

# SOUTH SUDAN

September 2017

**11,055**

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

**904**

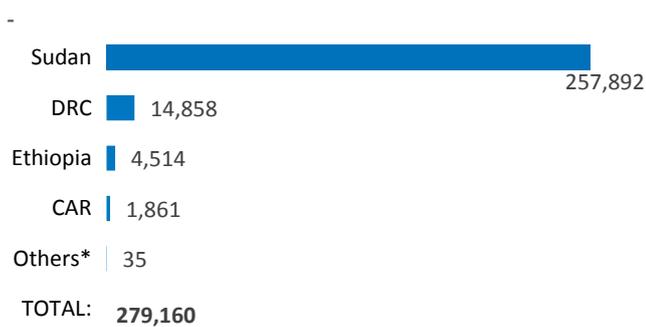
Refugees, IDPs and partners received capacity training across South Sudan in September 2017.

**1,009**

Refugees newly arrived in Yida refugee settlement in September 2017.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

### Countries of Origin

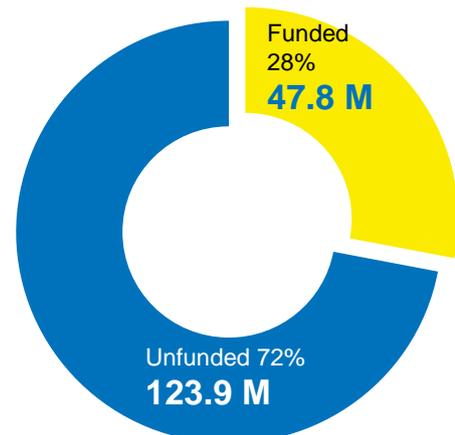


\* Refers to refugees from Uganda, Somalia, Eritrea, Syria, Burundi and Egypt

## FUNDING AS OF 19 SEPTEMBER

**USD 172 M**

requested for the situation



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff

**302** National Staff

**114** 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 (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 30 September 2017, the refugee population in South Sudan stood at 279,160 individuals, consisting of 65,938 households spread in 21 different locations across South Sudan. In June South Sudan received 1,098 new arrivals mainly from Sudan's South Kordofan and registered 919 newborns. Women and children represent 82% of the total refugee population in South Sudan. The Sudanese refugee population remains the largest - 257,892 individuals (92%) followed by Democratic Republic of Congo - 14,858 individuals (5%), Ethiopia - 4,514 individuals (2%) and Central African Republic - 1,861 (1%). The majority (90%) of these refugees are hosted in South Sudan's Upper Nile and Unity regions. Over 1.87 million people are internally displaced in South Sudan. Furthermore, the country hosts 2,400 asylum seekers.
- In September, UNHCR's Deputy Regional Director for the Regional Bureau of Africa Angele Dikongue-Atangana visited South Sudan to get first-hand information on the refugee and IDP situation in South Sudan. 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, she met with the Commissioner for Refugee Affairs, who had also accompanied her to refugee and IDP locations.

### 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 recorded audio messages in Lingala and English on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) to be disseminated among refugees and host community members through peer educators and psychosocial counselors for better awareness on SGBV.
- In Lasu, UMCOR's psychosocial counsellors and peer educators reported 18 new cases of SGBV, including 3 rape cases, 8 domestic violence incidents and 3 cases of early marriage, involving girls aged 14-15 years old. In addition to case management, 9 psychosocial counselling sessions were conducted for the survivors.
- In Yei, UNHCR provided 25 HIV-positive refugees (4M 21F) with food rations to facilitate their ARV intake. Also, UMCOR identified 5 new HIV-positive cases that were given psychosocial counselling and referred to ART Clinic in Yei Hospital.
- In Juba, UNHCR verified 108 refugees during the reporting period. A total of 1,799 representing 1,215 households have been verified in 2017. Also, 143 refugees were enrolled in Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) while seven refugees were activated and 31 inactivated.
- In Juba, UNHCR verified 330 asylum-seekers during the reporting period. A total of 1,295 asylum-seekers have been verified in 2017. Also, 161 asylum seekers were enrolled in BIMS while 32 refugees were activated and seven inactivated.
- In Juba, UNHCR registered 52 asylum-seekers in September. While in Gorom refugee settlement and urban Juba, UNHCR registered 51 refugees.

