

South Sudan

1-15 September 2017

4,384

Refugees received vegetable seeds in Upper Nile during the reporting period.

3,815

Refugees and IDPs received aid items from UNHCR across South Sudan during the reporting period.

500

Refugees and IDPs received capacity building training during the reporting period.

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

276,900

Refugees in South Sudan as of 31 August 2017.

1.89 million

IDPs in South Sudan including 212,969 in UNMISS Protection of Civilian sites as of 14 September 2017

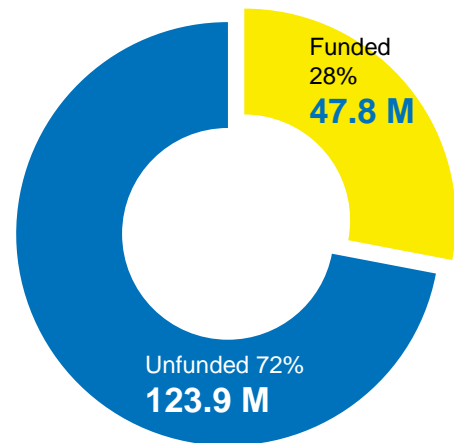
US \$883.5 million

Funding requested by UNHCR for the South Sudan Situation in 2017.

FUNDING AS OF 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

USD 172 M

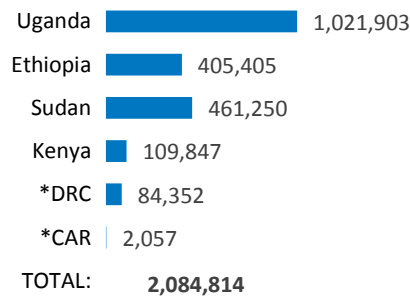
requested for South Sudan



POPULATION OF CONCERN

South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries as of 15 September 2017.

Host Countries



*DRC – Democratic Republic of Congo

*CAR – Central Africa Republic



Update on Achievements

Operational Context

- **South Sudan Opposition Accuses IGAD of Bias:** SPLA-IO criticized IGAD for its bias towards President Salva Kiir in the revitalization of the 2015 peace accord. According to SPLA-IO, IGAD reportedly took a decision to keep opposition leader Riek Machar, who is currently held in South Africa, from coming back to South Sudan to prevent fighting in the world's youngest nation. Senior opposition official Manawa Peter Gatkuoth called on the members of Troika (the UK, US and Norway) and the African Union to initiate a new forum for reaching peace in South Sudan. In July 2017, IGAD ministers met in Juba where they announced that Machar will not be invited for the next meeting of the revitalization process.
- **Outgoing Ambassador of Japan Warns GOSS of Losing Humanitarian Support:** In an interview with the local newspaper Juba Monitor, outgoing Ambassador of Japan to South Sudan Kiya Masahiko said that if the current fighting continues it may interrupt the operations if humanitarian workers and more international donors may walk away. According to him, donors have serious concerns about the issue of humanitarian access and the security and safety of aid workers as well as the way NGOs are being treated. Masahiko said it is getting more difficult for donors, including Japan, to increase or even retain the current level of funding. The outgoing Ambassador also made a call on the leadership of South Sudan at every level of the government to make proper use of the available resources in an accountable manner.



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR Deputy Regional Director for the Regional Bureau of Africa Angele Dikongue-Atangana visited South Sudan on 12-15 September 2017. The aim of the visit was to get first-hand information on the refugee and IDP situation in South Sudan. During her visit, the Deputy Regional Director travelled to Bentiu, Yida and Jamjang where she met with refugees, IDPs, UNHCR partners working in refugee and IDP camps and settlements, as well as met with local authorities. In Juba the UNHCR Deputy Regional Director met with the Commissioner for Refugee Affairs, who also accompanied her during the mission to refugee and IDP locations.

