

South Sudan Situation

1-31 July 2019

2,341,322*

South Sudanese refugees in the region as of 31 July 2019 (pre- and post-Dec 2013 caseload).

54,159*

South Sudanese refugee's arrivals so far in 2019, with some 2,686 refugee arrivals in July 2019.

297,239

Refugees in South Sudan and 1.82 million IDPs including 182,026 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites.

KEY INDICATORS

4.3 million

persons of concern (South Sudanese refugees in the region; South Sudanese IDPs and refugees in South Sudan)

63%

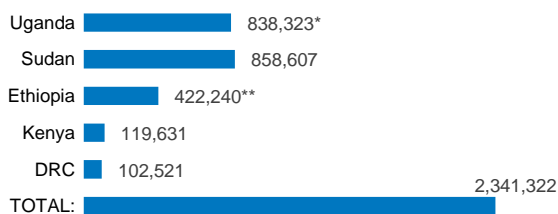
of the South Sudanese refugee population are children (under the age of 18 years old)

2,795,827

2019 Regional RRP Planning figure for the total South Sudanese refugees projected in the region by 31 December

SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES AS OF 31 JULY 2019

Host Countries



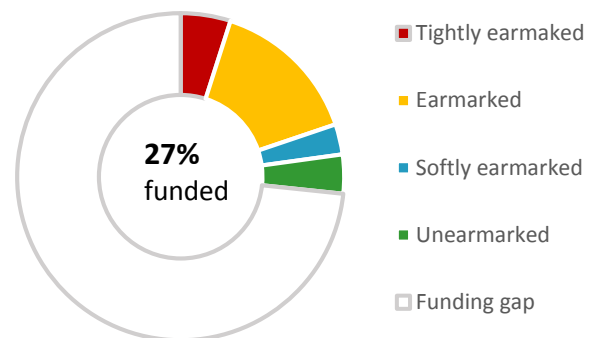
* The population and arrival figures are based on the final results from verification exercise.

** Population figures for Ethiopia were frozen as of August 2018 due to the roll-out of a new registration system aiming to enhance registration data.

UNHCR'S FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS (AS OF 30 JULY 2019)

USD 719.1 million

requested for the South Sudan situation



New Arrivals

	In 2018 (Jan to Dec)	In 2019 (as of July)
CAR	325	171
DRC	6,201	5,284
Ethiopia	19,770**	0**
Kenya	7,325	8,605
Sudan	33,117	14,758
Uganda	40,758	25,395
TOTAL	107,496	54,159

Regional Highlights

- **The Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo was declared an international public health emergency on 17 July 2019.** With the first anniversary of the complex outbreak in the volatile eastern part of the country looming, World Health Organization Director General, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said that it was time to “work together in solidarity with the DRC to end this outbreak and build a better health system”, for its people. The Ebola virus disease has moved closer to the 147 km land border between Burundi and the DRC since the outbreak began in August 2018 in North Kivu. Partners are working to ensure that refugees are included in prevention and response.
- **On the occasion of the 8th anniversary of independence of South Sudan, 9 July 2019, the UNHCR Regional Refugee Coordinator and Special Advisor for the South Sudan situation, Arnauld A. Akodjenou, wrote an opinion piece on the topic participation and empowerment of South Sudanese refugees and IDPs throughout the implementation phase of the Revitalised Agreement for the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS).** The Op-Ed inter-alia reaffirms that peace is essential for refugees to return home and urges both South Sudan’s leadership and the international community to hear the refugee’s voices and advocate for the end of South Sudanese exile and forced displacement.
- **On the 5 July 2019, South Sudan’s Ministry of Trade, Industry and East Africa Community Affairs, in partnership with UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) launched an agro-processing and entrepreneurship development skills project to promote food security and economic growth in the country.** The project aims at boosting food and nutritional security among communities displaced by civil unrest adding a value chain to the development of the country.

Updates and Achievements

SOUTH SUDAN

Update

- While UNHCR is not promoting or facilitating returns of refugees this stage, the operation is carrying out a monitoring exercise of spontaneous returnees. From 2017 to July 2019, there has been over 193,000 **reported** spontaneous returns mainly from Uganda, Ethiopia and Sudan.

