



# Tierkidi Camp Profile October 2014



**Camp Opened: 26 February 2014**

**Camp Phase: Emergency**



**Population: 48,646**  
as of 20 October, 2014



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## Contextual Background

<b>Historical background</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the onset of the emergency in South Sudan (in mid-December 2013), refugees began arriving at Ethiopian border entry points (mainly Pagak, Burbiey and Akobo). After that, they were relocated to established camps, such as Tierkidi Camp – currently the largest refugee camp in Ethiopia.</li> </ul>
<b>Areas of Origin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The camp population is primarily comprised of refugees from South Sudan’s Upper Nile, Jonglei and Unity states.</li> </ul>
<b>Cultural Background</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The refugees are predominantly ethnic Luo-Nuer (99%).</li> </ul>
<b>Main Occupations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primarily farmers and pastoralists.</li> </ul>

## Administrative Structure

- UNHCR provides **Coordination Support, Protection, Registration, Logistics, Technical Expertise** and monitors the delivery of services.
- Camp Management** and the implementation of **Primary Healthcare and Education, distribution of Food and Core Relief Items, Shelter Demarcation and Provision and Refugee Screening/Registration** is conducted by Ethiopia’s governmental body, the **Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA)** with support from **UNHCR**.
- UN Agencies** (WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, OCHA, IOM) and **Partners** work together with ARRA and UNHCR in the provision of various essential services (See the detailed 3Ws – who does what, when and where – on page 2).
- Camp Coordination Meetings** are co-chaired weekly by ARRA and UNHCR, Tuesdays at 11am.

## Operations and Services

- Following refugee/ nationality screening and registration of new arrivals at Ethiopia’s refugee entry points (Level 1 registration), a more detailed registration process (Level 2 registration), was completed. Finger prints and photos were captured to limit potential identity confusion and to avoid double registration. Refugees are all provided with ration cards, which facilitate distributions of food and non-food items. Ration card numbers and household registration numbers are also used for day-to-day refugee identification purposes, and for referrals between humanitarian partners.
- Currently three different types of shelters are present in Tierkidi camp: A) Emergency shelters (5000+) are made out of tarpaulin sheets and poles and have a relatively short-life span; B) UNHCR tents (2500+) provide shelter to larger families and have an average life-span of 8 months; and C) thatched shelters, known as tukuls (close to a 1000 have been completed), have been identified as the most durable and cost-efficient shelter option, although constructing them is a labour-intensive and time-consuming process.
- Tree main humanitarian actors are providing water, sanitation and hygiene services (WASH) in Tierkidi camp. DRC delivers water to Tierkidi camp’ residents by trucking water into water storage and tap constructions, which are located throughout the camp. On average 500.000 litres of water is distributed through 29 water tanks, maintaining water coverage to 10l per person per day. MSF-Holland and NRC construct latrines and showers and facilitate hygiene promotion. The latrine coverage stands at 1:46 latrine to people. 752 temporary household shower facilities have been constructed in the camp. Another 800 are expected to follow soon.
- Monthly food distributions are facilitated by ARRA. The latest nutritional survey indicates that Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) in the camp stands at 10,0% and Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) at 30,3%. Refugees obtain 16kgs of grains, 1.5 kgs of corn soy blend, 1.5 kgs of pulses, and 0.9 liter of oil, per person per month.
- The core relief items provided in Tierkidi are: sleeping mats, blankets, jerry cans, kitchen sets, buckets, soap, and mosquito nets.

# Tierkidi Refugee Camp: Who does What Where (3Ws)

Health 	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Actors</b>
▪ Emergency medical activities	ARRA, MSF-H
▪ Health services, including vaccination and anti-malaria campaigning activities	Regional Health Bureau
▪ Reproductive health and mental health	IMC
▪ Support to health centers with material and tents	UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF, MSF-H
Nutrition 	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Actors</b>
▪ Nutrition Screening for new arrivals (relocated refugees)	GOAL
▪ Implementation and monitoring of Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) for children and pregnant and lactating women	GOAL
▪ Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) and Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) for the treatment of acute malnutrition.	GOAL
▪ Baby-friendly spaces and activities to support Infant and Young Child Feeding	GOAL
▪ Provision of food and therapeutic foods for TSFP and SFP (WFP) and OTP (UNHCR)	WFP/ UNHCR
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) 	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Actors</b>
▪ Water system construction, expansion and/or upgrading and water trucking	DRC, IRC
▪ Deep borehole drilling	LWF
▪ Shallow borehole drilling	UNICEF, IRC
▪ Construction and maintenance of household sanitary facilities/latrines	NRC
▪ Construction and maintenance of emergency latrines	DRC
▪ Construction and maintenance of refuse pits	DRC
▪ Sanitation & Hygiene promotion/awareness	DRC, MSF-F, NRC
▪ Capacity building in WASH	DRC/ NRC
Protection & Community Services 	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Actors</b>
▪ Camp management and security	ARRA
▪ Provision of psychosocial counseling	UNHCR
▪ Child Protection	Save the Children, ARRA
▪ SGBV/GBV prevention and response	IMC
▪ Support to persons with specific needs	HelpAge International, RADO
Shelter 	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Actors</b>
▪ Provision of transitional shelter	NRC
▪ Provision of emergency shelter (Emergency Family Tents and Plastic Sheeting)	UNHCR
▪ Setup of emergency shelter	NRC
▪ Shelter gap assessment	ARRA, UNHCR
Core Relief Items 	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Actors</b>
▪ Distribution of Core Relief Items E.g. Sleeping mats, jerry cans, buckets, kitchen sets, soap and blankets	UNHCR, ARRA
Logistics and Site Planning 	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Actors</b>
▪ Relocation and transportation of refugees	IOM
▪ Physical planning of camp layout	UNHCR
Education 	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Actors</b>
▪ Emergency education	Save the Children
▪ Support with educational materials and tents	UNICEF
Environment 	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Actors</b>
▪ Environmental protection	ARRA
Food 	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Actors</b>
▪ Food supply and transportation	WFP
▪ General Food Distribution and provision of High Energy Biscuits	ARRA, UNHCR, WFP

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