Unity

- In Yida refugee settlement, UNHCR registered 643 (368F, 275M) new arrivals during the reporting period, amongst them 456 children. Cumulatively, 9,428 new arrivals have been registered since the beginning of 2017. Last year within the same period, 9,050 new arrivals were registered. In comparison to this year, this represents 72% increase mainly due to allegedly kidnappings by government forces in Sudan's South Kordofan Boram County, forced recruitment of young men by the SPLA North, lack of adequate education opportunities for children and effects of 2016 drought which resulted in a poor yield.
- In Yida, UNHCR relocated 663 refugees to Jam-Jang camps including; 70 to Ajuong Thok and 593 to Pamir refugee camps, including 41 refugees previously settled in Yida and 622 new arrivals. Cumulatively, 10,957 refugees have been relocated since the beginning of the year, out of which 1,642 individuals were previously residing in Yida refugee settlement. The Pamir refugee camp population now stands at 15, 229 individuals as of 15 September. The Ajuong Thok refugee camp population now stands at 37, 172 individuals as of 15 September.
- In Pamir, UNHCR and its partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted a two-day Gender Based Violence (GBV) basic concepts training to 19 mentors and peer educators both from school and community youth and adolescent girls. The training was aimed to build the understanding of the youth and adolescent girls on GBV and referral pathways to enable them to support their peers.
- In Yida and Ajuong Thok, UNHCR and partners conducted 304 best Interest Assessments (BIA) for part of 1,134 Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) new (10 UAM, 1124 SC) cases which were identified during child verification exercise. Also, 48 BIAs were conducted in Ajuong Thok and 3 in Yida during routine child best interest assessment.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR in collaboration with the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA), ACROSS, UMCOR and Action Africa Help International (AAHI) relocated 56 (28F 28M) Sudanese refugees to Ajuong Thok refugee camp in former Unity state. The relocation is to address issues faced by refugees due to the prevailing insecurity in Yei.
- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR conducted two sessions of awareness raising on positive living, coping mechanisms and post-trauma management for 38 (16M 22F) refugees living with HIV/AIDS and their care givers in Kukuyi and Yag areas.
- In Juba, UNHCR verified 108 refugees during the reporting period. Cumulatively, 1,799 in 1,215 households have been verified in 2017. Also, 143 refugees were enrolled in Biometrics Identity Management System (BIMS) while seven refugees were activated and 31 inactivated.

- In Juba, UNHCR verified 330 asylum seekers during the reporting period. Cumulatively, 1,295 in 989 cases have been verified in 2017. Also, 161 asylum seekers were enrolled in BIMS while 32 refugees were activated and seven inactivated.

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR in collaboration with its partners the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and Handicap International distributed walking sticks, crutches, and tricycles for 78 PSNs with physical disabilities.
- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR conducted training for 39 Sheikhs and Umdas (38M, 1F) drawn from different communities on SGBV Prevention and Response to prepare them for awareness-raising campaigns in the communities.
- In Gendressa, Kaya and Yusuf Batil refugee camps, UNHCR trained 856 child & youth parliament members on parliamentary debate procedures including how to move a motion in a parliamentary session, code of conduct, child rights and their roles and responsibilities in responding to child rights violations.



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR distributed 54 school desks to Rajab secondary school where 40 Anyuak refugees' students are enrolled and Blessed Children Primary school which was established by the urban refugee community. Cumulatively, 162 students will benefit from the donation, and this will improve a safety and academic performance of the students.
- In Juba, the National Ministry of Education and General Instructions made amendments to the current regulations of tuition fees for refugee students. Instead of the previous annual tuition fee of 400 USD while nationals paid SSP equivalent to 200 USD annually, both refugee and South Sudanese students will now pay the same rate which is 125 USD per semester.
- In Juba, through UNHCR and its partner ACROSS, five Anyuak refugee teachers were admitted at Ramboor National Teachers College. The teachers were previously studying in Yei Teachers College, but their studies got interrupted due to heightening security situation in the area.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- During the reporting period, National Minister of Health Hon. Dr. Riak Gai Kok visited four health facilities in Ruweng state that are supported by UNHCR. During his four-day visit, Hon Gai declared Pariang Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC) as a State Hospital. The hospital will have access to Government medical provisions accorded to hospitals in South Sudan.
- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR through War Trauma Foundation conducted training on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) to 40 participants including 11 health staff, five none health staff and 24 community workers.
- UNHCR partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) in conjunction with the refugee camp leaders in Pamir has started a month-long malaria campaign. The campaign includes bush clearing in the camp, draining of stagnant water around homes and distribution of long lasting insecticide treated nets. So far 1,150 mosquito nets have been distributed to under five children and pregnant women.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Unity

