

SOUTH SUDAN

August 2017

80,093

Refugees and IDPs received non-food items assistance from UNHCR across South Sudan in August 2017

15,456

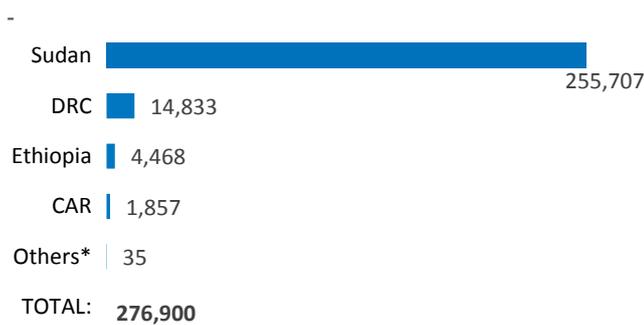
Refugees reached with awareness on SGBV prevention, hygiene promotion and life-saving messages in August 2017.

1,021

Refugees verified using the Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) in August.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

Countries of Origin

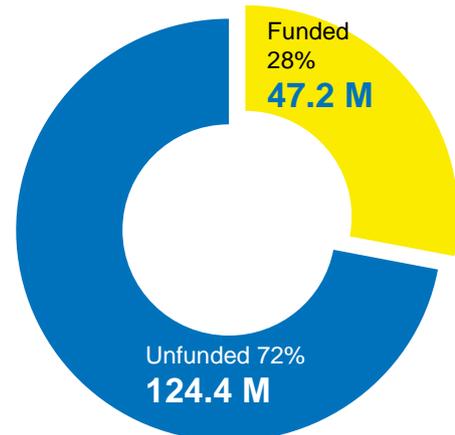


* Refers to refugees from Uganda, Somalia, Eritrea, Syria, Burundi and Egypt

FUNDING AS OF 22 AUGUST

USD 172 M

requested for the situation



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

304 National Staff

111 International Staff

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Juba

2 Sub Offices in Jamjang and Bunj

7 Field Offices in Yambio, Yei, Bor, Rumbek, Kwajok, Malakal, Bentiu,

3 Field Units in Wau and Yida



Working with Partners

- 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**, the main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and Wildlife Conservation, and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing partners in 2017 are the following: 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 Pursue (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, Handicap International, Humanitarian Development Consortium, INTERSOS, International Rescue Committee, 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 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.

Main Activities – Refugee Programme

Protection

- As of 31 August 2017, the refugee population in South Sudan stood at 276,900 individuals, consisting of 65,658 households spread in 21 different locations across South Sudan. In June South Sudan received 646 new arrivals mainly from Sudan's South Kordofan, and registered 1,186 new born babies mainly from Sudan's South Kordofan region. 52% of the refugees are female with women and children representing 82% of the total population. The Sudanese refugee population remains the largest at 255,707 individuals (92%) followed by DRC Congo 14,833 individuals (5%), Ethiopia 4,468 individuals (2%) and Central African Republic 1,857 (1%). The majority (90%) of these refugees are hosted in South Sudan's Upper Nile and Unity regions. Over 1.89 million people are displaced in South Sudan. Furthermore, the country hosts 2,400 asylum seekers.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, the Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration (DNPI) and UNHCR conducted a training on Nationality Laws of South Sudan and prevention/reduction of statelessness in the country for 46 officers from the Directorate. Since 2012 UNHCR has trained 1,000 DNPI/other government officials on prevention of statelessness and refugee-related laws.
- In Juba, UNHCR and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) continued verification of asylum seekers. A total of 1,030 asylum seekers were verified during the reporting period. Out of this number, 36 asylum seekers' registration was discontinued, while 8 cases were re-registered or registered anew, including 6 births. A total of 1,021 persons were enrolled in the Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS).
- In Juba, UNHCR verified 404 refugees who previously missed the verification exercise in the previous month. Out of this number, 33 refugees were de-registered as they left the country, while 70 refugees were registered anew, including 12 births.
- In Juba, UNHCR commenced the verification of urban refugees targeting over 3,500 individuals. So far, 660 refugees had been verified of which 45 refugees were inactivated as spontaneous departures. Also, 35 persons were activated including 15 new born registration cases. 530 persons were enrolled in Biometrics Identity Management System (BIMS) while 37 identification cards and 402 Proof of Registration documents were issued in July.
- In July, UNHCR relocated 40 former Lasu refugees to Ajuong Thok refugee camp. The refugees fled Lasu refugee settlement due to insecurity in September 2016. Cumulatively, 113 former Lasu refugees have been relocated to Ajuong Thok in 2017.
- In Juba, UNHCR provided cash assistance to families of 48 Persons with Specific Needs (160 individuals). This assistance was provided following the vulnerability assessment, which identified lack of food, dire conditions of their living spaces, and inability of sending their children to school because of school fees.