## Unity

- In Yida, UNHCR registered 1,009 new arrivals. A total of 9,794 new arrivals have been registered since the beginning of 2017 against 9,471 in 2016. Among main reasons cited are alleged 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 crops yield.
- In September, UNHCR relocated 1,156 refugees to Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps. A total of 11,450 refugees have been relocated to these two camps since the beginning of the year, including 1,687 refugee who were previously settled in Yida. The Pamir refugee camp population stands at 15,635 individuals, while the Ajuong Thok camp refugee population is 37,363 individuals as of 30 September 2017.
- In Pamir, UNHCR and its partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted a two-day Gender-Based Violence (GBV) training for 19 mentors and peer educators selected among school, 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 Ajuong Thok, 7 SGBV cases were reported. All cases received support through a comprehensive case management. The cases included 3 sexual assaults, 1 rape case, 2 emotional abuse cases and 1 physical assault case.

## Upper Nile

- In Doro refugee camp, 24 members of the Youth Actors Network attended a one-day training on child and youth protection. The training was to enhance their understanding of child rights and protection and to enable them to unfold awareness raising activities in the community.
- 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 Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs).
- 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 Gendrassa, 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.

## Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR in collaboration with the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) and World Vision International (WVI) conducted a two-day review and operationalization of SGBV prevention and referral for 37 members of the refugee community, partners and other stakeholders. The purpose of the review was to foster community-based response and ownership in addressing SGBV cases and strengthen interaction and coordination among various community actors to respond to SGBV. The review was also looking to strengthen community capacity in independent monitoring of child rights violations, in particular violence against children.

## Education

### Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR selected 11 refugee students for the 2018 DAFI scholarship. A total of 20 young refugees have been selected for DAFI scholarship in 2017. The DAFI scholarship is funded by the Government of Germany and was launched in 1992 to help refugee students study at universities in host countries.
- In Gorom refugee settlement, UNHCR helped enroll 5 refugee teachers in in-service teachers training program at Rombor Teachers Training Institute in Juba.
- In Juba, UNHCR distributed 54 school desks to Rajab secondary school where 40 Anyuak refugee students are enrolled and Blessed Children Primary school which was established by the urban refugee community. A total of 162 students will benefit from the donation, and this will improve safety and contribute to better 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 whereby both refugee and South Sudanese students will now pay the same tuition fee of 125 USD per semester. Previously, refugee students had to pay 400 USD, whereas their local peers 200 USD per semester.

### Upper Nile

- In Maban, 45 refugee women successfully graduated from a 3-month tailoring training organized by UNHCR and Save the Children International (SCI). Graduates were given start-up kits, including sewing machines, cloth and threads.

### Western Equatoria

- In Yambio, UNHCR installed and handed over a solar power system to the State Ministry of Education, Gender and Social Welfare. In addition, Yambio Secondary Boarding was provided with 100 wooden double-decker beds, 200 sponge mattresses, 50 wooden classroom desks, 25 wooden tables and 50 wooden benches.

## Health

- In September, UNHCR commenced the distribution of essential medical supplies to various refugee camps across South Sudan.

### **Upper Nile/Unity**

- In Maban and Jamjang, UNHCR trained 25 health workers of UNHCR partners on Integrated Management of Adolescent and Adult Illnesses in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health (MOH). The training was conducted as part of the strengthening HIV/AIDS programming in refugee camps with specific focus on antiretroviral treatments (ART).
- In Maban and Jamjang, UNHCR trained 26 health workers, and 53 non-health workers (community health workers, community services staff, and SGBV focal points) of partner organizations and UNHCR on mental health and psychosocial support. The training was conducted by War Trauma Foundation with the funding from UNHCR.

### **Unity**

- In September, the 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.

### **Food Security and Nutrition**

#### **Unity**

- Samaritan's Purse (SP) distributed food supplies to 54,536 refugees in Yida, 33,584 refugees in Ajuong Thok and 14,972 refugees in Pamir on behalf of World Food Programme (WFP).