- Malaria morbidity rate is still on the increase in Ajuong Thok 46% in Ajuong Thok from 33%, 28% in Pamir from 26% and 53% in Yida from 40% in the previous reporting period. However, no deaths have been reported as a result of malaria.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR through War Trauma Foundation (WTF) conducted training on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) to 50 participants including 14 health staff, 32 none health staff and community workers. The main objective was to enhance staff skills both health and protection partners to strengthen mental health and psychosocial support population in Maban in both refugees and host community.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Jam-jang camps, UNHCR partner Samaritan's Purse (SP) commenced General Food Distribution (GFD) for September to all refugees present in the camps. 70% of food ratio consisted of maize, pulses, vegetable oil and salt.

Upper Nile.

- In Doro, Gendrassa, and Kaya refugee camps, UNHCR commenced the 5th cycle of Blanket Supplementary Feeding (BSF) for children aged 6-23 months. All children aged 6-23 months as well as pregnant women in their 2nd trimester and lactating women with children below six months are covered by the programme. The programme is geared to improve the nutrition status of children and PLWs. Each child and PLW is receiving 6kgs of Corn Soya Blend (CSB++).

**WATER AND SANITATION****Achievements and Impact****Unity**

- During the reporting period, the overall WASH service delivery in Jamjang camps has been satisfactory the water supply coverage stood at 17.5 liters per person per day in Ajuong Thok, while in Pamir camp, water supply coverage stood at 17.6 litres per day per person.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR partner Samaritan's Purse (SP) constructed eight family latrines and two communal latrines in Ajuong Thok and 47 family latrines in Pamir. Pamir has 1,414 family latrines with crude latrine coverage of 11. In Ajuong-Thok there are 4,958 family latrines with crude latrine coverage of 7. At the beginning of the year, SP planned to construct 1,000 family latrines in Pamir and 1,000 in Ajuong Thok.

Upper Nile

- In Maban camps, UNHCR in collaboration with WASH partners ACTED and Medair have maintained the water supply system satisfactory level. Water supply coverage stood at 15.8 litres per person per day.
- In Maban camps, UNHCR partners Medair and Acted constructed 179 new latrines. These household latrines will improve the hygiene of the persons of concern by preventing open defecations which is the major cause of public health diseases.
- In Maban camps, Medair and ACTED reached out to 3426 individuals with hygiene messages leading to behavior change and good practices on the use of water and sanitation facilities.

**SHELTER AND NFIS****Achievements and Impact****Central Equatoria**

- In Juba, UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) distributed toy kits to 49 children (38 refugee children and 11 children from the host community, 22 girls and 27 boys). Toys were donated by Aviation Sans Frontieres and Musee du qual Branly – Jacques Chirac (France).

Upper Nile

- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Save the Children International (SCI) distributed soap to 610 (337M, 273F) separated and other children at risk. The soap distribution will help to boost hygiene needs of children.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed plastic sheets to 130 families for their shelters.

**CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile**

- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR in collaboration with ACTED and Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) conducted training for 31 members of the Peace Committee (4 females, 27 males). The training focused on leadership, peaceful coexistence and conflict resolution. Also, youth were trained on leadership and youth participation in the community. This will encourage productive dialogue, reduce conflict, and promote communication and relationship building between refugee and host communities.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, the training of 213 Vocational Training Centre (VTC) trainees (59F, 154M) in garment making, metal works, building and construction, furniture making, leather craft, solar installation is currently underway.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Unity

- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted an assessment among disabled and elderly persons (Persons With Special Needs) and identified 23 beneficiaries to be provided with bed sheets, bathing soaps, clothes, basins, and sandals; the persons with special needs (PSNs) assessment is ongoing.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR partner Relief International (RI) facilitated transplanting of 3,375 tree seedlings of Makhamia and Sesbania on 5-acre woodlot. The exercise was undertaken by refugees and host community members as part of ongoing reforestation efforts to restore tree cover lost in areas surrounding refugee camps due to rampant tree cutting for firewood and charcoal production meant for home consumption and income generation.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR partner UNMOR trained 50 refugee farmers on good agronomic practices provided by community-based agriculture extension workers. Cumulatively, 241 farmers have been trained on various topics. These trainings are aimed at equipping farmers with additional knowledge for better management of their livelihood activities in the refugee locations in Lasu.
- In Yei, UMCOR conducted post planting assessments through its community-based agriculture extension workers to 38 (30M 08F) farmers in Yago, Jabara, and Kukuyi areas. The exercise was to assess crop performance and identify areas of support.

