South Sudan

Operational Context

While armed conflict has declined in South Sudan since the warring parties signed a peace agreement in September 2018, implementation of the deal is lagging, the political situation remains fragile and millions remain displaced. Meanwhile, instability in neighboring countries has driven nearly 300,000 people to take refuge in South Sudan. Still, the South Sudanese are hopeful. Despite UNHCR’s non-return advisory for refugees (updated in April 2019), more and more displaced persons are showing interest in heading home.

**POPULATIONS OF CONCERN**

- **297,239** Number of **refugees in South Sudan**, 92% come from Sudan, 5% from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2% from Ethiopia, and 1% from the Central African Republic.
- **1.83 million** Number of **internally displaced persons** in South Sudan, 11% of which are staying inside six UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites.
- **183,688** Number of South Sudanese refugees who have returned to South Sudan in a self-organized manner (November 2017 – July 2019) of 2.3 million displaced.

**OPERATIONAL PRESENCE**

- **302** national staff > **103** international staff

**Refugee Response**

Refugees reside in 21 refugee camps and urban settings in the Upper Nile, Unity, and Western and Central Equatoria regions. While assisting refugees in finding durable solutions, UNHCR and partners provide services, such as education, healthcare, water and sanitation, and livelihood support.

**Refugee Return Monitoring**

UNHCR and partners systematically monitor self-organized refugee returns through 34 common border crossing points.

**Statelessness Prevention**

UNHCR has supported the government in issuing nationality certificates to more than 14,000 people at risk for statelessness since 2012.

**IDP Response**

UNHCR co-leads the coordination of the humanitarian community’s protection activities and camp management activities on a national level and on a local level in several locations. Protection desks are established in six UNMISS PoC sites. Mobile protection activities extend to 190 priority locations.

**FUNDING**

- **$152.2 million** Requested for the 2019 operation
  - 31% funded: **48.7 M**
  - 69% unfunded: **104.4 M**

**July Highlights**

- Some 25,890 South Sudanese refugees returned from Sudan in a self-organized manner between 1 June and 31 July. Refugee returns have increased as security has deteriorated following the fall of Sudan’s former president Omar al Bashir in April 2019. UNHCR is advocating for returnees to be included in existing programming for the vulnerable.
- The Ebola Virus Disease outbreak has spread to the Ariwara area of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which is about 70 km from Yei, Central Equatoria. UNHCR Representative a.i. Adan Ilmi joined a high level delegation to Yei, Central Equatoria, to assess prevention efforts.
- Students at the UNHCR-supported secondary school in Makpandu Refugee Settlement earned the highest scores in Gbudue State on the Certificate of Secondary Education Exam. The school was ranked seventh nationwide.
## July by the Numbers

### PROTECTION

**SGBV Prevention**
- 58 sexual- and gender-based violence survivors provided with psychosocial or material support, or livelihood trainings
- 389 extremely vulnerable people supported with food/non-food support
- 4,040 people trained in preventing SGBV and sexual exploitation and abuse
- 1,862 people provided with information on referral pathways and available services

**Access to Justice**
- 60 detention monitoring visits conducted
- 18 people provided with legal counseling

**Child Protection**
- 13 best interest assessments conducted for at-risk children
- 26 separated/unaccompanied children identified and provided case management services
- 5 separated/unaccompanied children reunited with biological parents
- 67 at-risk children provided material support (clothes, sandals, underwear, blankets, mosquito nets)

### HEALTH

- 983 people received primary health care
- 57 percentage of primary health care patients who came from the host community
- 14,139 long-lasting insecticide mosquito nets distributed to aid in malaria prevention
- 407 people trained in Ebola Virus Disease prevention
- 340 people reached through HIV/AIDS awareness campaign
- 70,641 people distributed soap
- 478 condoms distributed

### EDUCATION

- 552 children received scholastic materials (exercise books, pens, school uniforms)
- 85 desks distributed
- 207 children attended early childhood development centers
- 240 teachers trained