Unity

- In Pamir, 644 children (29 unaccompanied and 615 separated) were verified, while some 281 children did not show up for the verification exercise. 333 new cases were identified and registered and Child Protection partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is set to conduct Best Interest Assessment for all the new cases.
- In Yida, UNHCR registered 326 new arrivals. Cumulatively, 8,785 new arrivals have been registered since the beginning of 2017. In 2016, within the same period, UNHCR registered 9,393 new arrivals in comparison to this year, this represents 7% decrease mainly due to the prolonged ceasefire in South Kordofan.
- In July, UNHCR relocated 359 refugees including 214 to Ajuong Thok refugee camp and 145 to Pamir refugee camp. Relocated refugees included 48 previously settled in Yida and 311 new arrivals. Cumulatively, 10,361 refugees have relocated since the beginning of the year, including 1,601 previously settled in Yida. The Pamir refugee camp population now stands at 14, 601 individuals as of 31 August. The Ajuong Thok refugee camp population now stands at 36, 918 individuals as of 31 August.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR conducted a campaign on SASA1 implementation with 951 community members reached with messages on the need to be bold and proactive thinkers and activists to create a change in negative social norms that condone violence against women and enable spreading of HIV in the community.

Upper Nile

- In Kaya and Gendrassa refugee camps, 1,605 persons were reached with SGBV prevention messages through door-to-door awareness raising.
- In Doro refugee camps, 5,520 people were reached with key life-saving messages in the aftermath of the flood. Messages conveyed particularly focused on keeping children away from swimming in dirty water which could lead to outbreak of water-borne diseases.
- In Maban camps, UNHCR screened 261 individuals' new arrivals and 39 single men who missed biometrics verification exercise of 2015. These individuals were litigated and their access to services was renewed.

Health

Upper Nile.

- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner International Medical Corps (IMC) conducted training for 80 Mother Support Groups (MSGs) on Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) measurements. The main objective was to enhance mothers' skills and knowledge to strengthen referral of malnourished children from the community to medical facilities.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, ACROSS provided medical consultations to 67 refugees (30 Congolese and 37 Sudanese). Most of the cases involved malaria and Respiratory Tract Infection (RTI).

Food Security and Nutrition

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International (WVI) conducted General Food Distribution (GFD) of August targeting 1,143 households (3,499 individuals) however, 996 households (3,499 individuals) present during the GFD received food items that included cereal, beans and vegetable oil at reduced rate of 70%.

Central Equatoria

- In Gorom refugee camp, UNHCR distributed food items, including blue band, Colgate toothbrush and fruit cocktails fruits, to 68 persons with disabilities and elderly persons. Food items included.

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 nutrition status of children and PLWs. Each child and PLW is receiving 6kgs of Corn Soya Blend (CSB++).

Water and Sanitation

Unity

- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Samaritan's Purse (SP) conducted a joint training for 80 water management committees during the reporting period.