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR and partners Relief International (RI), ACTED and Danish Refugee Council (DRC) supported 23 livelihood staff (4 female and 19 male) to undertake a ten day permagardens design and facilitation training. Permagardening seeks to ensure increased access to practical gardening skills for nutrient dense vegetable production and dietary diversity at the household level.
- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and RI provided loan repayment as well as loan management technical support to 300 persons of concern (210 female and 90male). Village saving loans associations helped increase access to financial capital for refugees where associations have been able to take out loans for small and micro-enterprise creation.
- In Gendressa Refugee camp, UNHCR partner ACTED supported ploughing of additional 67 acres for agricultural production bringing total acreage ploughed to 367. Tillage operations continue to be supported on agriculture land allocated to refugees to ensure increased access to cultivable land; with an overall aim of increasing food availability and access.
- In Gendressa refugee camp, UNHCR and ACTED facilitated business pitch competitions for potential entrepreneurs as part of entrepreneurship training support in Maban refugee camps for 400 persons of concern have benefited so far. The entrepreneurship training employs start and improve your business methodology and through business pitch competitions held, a total of 36 viable business plans were selected for business grant support.
- In Yusuf Batil camp, Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted supplementary seed distribution to 1,096 households. The persons of concern received an assortment of vegetable seeds including (Okra, Eggplant, Pumpkin, Tomatoes, Onion, and Sukuma). The targeted seeds distribution was in support of agricultural production with an overall aim of increasing food availability and access among vulnerable refugee and host community households.

IDP RESPONSE

COORDINATION

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatorial

- In Yei, UNHCR and other humanitarian actors began the process of relocating 313 (57HHs) IDPs currently residing at former UNMISS compound, ahead of the deployment of UNMISS personnel in Yei by October 2017. On 13 and 15 September, UNHCR and partners met with Yei State authorities to mobilize resources that will facilitate orderly relocation of the IDPs. UNHCR is tasked with providing plastic sheets while the government will provide poles for erecting temporary shelters in the new location. Other partners also pledged support in areas of WASH, Education, Health, and Nutrition.

OPERATIONS

Achievements and Impact

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR Community outreach team supported 55 individuals with specific needs (PSNs) including elderly, physically disabled and others with serious medical conditions during the general food distribution in Protection of Civilians (POC) 3.
- In Juba, UNHCR verified over 350 individuals with specific needs in 20 blocks out of the 55 blocks in POC 3 site. Their vulnerabilities range from physical disabilities, serious medical conditions, separated/unaccompanied minors, elderly with no support, women at risk, single/child parents, etc. The aim of the verification is to update the UNHCR PSN database and complement it with additional information aimed at improving referrals to other service providers.
- In Juba, UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) assisted 14 IDPs at Mahad and Don Bosco IDP collective sites to enroll in vocational training in tailoring, welding, and carpentry. And
- In Yei, UNHCR and its partner UMCOR conducted a one-day training to 32 (13F 19M) Community-Based Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) committees on SGBV and basic counseling principles. The training focused on SGBV concepts as a human rights violation, causes, risk factors and negative consequences including discussions on referral pathway.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR and UMCOR handed over a Community-Based Protection desk at Sobe IDP Site which will serve all four IDP sites under zone A as part of the community initiative. The protection desk will be the center point where all protection cases are registered, survivors counseled and other relevant information accessed by the community.
- In Yei, UMCOR formed two Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Community Based structures in IDP centers. Cumulatively, eight out of nine of such centres have been formed.

Upper Nile

- During the reporting period, UNHCR partner ADRA conducted a training on peaceful coexistence between IDPs and host community as part of SGBV prevention in Mandeng; undertook protection monitoring in Balok and conducted rapid need assessment to determine risk patterns and trends faced by the IDPs in Kuetrengke Payam.



SHELTER AND NFIS

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Bentinu, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed core relief items (CRIs) to 224 households with specific needs (PSNs). CRIs included plastic sheets, blankets, dignity kits, soap, plastic sheets, buckets and mosquito nets in Dingding (11 km) away from UNMISS POC. This support is in line with the Beyond Bentiu Response /Strategy of taking services closer to the population.