### WATER & SANITATION

- 13,247 people reached through hygiene campaign focused on proper latrine use, safe water handling and waste disposal
- 181 household latrines constructed
- 8 community latrine stances constructed
- 4,834 people reached through hygiene campaign focused on preventing malaria, diarrhea, pneumonia and other diseases
- 37.9 average litres of safe water provided per person per day in Pamir, Ajuong Thook, and Maban refugee camps

### SHELTER & NON-FOOD ITEMS

- 149 people received core relief items, including blankets, sleeping mats, soap, buckets, mosquito nets, and kitchen sets
- 145,405 people received hygiene kits
- 26 mudbrick transitional shelters roofed
- 1,420 people distributed clothing
- 110 emergency shelters provided
- 15,652 portable solar lamps distributed

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UNHCR Information Management Officer Anil Mani Acharya interacts with Ethiopian refugees at a soap distribution in Gorom Refugee Camp, Central Equatoria. In July, 70,641 people received soap. (Photo: Elizabeth Stuart/UNHCR)
COMMITTEE EMPOWERMENT

Farming Assistance
1,688 people distributed seeds and tools
167 farmers trained on best agronomic practices
1,901 farmers assisted with ploughing
128 climate-smart, perma-gardens established

Village Savings & Loans Associations
1,659 people provided financial management training
100 village savings and loans associations supported
430,375 South Sudanese pounds available for loan through village associations

Skills Training
100 people provided vocational training
22 people provided business management training
82,145 South Sudanese Pounds raised by supported female-headed economic enterprises

ACCESS TO ENERGY

395 people trained to produce fuel-efficient stoves to reduce firewood consumption
1,684 fuel efficient stoves produced by refugee women
12,399 trees planted

FOOD SECURITY & NUTRITION

122 malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding mothers referred to supplementary feeding program
77 malnourished children identified and referred to supplementary feeding program
4,157 children reached through supplementary feeding program
2,602 mothers reached through supplementary feeding program

Partnerships

Government Partners: Ministry of Interior, Commission for Refugee Affairs, Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration

Implementing Partners: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), 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), Hope Restoration (HRSS), Humanity & Inclusion (HI), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), INTERSOS, IsraAID, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Nile Hope, Relief International (RI), Samaritan’s Purse (SP), Save the Children International (SCI), United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Women Development Committee (WDO), World Vision International

Operational Partners: 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

Donors

MAIN DONORS — UNHCR SOUTH SUDAN

United States 7.6 M
Japan 3.1 M
CERF 1.4 M
Republic of Korea 1.2 M
Canada 569,606
Luxembourg 366,109
IGAD 45,073

South Sudan Situation donors (including six neighboring countries): United States of America 10 M | Germany 9.1 M | Canada 4.6 M | Private donors Australia 3.8 million | Sweden 3.1 million

Global UNHCR donors: Sweden 90.4 M | Norway 44.5 M | Netherlands 37.5 M | United Kingdom 31.7 M | Germany 26.7 M | Private donors Spain 26.3 M | Denmark 24.4 M | Switzerland 15.1 M | Private donors Republic of Korea 13.8 M | Algeria 10.0 M | Argentina 9.8 M | Australia 7.2 M | Austria 4.9 M | Azerbaijan 4.7 M | Belgium 4.6 M | Canada 3.6 M | Costa Rica 3.6 M | Estonia 3.4 M | Iceland 3.1 M | Indonesia 3.1 M | Kuwait 1.9 M | Malta 1.5 M | Monaco 1.5 M | Montenegro 1.5 M | New Zealand 1.4 M | Peru 1.2 M | Philippines 1.1 M | Qatar 1.0 M | Republic of Korea 1.0 M | Russian Federation 1.0 M | Saudi Arabia 0.9 M | Serbia 0.9 M | Singapore 0.8 M | Slovakia 0.8 M | Sri Lanka 0.8 M | Thailand 0.8 M | United Arab Emirates 0.6 M | Uruguay 0.6 M

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