¹ (Kiswahili for "Now!" and an acronym for the four phases of community mobilization: start, awareness, support and action)

- In Pamir and Ajuong Thok, SP continued to hold hygiene promotion and awareness sessions, reaching 5,929 refugees.
- In August, the water supply coverage stood at 18.6 liters per person per day in Ajuong Thok, while in Pamir camp, water supply coverage stood at 18.7 litres per day per person.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR's partner SP constructed 129 family latrines. In Pamir refugee camp, SP constructed 110 family and 23 communal latrines. In Ajuong Tok crude latrine coverage stood at six people, and in Pamir camp, at seven people respectively.

Upper Nile

- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR partner ACTED conducted extensive water supply system rehabilitation leading to the improvement in functionality of water sources from 80% to 100% (all 5 boreholes are operational). The water supply coverage stood at 15.75 liters per person per day across all four camps.
- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) constructed 30 stances of semi-permanent institutional latrines in five primary schools to improve the hygiene and sanitation. In Maban camps, UNHCR partners ACTED and MEDAIR completed the construction of 308 household latrines in August.

Shelter and NFIs

Central Equatoria

- In Gorom refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner ACROSS distributed second-hand clothes donated by Japanese Government to 1,666 refugees, while in Yei, UNHCR's partner UMCOR distributed second-hand clothes donated by UNIQLO to 1,013 persons.

Upper Nile

- In Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and its partners Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and ACTED distributed aid items to 532 households following the inter-tribal clashes within the refugee community in July. Aid items included blankets, mosquito nets, plastic sheets, jerry cans, sleeping mats, buckets and kitchen sets.

Unity

- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Action Africa Help International (AAHI) handed over three newly constructed buildings in Pamir to International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Lutheran World Federation (LWF). This includes a two block Child Friendly Space which was handed over to LWF, a Nutrition Centre and a two-room house at Hope Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC) complex that was handed over to IRC. The house will cater for the accommodation of medical staff on night duty at the health facility.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, UNHCR completed the distribution of UNIQLO donated second-hand clothes to additional 33,623 refugees. In total, 45,946 individuals received second-hand clothes donated by UNIQLO.
- In Pamir refugee camp, the construction of 1,000 transition-shelters is under way, with 90% of work completed to date. A total of 903 transitional shelters have been constructed while 116 t-shelters roofed with plastic sheets during the reporting period.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Upper Nile

- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR partner ACTED conducted a capacity development training to 136 (42 females, 94 males) members of the Women, Youth and Social Welfare committee on volunteerism and ownership of service provision.
- In Maban, UNHCR partner ACTED conducted a two-day capacity development training for 63 members of the Women, Youth, Social Welfare, and Night Watch Committee on volunteerism and ownership of service provision. This will increase community-led initiatives, reduce dependency on aid agencies as well as improve safety/protection of public facilities/assets and ensure high-quality care services at minimum expense.
- In Maban, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) provided uniforms to 32 Gentil Peace Committee members.

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 under way.

Access to Energy

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Relief International (RI) distributed 775 Efficient Fuel Stoves (EFS) to refugee households. Cumulatively, 1,262 EFSs have been distributed since the beginning of 2017. The EFSs reduce the consumption of firewood and indoor air pollution at the household level.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR partner World Vision International distributed fruit seedlings to 348 selected refugees.

Unity

- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, 200 participants from refugee and host community who attended the Business Skills training organized by IRC graduated on 16 August. Certificates and start-up capitals were provided to all graduates.
- UNHCR distributed 2,176 assorted tree seedlings including 1,835 in Ajuong Thok and 332 in Pamir refugee camps. The tree seedling distribution is part of the Environment strategy to reclaim trees cut.
- In Jam-Jang, awareness-raising campaign on environmental protection and planting trees is being conducted, through Jam-Jang FM, schools, door-to-door campaigns, and sensitizing of the new arrivals. So far, an estimated 1,400 individuals have been reached with key information.
- In Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, 116 women are enrolled in literacy and numeracy training.