Achievements and Impact

- **Education:** In Lasu refugee settlement, UNHCR organised a three-day training for 19 teachers (17 men, 2 women) on creating a safe learning environment, the professional code of conduct for teachers and teaching methodology. Teaching resumed in Lasu Refugee settlement in March 2019 after three years of conflict in the area.
- **Health:** In Yei, the rapid response team remained on high alert as part of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) preparedness intervention. UNHCR and United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) continued with sensitisation activities in the refugee settlement reaching 189 (96 men, 93 women) refugees with key messages. While 67 alerts have been received, all have tested negative. UNHCR and partners continued to participate in the EVD Task Forces at National Level as well as in State Levels (Yambio and Yei), as well as in various EVD Technical Working Groups.
- **IDPs:** In Malakal town, UNHCR trained 21 (12 women, 9 men) community-based protection network members on referral mechanisms. The network acts as a bridge between humanitarian actors and communities reporting protection concerns, challenges in accessing services and other risks within the communities, as well as designing plan of actions on how to resolve the faced challenges.
Also, UNHCR, partners Humanitarian Development Consortium and Danish Refugee Council opened a “One Stop Shop” in Malakal town, to serve as a protection desk community centre. Demo farms, mechanic, electrical and carpentry workshops have been constructed in the centre with equal access for both IDPs and host communities.
- **Spontaneous returns:** In the Upper Nile, UNHCR facilitated a three-day mission with partner CARE International to monitor spontaneous South Sudanese refugee returnees at the border crossing points of Joda (Renk) and Shatta (Maban). Moreover, UNHCR supported CARE International to fast-track the recruitment of staff for spontaneous refugee returnee monitoring.

Countries of Asylum

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Latest Developments

- **As of July 2019, the total number of South Sudanese refugees living in Central African Republic (CAR) remains 2,222 individuals.** The majority of this population - 2,171 individuals - is living in rural area – Obo (1,605) and MBoki (566) – while 51 individuals are in Bangui urban area.

Achievements and Impact

- **UNHCR and its protection monitoring partner ASA have carried out a capacity session for IDPs and South Sudanese refugees committees in Obo on the principle of confidentiality in the management of personal data.** A total of 30 persons have been trained. At the end of the session the committees have been provided with stationary materials.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Achievements and Impact

- **In July, UNHCR and protection partners recorded some 150 protection incidents in transit centers, refugee settlements and other refugee-hosting areas Aru, Dungu and Faradje territories.** The majority of incidents were violations of the right to property with the main victims being refugees, asylum-seekers and returnees.
- **In Dungu settlement, 30 South Sudanese refugee women are being trained in tailoring, as part of a UNHCR self-reliance programme.** The two-month training started in mid-June. They received sewing machines (10) to share between them.

ETHIOPIA

Latest Developments

- **Due to the persistent insecurity in Gambella region, the restriction of movements has impacted both refugees and humanitarian personnel while moving in town/region.** The restrictions in place for refugees' movements outside the camps, mainly aim at ensuring the safety of refugees during security incidents in Gambella region.

Achievements and Impact

- **The security issues remain a major concern in the region and has led to changes in the referral services.** Referral services to Gambella Hospital have been reduced as ethnicity could be used as an element for higher risk of being targeted due to its location. Critical patients were redirected to Metu and Jimma Hospitals while the remaining were treated in the camp health centers.

- **DAFI scholarship graduates and active scholarship holders are conducting a tutorial session to prepare students for national exam in Jewi, Tierkidi and Kule camps for a total of 268 students in Grade 10 and Grade 12.** This is an element of the scholarship that enhances voluntary community work during summer vacation.

KENYA

Latest Developments

- **In July refugees were given the opportunity to express their views on the Turkana County Village Administration Bill.** UNHCR continues to join efforts with the Turkana County Government towards a more active public participation for refugees.

Achievements and Impact

- **A new Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) centre was launched in Kalobeyei settlement to offer lifesaving assistance to SGBV survivors from the refugee and host community.** The GBV one-stop centre, located at Kalobeyei Village 1 Health facility, was established with support from UNFPA and Japan government in collaboration with UNHCR and the Kenya Red Cross Society.
- **The Kenya Ministry of Health conducted a mass polio immunization campaign targeting high risk counties like Turkana, including both refugees and host community.** With UNHCR assistance, over 79,000 children between 0-59 months were vaccinated.

