

UGANDA

EMERGENCY UPDATE ON THE SOUTH SUDAN REFUGEE SITUATION

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Refugees continue to arrive in Uganda from South Sudan in their thousands**, with an estimated 3,262 people arriving yesterday. While the figure is roughly half as many as arrived the previous day, it constitutes the second largest number of new arrivals in a day in 2016.
- Around 2,000 refugees are understood to have crossed in to Uganda using the Elegu border crossing (Adjumani axis), 580 in Oraba (Arua axis), 156 in Moyo and 20 in Lamwo, while 506 arrived at Kiryandongo Reception Centre.
- 15,984 new arrivals have crossed in to Uganda in the previous five days alone. 18,149 South Sudanese refugees have fled to Uganda since fighting began in Juba on the 7th July. The influx continues to be characterised by a high proportion of women and children (more than 90%).
- The influx is severely stretching the capacity of collection points, transit centres and reception centres. Elegu collection point is full to the extent that it is not possible to conduct a head count. Yesterday's number of new arrivals in Elegu (2,000) is based on an analysis of trends throughout the day. Last night, more than 7,000 people slept at Elegu collection point, significantly beyond its 1,000-person capacity. Similarly, Kuluba collection point is hosting 1,099 refugees, compared to its 300-person capacity. Torrential rains are further hampering registration efforts.
- New arrivals in Adjumani report continued fighting between forces loyal to President Kiir and those loyal to First Vice-President Machar. There are reports that armed gunmen continue to loot properties, forcibly recruit boys and young men, and murder civilians in Magwi.



Children's Emergency: A significant majority of new arrivals are under the age of eighteen. ©UNHCR/W. Swanson

KEY FIGURES

3,262

Number of new arrivals
Wednesday 20th July (as per field reports)

18,149

Number of new arrivals since 7th
July 2016 (as per field reports)

33,838*

Number of new arrivals registered
since 1st January in Uganda (RIMS)
(as of end of June)

229,176*

Total number of South Sudanese
refugees registered in Uganda
(RIMS) (as of end of June)

*Figures (not updated daily)
according to Uganda Government
Refugee Information Management
System (RIMS)

PRIORITIES

- Collection points, transit centres and reception centres are in dire need of decongestion as they are severely over capacity. New settlement areas need to be identified and new transit/reception centres opened.

UPDATE ON SITUATION

Transit and Reception Centres

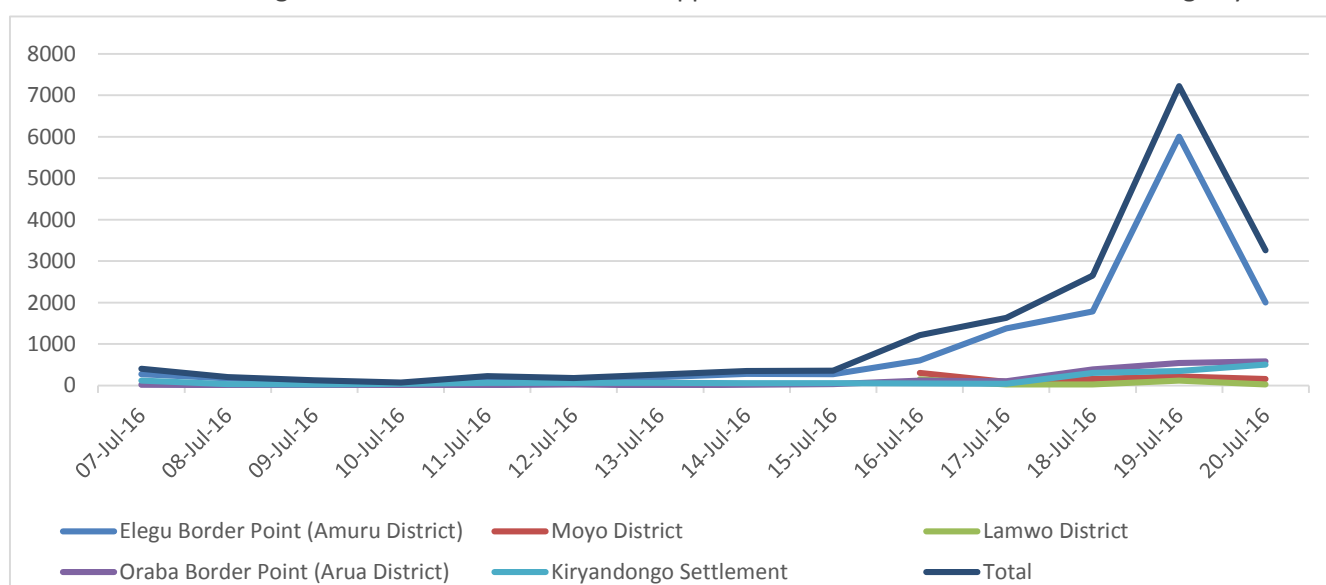
- Nyumanzi Transit Centre is currently host to 5,403 people, severely stretching its 2,000-person capacity. Ocea Reception Centre in Arua is also severely overcapacity as it is currently hosting 914 refugees, despite being able to host a maximum of 200.
- Kiryandongo Reception Centre is currently host to 1,643 people, in excess of its 1,000-person capacity. 1,190 people have been registered in the Refugee Information Management System (RIMS) and are ready to be relocated to settlement areas.

Operational Update

- In light of the high number of children arriving in Uganda, Lutheran World Federation and Save the Children Uganda have established a children's help desk at Elegu collection point to assist them with the registration process.
- Lutheran World Federation have provided an additional two trucks to assist with transporting refugees to transit/reception centres and to settlement areas.
- In Arua, Save the Children Uganda distributed clothes to more than 100 children at Ocea Reception Centre.
- Lutheran World Federation is today motorizing a borehole in Elegu. UNHCR has provided a generator as well as lighting for the shelters.

Critical Needs

- A new settlement area needs to be open as Pagirinya is likely to be full within days. An interagency assessment is currently taking place to identify new settlement areas. Sites have been assessed in Arua and Yumbe. Further assessments are due to take place in Moyo and Adjumani. In light of the large influx, a settlement area with a large capacity is required.
- An additional bus is needed to assist with transporting refugees with specific needs, such as orphans, the elderly, etc..., from Kuluba collection point to Ocea Reception Centre.
- An additional health post and a tent for medical screening of new arrivals is required at Kuluba collection point.
- More vaccines and drugs will soon be need as current supplies look set to run out within the coming days.



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