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted a catch up distribution of seeds to 1,096 persons of concern. Crop and vegetable seeds included sorghum, maize, cowpeas and simsim.
- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR and Partner ACTED provided seed kits to 251 persons of concern which brings the total number of persons who benefited from the project in Gendrassa and Kaya camps to 3,336. The targeted seeds distribution aims at supporting agricultural production for food availability and food access among vulnerable refugee and host community households.
- In Gendrassa refugee camp, UNHCR and partner ACTED facilitated the ploughing of additional 50 acres of agricultural land for seed multiplication. To date a total of 350 acres have been ploughed for seed multiplication that seeks to promote sustainable access to locally adapted staple seeds.
- In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and partner Relief International (RI) supported savings and loaning activities of 262 persons of concern (166 female and 96 male), participating in 14 Village Saving Loans Association groups. The Associations help increase access to loans and engage in micro and small enterprises for income generation. The groups were able to disburse loans worth 62,000 South Sudanese Pounds. Loans acquired were used to support small and micro-enterprises such as the sale of agricultural products, retail shops, food vending, livestock trade and hairdressing.

Main Activities – IDP Programme

COORDINATION

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- In Nasir County's Torkech Payam, UNHCR and its partner ADRA conducted rapid protection assessment to determine risk patterns and trends facing IDPs and host community. During the assessment, the community talked about their challenges, particularly stressing that their current location makes them vulnerable to attacks by cattle raiders and militia groups.
- In Maban, UNHCR and its partner, Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), supported four joint women committees that include 40 refugees and 40 members of host communities with a training and start-up kits for basket weaving and beads-making.
- UNHCR and HDC handed over the newly constructed latrine in Gentil Peace House as well as uniforms for the members of the Peace Committees in Gentil. The project aims at, promoting peaceful co-existence between the host and refugee communities in Batil and Gendrassa camps and host communities.

OPERATIONS

Achievements and Impact

Shelter and NFIs

Western Equatoria

- In Bangasu payam, UNHCR and its partner World Vision International (WVI) distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 840 HHs (4,498 individual) IDPs who are sheltering at Bangasu Mangoru Sub Parish Church about 55 kms from Yambio 10 kms from Makpandu refugee settlement. NFIs included kitchen sets, buckets and plastic sheets. IDPs fled their villages as a result of attacks by armed men in June 2017.

Upper Nile

- UNHCR through its partners distributed essential supplies such as kitchen sets, blankets, jerry cans, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, plastics sheeting and pulses, cereals and vegetable oil to 3,852 individuals displaced from Banketa, Khorfar and Kilo Ashara to Jamam County headquarters following recent conflict in Adar areas.
- In Doro, UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) constructed 171 shelters for the return of the displaced host communities following the conflict between the refugee and the host communities in December 2016. The shelter support aims to ensure that the displaced host communities whose shelters were destroyed be reintegrated and they re-establish their lives in their places of origin in the camp.

Jonglei/Lakes

- In Mingkaman and Awerial counties, UNHCR and its partner HDC distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 3,505 individuals including IDPs and host community members identified through a routine protection monitoring. The vulnerable groups among IDPs include elderly persons, female-headed households, and Person with Disabilities (PWD). Items distributed included, plastic sheets, blankets, sleeping mats, washing soap, collapsible jerry cans, mosquito nets and kitchen sets.

Central Equatoria

- In August, IDP unit finalized distribution of UNIQLO clothes for both POC sites in Juba. In total, about 5,573 individuals were provided with clothing.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Jonglei

- In Bor, UNHCR in collaboration with the Directorate of Nationality, Passport, and Immigration (DNPI) completed the application process for the issuance of Nationality Cards for 175 IDPs, residing inside the Protection of Civilians (POC) site. These IDPs were at risk of becoming stateless as they were confined to the POC without having access to government offices due to movement restrictions imposed since the outbreak of violence in late 2013.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Jonglei

- In Pochalla county, UNHCR partner Nile Hope distributed seeds and tools to 1,000 households.

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