SUDAN

Latest Developments

- **On 5 July, Sudan's Transitional Military Council (TMC) and the Forces for Freedom and Change (FFC) coalition reached a power-sharing agreement for a transitional period of just over three years.** On 9 July, the Government restored internet connectivity across Sudan, easing communication challenges response partners faced since 3 June. However, shortages of cash, fuel and diesel persist.

Achievements and Impact

- **From 23 June to 7 August, UNHCR and the Government of Sudan's Commission of Refugees (COR) distributed non-food items kits to over 8,700 South Sudanese refugee households across 9 'open area' settlements in Khartoum State.** The distribution also targeted newly displaced South Sudanese refugees who fled to Bantiu 'Open Area' in June following attacks in Khartoum, as well as vulnerable host community households. The kits included plastic sheets, mosquito nets and sleeping mats, and was part of rainy season preparedness for existing refugees as well as the emergency response to address the needs of newly displaced families in the open areas. 'Open areas' are informal settlements hosting South Sudanese refugees in Khartoum.

- **Over 30,000 refugee households received mosquito nets in the White Nile State.** UNHCR, Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) and Plan International distributed mosquito nets to 36,565 refugee households in White Nile State (18,070 in Alagaya and Dabat Bosin and 18,495 in the seven Western camps. The distribution aimed at ensuring that refugees, especially children under five years of age and pregnant women were protected from contracting malaria during the rainy season when mosquito breeding is high.

UGANDA

Latest Developments

- **An external evaluation mission by Nivanti Group, commissioned by of the US state department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM), to assess the impact of the Safe from the Start (SftS) interventions in Uganda was carried out from 3 to 12 July 2019.** Among other issues, the mission underscored the positive example of Uganda as a host country in relation to social norms and how that helps with re-integration of South Sudanese as far as prevention of SGBV is concerned.

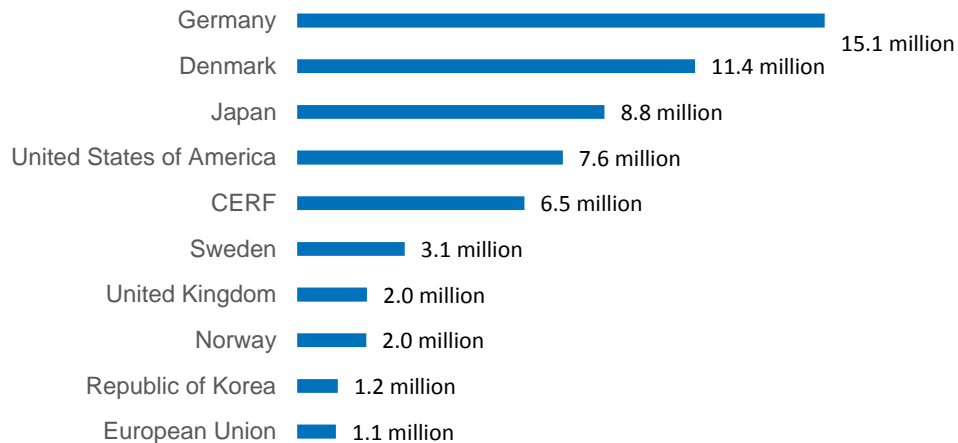
Achievements and Impact

- **On 23 July 2019, UNHCR participated in a multi-stakeholders dialogue meeting in Kampala, to discuss comprehensive response to human rights related barriers for HIV/Tuberculosis/Malaria Services and the Human Rights Based Approach for elimination of HIV/AIDs and TB in the criminal justice systems.** The discussions focused on dealing with stigma, ensuring access for minority groups and creating awareness to remove Human Rights barriers to access to services.

Financial Information

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the South Sudan situation as well as for those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.

Total contributions for the South Sudan Situation amount to some **USD 191, 7 million.**



Special thanks to the major donors of softly earmarked and regional funds in 2019 | USD

United States of America 78.6 million | Canada 8.9 million | United Kingdom 6.9 million | Sweden 6.6 million | Private donors Australia 6.1 million

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LINKS

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