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 both inside and outside of the country. Meanwhile, instability in neighboring countries has driven nearly 300,000 refugees into South Sudan. Poor rule of law and easy access to arms has resulted in an increase in inter- and intra-communal violence that continues to force people from their homes. Still, the South Sudanese remain hopeful. Despite UNHCR’s non-return advisory for refugees (updated in April 2019), more displaced persons are showing interest in heading home.

POPULATIONS OF CONCERN

297,952
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.

1.82 million
Number of internally displaced persons in South Sudan, 10% of which are staying inside six UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites.

209,071
Number of South Sudanese refugees who have returned to South Sudan in a self-organized manner (November 2017 - 31 August 2019) of an estimated 2.3 million displaced in six surrounding countries.

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. Host communities also benefit.

Refugee Return Monitoring

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

Statelessness Prevention

UNHCR has supported the government in issuing nationality certificates to more than 15,000 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 so UNHCR can engage directly with IDPs. Mobile protection activities extend to 190 priority locations.

FUNDING

$152.2 million
Requested for the 2019 operation

32% funded 48.7 M
68% unfunded 103.4 M

August Highlights

- In August, flash flooding in greater Maban, which hosts some 150,647 refugees, hobbled humanitarian delivery. UNHCR activities had to be suspended at one refugee camp about 34 km northwest of Bunj after the water carried away a bridge. As the rain continued, some refugees in other camps, unable to access their homes or latrines, took shelter in schools. Shelter assessments are ongoing. In Doro Refugee Camp, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council identified 300 destroyed shelters. The families will be provided core relief items. UNHCR is also providing support to the local government’s flood response, and prepositioning medical supplies in case of disease outbreak. In partnership with Africa Action Help International, UNHCR refurbished and installed culverts in 3.5 km of road connecting the population to the airstrip.

- UNHCR partner United Methodist Committee on Relief has launched mobile health clinics in Lasu refugee settlement, which has been inaccessible since July 2016 because of insecurity. Doctors served 392 patients and screened 120 children for malnutrition in August.
Key August Activities Targeting Persons of Concern

PROTECTION

SGBV Prevention
56 sexual- and gender-based violence cases identified and supported with psychosocial or material support, or livelihood trainings
1,068 people trained in preventing SGBV and sexual exploitation and abuse
4,327 people provided with information on referral pathways and available services for SGBV survivors

Access to Justice
59 detention monitoring visits conducted
24 traditional court sessions monitored
14 people provided with legal counseling
179 community leaders trained on housing, land, and property rights
155 people reached through a mobile legal aid clinic, and assisted with issues related to human rights, early marriage, dispute resolution, and more

Child Protection
9 best interest assessments conducted for at-risk children
29 separated/unaccompanied children identified and provided case management services
94 at-risk children provided material support (clothes, sandals, blankets, mosquito nets, etc.)
2,240 children participated in recreational activities in child-friendly spaces

HEALTH
548 people received primary health care
60 percentage of primary health care patients who came from the host community
297 people trained in Ebola Virus Disease prevention

350 condoms distributed
750 women provided with feminine hygiene kits
10,000 long-lasting insecticide mosquito nets distributed to aid in malaria prevention

EDUCATION
176 teachers trained
719 students benefitted from programming designed to retain girls, who have historically higher dropout rates

SHELTER & NON-FOOD ITEMS
4,566 people received core relief items, including blankets, sleeping mats, soap, buckets, mosquito nets, and kitchen sets
18 emergency shelters provided
581 families provided with shelter materials, such as plastic sheeting
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 Restorati

Operational Partners: CAFOC, Caritas, Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB), FAO, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), MÉDAIL, Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium, Swiss, Holland), Mentor Initiative, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), OXFAM, REACH, UNAIDS, UNOCHA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMÁS, UNMISS, WFP, WHO, Women for Women International UN Women

Donors

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Contributions earmarked for the South Sudan situation (including six neighboring countries): United States of America 18.4 M | Germany 9.1 M | Australian private donors 8.1 M | Canada 4.6 M | Sweden 3.1 M | Norway | Private donors

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