schools provide more learning space and address the overcrowding of classrooms for kindergartens.

In Maban, UNHCR and partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) reopened all schools for the secondterm in line with the national school calendar.



The Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in the neighbouring DRC continues. As part of the continued surveillance, 2,201,833 persons have been screened in South Sudan with no positive cases detected. In addition, 2,554 field level workers have been vaccinated including UNHCR and partners in Yei and Yambio. UNHCR continues to participate in the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) task force and various EVD technical working groups.

#### **Central Equatoria**

 In Yei, UNHCR and partner UMCOR continued social mobilisation and Ebola surveillance activities. UMCOR reached 41 (27 women, 14 men) persons with key messages on Ebola virus transmission, signs and symptoms and preventive measures.

#### <u>Unity</u>

In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR and partner Mentor Initiative (MI) started a 22-day vector-borne diseases control and indoor residual spraying campaign to combat the increase in mosquitos during the rainy season.

#### Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR and partner International Medical Corps (IMC) conducted a refresher training for 11 (1 woman, 10 men) laboratory assistants on the collection, storage and transportation of specimens. IMC also conducted refresher training for 11 nurse assistants (5 – Doro, 4 – Gendrassa, 2 - Kaya) on basic outpatient consultations.
- UNHCR and partner Mentor Initiative (MI) completed indoor residual insect spraying in Kaya refugee camp and is ongoing in three other camps for malaria prevention and control.

#### Western Equatoria

 In Yambio, UNHCR's partner World Vision International participated in the Ebola simulation exercise organised.



#### <u>Unity</u>

In the Jamjang refugee camps, UNHCR rolled out the Global Distribution Tool during the May general food distribution. A 70% ration of sorghum, beans and vegetable oil was distributed.



- In Gendrassa, Kaya and Yusuf Batil, refugee camps, UNHCR's partner Relief International (RI) conducted the third round of blanket supplementary feeding programme (BSFP) distribution for 6,130 children age between the ages of 6 to 23 months and 3,664 mothers. BSFP contained Corn Soya Blend (CSB++). Refugee children were also screened for acute malnutrition for enrolment into the different nutrition programs if needed.
- In Maban, UNHCR and partner International Medical Corps (IMC) conducted a one-day training for 75 refugee mothers on how to improve their infant and child feeding practices. They also conducted a Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening for both children age under five years old and mothers.
- Across all four camps in Maban, UNHCR and WFP conducted the May general food distribution with an average coverage of 98%. The hybrid food basket is at 70% ration scale and SSP 850 per person.

#### Western Equatoria

 In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR, WFP and partner World Vision International (WVI) conducted the May general food distribution and multi-purpose cash for food assistance (1,250 SSP per person per month) to 3,995 refugees.

#### Central Equatoria

 In Gorom refugee camp, UNHCR and WFP carried out the May general food distribution at 70% ration scale using the newly rolled out Global Distribution Tool.



#### <u>Unity</u>

- In Jamjang's refugee camps, the water supply coverage stood at 24.67 litres per person per day in Ajuong Thok refugee camp, while 20.82 litres per person per day in Pamir refugee camp. In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, crude latrine coverage was seven persons/latrine while 11 persons/latrine in Pamir camp.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR constructed 12 family latrines for vulnerable persons while nine blocks (18 stances) of communal latrines were constructed.
- In Yida, UNHCR conducted a one-day stakeholders' workshop on the Yida WASH exit strategy, to discuss water supply issues and to review the draft roadmap for the handover of the water supply systems to the local authorities.

#### **Upper Nile**

- Across Maban's four refugee camps, the water supply increased above the UNHCR's standard. The water supply coverage stood at 27.26 per person per day, which represents a 7.36% increase.
- Across Maban's four refugee camps, UNHCR and partner ACTED supported refugees to construct 30 family latrines to increase latrine coverage.

#### Central Equatoria

 In Yei town, UNHCR and partner UMCOR distributed hand-washing stations to 123 refugee families to maintain hygiene standards at the pit latrines in their residential compounds.



**Achievements and Impact** 

<u>Unity</u>



- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR distributed core relief items (CRIs) to 615 newly arrived refugees. The CRIs included blankets, sleeping mats, soap, buckets, mosquito nets and kitchen sets. In addition, 206 women of reproductive age received sanitary kits.
- In Jamjang's two refugee camps, UNHCR completed the construction of 1,294 emergency shelters for refugees previously settled in Yida and new arrivals. And 279 transitional shelters to protect refugees against elements such as harsh weather conditions.