Jonglei/Lakes

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) distributed solar lamps to 50 families of the most vulnerable IDPs including 38 Female 12 Males headed household the comprehensive solution objective.
- In Mingkaman, UNHCR distributed solar lamps to 60 members (30 male and 30 female) of Community-Based Protection Networks.



COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

Achievements and Impact

Jonglei

- In Bor, UNHCR distributed solar lamps to 79 vulnerable households (58 female & 21 male) inside the Protection of Civilian (PoC) site. The vulnerability category included older persons at risk, single parents, and persons living with a disability. This protection intervention was aimed at reducing the risks of Gender Based Violence (GBV) when accessing public services. UNHCR identified these beneficiaries through its Protection desk's team of volunteers during the protection monitoring, outreach, and complaints mechanism.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE

Achievements and Impact

Jonglei

- In Bor, UNHCR Partner INTERSOS conducted a business skills training for 35 women and girls at the Women-Friendly Space (WFS). The training covered the definition of business, sources of incomes, income and expenditure, and the use of the cashbook. This activity is part of the women center engagement as safe space venue where women stay together and freely speak about sensitive issues affecting them.

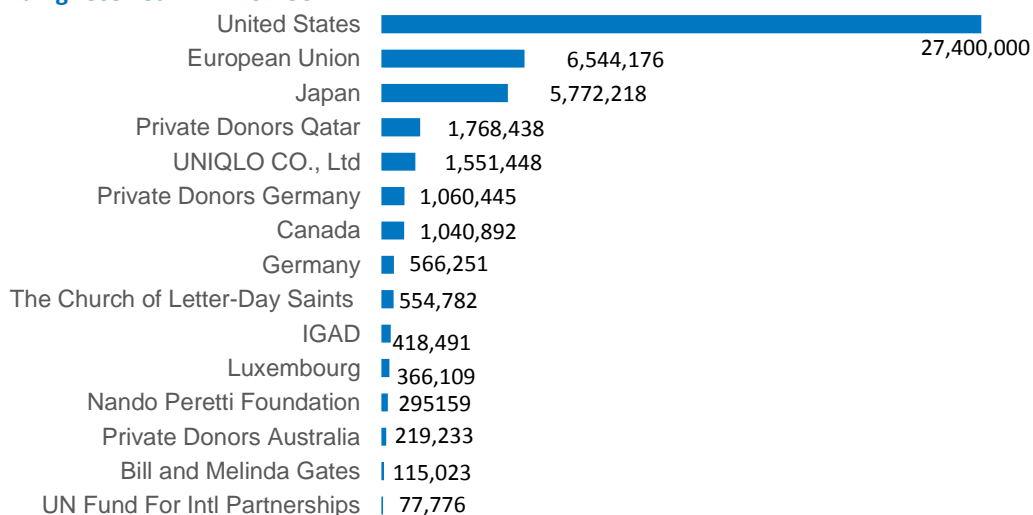
Working in partnership

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- In the **refugee response**, main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and Minister of Wildlife Conservation and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing partners in 2017 are : Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), ACROSS, 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), UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), UNV and World Vision International (WVI).
- **In the IDP response**, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission Committee (RRC). Implementing partners in 2017 are ADRA, UMCOR, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Handicap International, Humanitarian Development Consortium, INTERSOS, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Nile Hope, UNV, Women Aid Vision and Women Development Group. Within the IDP response cluster system, UNHCR in South Sudan is Lead of the Protection Cluster (with NRC co-leading), Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and undertakes enhanced participation in the IOM-led Shelter/NFI Cluster.
- On **prevention of statelessness**, UNHCR's main counterpart is the Directorate of Nationality, Passports, and Immigration (DNPI).
- UNHCR maintains an **operational partnership** with CAFOD, Caritas, CMMB, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), ICRC, Jesuit Refugee Service (JSR), Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium), Medair, Mentor Initiative, OXFAM, UNAIDS, UNOCHA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMAS, UNMISS, World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), Women for Women International and UN Women.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 47.8 million**, for the financial year 2017 as of 12 September. 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 unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds. UNHCR's comprehensive needs for 2017 amount to US\$172 million, with most priority needs of US\$126 million.

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