 Across Maban's four refugee camp, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) completed the roofing of 178 transitional shelters for 45 persons with special needs.



#### **Unity**

In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR organised a peaceful co-existence meeting between the representatives of the refugee and host community. During the meeting, the representatives discussed insecurity concerns and how community leaders can curb insecurity and promote coexistence between the two groups.



#### <u>Unity</u>

In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, refugees produced 265 fuel-efficient stoves (FESs) using local materials. The FESs reduces the risk of sexual gender-based violence (SGBV) and environmental degradation in the surrounding areas.

#### Upper Nile

In Maban, UNHCR conducted a charcoal value chain assessment survey. The preliminary findings indicate that charcoal production is a fall-back livelihood activity for the host community and refugees.



#### Upper Nile

- In Gendrassa and Kaya refugee camps, UNHCR and partner ACTED distributed assorted vegetable and crop seeds to 2,455 (1,353 women, 1,102 men) refugee families to support agriculture production during 2019 main planting season.
- In Maban, UNHCR's partner Relief International (RI) provided training and technical savings support to 60 village savings loans associations comprising of 981 refugees (826 women, 155 men). Cumulatively, 317,300 SSP was earned allowing members to take out micro-credit to establish small businesses or support household food and non-food needs.
- In Maban's four refugee camps, ACTED and RI provided gardening training to 21 schools and 548 refugee households. The training focused on nutrient dense vegetable production, composting and establishment of a smart climate gardens. The aim is to promote greater dietary diversity through sustainable vegetable production and consumption.

#### Western Equatoria



In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR and partner World Vision International (WVI) distributed vegetable seeds to 350 (147 women, 203 men) refugee farmers. Seeds included onion, okra, eggplant, kale, carrot, cabbage and tomatoes.

#### Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR and partner UMCOR conducted refresher training for five village saving and loan association (VSLA) groups, comprising 23 (20 women, 3 men) refugees on documentations, audit as well as recommended solutions to address some challenges faced in 2018.
- In Lasu refugee settlement, UNHCR and partner UMCOR distributed hoes and rakes to the primary school to improve cleanliness and sanitation of the school compound and its environs.

## SPONTANEOUS REFUGEE RETURN RESPONSE

#### <u>Unity</u>

UNHCR confirmed 1,381 South Sudanese families (6,408 individuals) returned from different countries of asylum to Unity state. UNHCR's partner Hope Restoration of South Sudan (HRSS), created a reception desk in the Adok port (Leer), to interview refugee returnees in cooperation with ROSS.

#### <u>Jonglei</u>

UNHCR confirmed 99 South Sudanese families (576 individuals) from Ethiopia's Dimma refugee camp returned to Bor. Out of this, 31 families (166 individuals) returned through Akobo town while 68 families (410 individuals) entered through Nyaat and Raad. The reason for their return includes relative calm in their place of origin with intent to participate during the farming season and to reunite with relatives.

#### Western Equatoria

UNHCR and partner World Vision International (WVI) conducted a mission to Ezo and Source Yubu Counties to monitor the spontaneous refugee return situation. As a result, WVI interviewed and recorded 102 families (337 individuals). Out of which, 98 families returned from the Democratic Republic of Congo while four families returned from the Central African Republic. Spontaneous refugee returnees cited improved security situation in their place of origin and possible livelihood opportunities as reasons for their return.

#### Western Bahr el Ghazal

In Wau, UNHCR monitored and confirmed 107 South Sudanese families who have spontaneously returned from Sudan. Returnees reunited with families members in Wau and Raja. They cited the signed peace agreement as their reason for return.

### **IDP** Response

COORDINATION



#### Upper Nile

In Malakal, UNHCR and partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) conducted a one-day training for 20 (10 women, 10 men) community committee members in Malakal Protection of Civilian (POC) site. The training will help each member identify and analyse protection risks including SGBV, child protection and general protection issues within the community.



#### **Central Equatoria**

- In Yei, UNHCR distributed bicycles to 81 community-based protection network (CBPN) members to improve their mobility and timely delivery of referrals.
- In Yei, 24 (5 women, 19 men) IDPs attended a one-day stakeholders' engagement meeting in Jigomoni IDP site on peaceful co-existence between IDPs, host community and spontaneous refugee returnees. The meeting was an initiative by the CBPN with support from UNHCR's partner UMCOR.

#### <u>Jonglei</u>

- In Bor, UNHCR and partner Intersos received ten new SGBV cases (7 Akobo, 3 Lankien). All survivors received psychosocial counselling at their respective centres.
- UNHCR and partners Nile Hope and Intersos conducted door to door awareness campaign on SGBV and PSEA. They reached a total of 937 (259 women, 263 men, 210 girls, 205 boys) in Pochalla, Akobo, Uror and Fangak Counties. The awareness campaign tackled a range of SGBV and child protection topics.
- In Akobo County, UNHCR and partner Intersos organised a three-day training workshop for 130 teachers on identifying and providing psychosocial support to conflict affected children. This is part of efforts to mainstream protection into the education sector.

#### **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**

#### Western Equatoria

UNHCR conducted a mission to Tombura County, 185 km from Yambio town, to meet 92 newly displaced IDP families (423 individuals). They fled from Kuarjina County, Western Bahr el Ghazal due to ongoing cattle raiding violence. The mission observed a lack of food, non-food Items, shelter, water and education. An Inter-agency Rapid Needs Assessment (IRNA) mission will be conducted to Tombura to further assess the situation of the IDPs and provide recommendations on assistance.

**OPERATIONS** 



SHELTER AND NFIS Achievements and Impact

#### <u>Jonglei</u>

UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) repaired and supported the maintenance of 10 emergency shelters in Mingkaman for the most vulnerable IDP families.

#### **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**

<u>Jonglei</u>

UNHCR conducted a mission to Malek IDP site located 20 km south of Bor town, in Malek Boma, Kolnyang payam, to verify person with specific needs for targeted assistance. As a result, 35 vulnerable families require material assistance and 40 females require sanitary kits.

# COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

#### <u>Jonglei</u>



- In Bor, UNHCR and partner Nile Hope provided 200 chickens to four groups of women and girls. The 25 member groups constructed four traditional houses (tukuls) for chicken rearing. Each female received a cock and a hen.
- UNHCR and partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) distributed fishing gear to 218 youths in Mingkaman, Twic East and Duk. The livelihood materials will support self-reliance of the youths.

In Malakal, UNHCR began a three-month soap making course for 52 women as part of the peaceful coexistence programme. Upon completion, the participants are expected to use their new skills to help them become self-reliant.

### Working in partnership

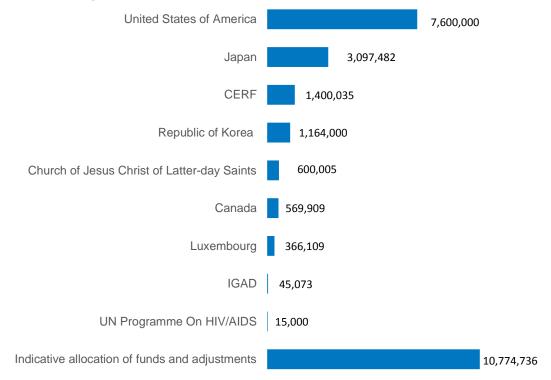
- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and IDPs.
- In the refugee response, the main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing partners in 2019 are: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), Association of Christian Resource Organisation Serving Sudan (ACROSS), Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Technique et au Développement (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), United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), and World Vision International (WVI).
- In the IDP response, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC). Implementing partners in 2019 are: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanity & Inclusion (HI), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), INTERSOS, Nile Hope, Hope Restoration (HRSS), Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) and Women Development Group (WDG), IsraAID, and International Rescue Committee (IRC).
- Within the Inter-Agency Cluster System for IDP response, UNHCR in South Sudan is the Protection Cluster Lead with NRC as co-lead, Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and is an active participate in the Shelter/NFI Cluster.
- On the prevention of statelessness, UNHCR's main counterpart is the Directorate of Nationality, Passports, and Immigration (DNPI).
- UNHCR maintains operational partnerships with CAFOD, Caritas, Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB), FAO, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), MEDAIR, Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium, Swiss, Holland), Mentor Initiative, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), OXFAM, REACH, UNAIDS, UNOCHA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMAS, UNMISS, WFP, WHO, Women for Women International and UN Women.

#### **Financial Information**

Total recorded contributions for the operation amounts to US \$25.6 million, for the financial year 2019 as of 29 May. 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 programmes with un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.



#### 2019 funding received in USD



#### Other Softly Earmarked Contributions in 2019 | USD

United States of America 10 million | Germany 9.1 million | Canada 4.6 million | Private donors Australia 3.8 million | Sweden 3.1 million

#### **Unearmarked Contributions in 2019 | USD**

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