#### **Upper Nile**

- In Maban, UNHCR provided food supplies to 139,596 refugees. The families also received vouchers for milling sorghum. In addition, UNHCR conducted Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) for children aged 6-23 months and Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) as well as quarterly mass mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) screening.

#### **Western Equatoria**

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, World Vision International (WVI) distributed food supplies to 3,444 refugees on behalf of World Food Programme (WFP).

### **Water and Sanitation**

- In Ajuong Thok, water supply coverage stood at 18.15 liters per person per day, while in Pamir camp - 18.73 litres per person per day. Also, UNHCR partner Samaritan's Purse constructed 20 family latrines and four communal latrines in Ajuong Thok and 58 family latrines in Pamir. Pamir has now 1,445 family latrines with crude latrine coverage of 11 and communal latrine coverage of 28, while Ajuong Thok has 4,504 family latrines with crude latrine coverage of 7 and communal latrine coverage of 52.

#### **Upper Nile**

- In Maban camps, UNHCR and partners improved water supply, raising it to 17 litres per person per day.
- In Maban camps, UNHCR partners Medair and Acted constructed 179 new household latrines. These latrines will improve hygiene status 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 3,426 individuals with hygiene messages leading to behavior change and good practices on the use of water and sanitation facilities.

### **Shelter and NFIs**

#### **Upper Nile**

- In Kaya refugee camp, UNHCR and ACTED distributed mosquito nets to 661 households (1,348 individuals) who were relocated from the Doro refugee camp following the inter-communal conflict in May 2017.
- 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**

#### **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 (4F, 27M). The training focused on leadership, peaceful coexistence and conflict resolution and will help foster productive dialogue, conflict mitigation and 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.

### **Access to Energy**

#### **Upper Nile**

- In Yusuf Batil and Doro refugee camps, UNHCR and its partner Relief International (RI) established two new nursery sites to increase the quantity of tree/fruit seedlings. The expected output capacity is 10,000 seedlings per nursery site. Both refugees and host community participated in the establishment process. Establishment of these additional nurseries will help in reforestation of areas close to the refugee camps.
- 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**

#### **Central Equatoria**

- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR 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 and 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 camp, UNHCR partner Relief International (RI) established 11 perma-gardens with the aim to increase the scope and scale of vegetable production in refugee camps and address the challenges related to pests and diseases that destroy vegetable crops. Also, RI, ACTED and Danish Refugee Council (DRC) supported 23 livelihood staff (4F and 19M) 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 Gendrassa camp, the peer extension agents who were trained by UNHCR and ACTED, provided support to 120 refugees practicing seed multiplication farming to replant their crops.
- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and RI provided loan repayment as well as loan management technical support to 300 persons of concern (210F and 90M). 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 Gendrassa Refugee camp, UNHCR partner ACTED supported ploughing of additional 67 acres for agricultural production, bringing a total acreage ploughed to 367.
- In Gendrassa refugee camp, UNHCR and ACTED facilitated business pitch competitions for potential entrepreneurs as part of entrepreneurship support training. 400 persons of concern have benefited so far. Through business pitch competitions held a total of 36 viable business plans were selected for business grant support.

## **Main Activities – IDP Programme**

### *COORDINATION*

#### **Achievements and Impact**

##### **Jonglei**

- In Bor, UNHCR and Safer World facilitated a peace forum at the invitation of the Jonglei State Peace Commission. UNHCR made a presentation on protection principles, human rights and SGBV for 80 participants including, ministers, members of the State legislative assembly and County authorities, CSOs, women representatives, religious leaders, youth groups and partners (service providers). The purpose of the forum was to discuss peace and safety/security concerns raised by communities during consultation sessions held with communities and how to address conflict triggering factors across the state. The peace forum identified factors leading to conflict among communities and came up with ways to mitigate them.

##### **Central Equatoria**

- 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 site.
- 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, etc.
- In Yei, UNHCR and its partner UMCOR conducted a one-day training for 32 (13F and 19M) Community-Based Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) committees on SGBV and basic counselling principles. The training focused on SGBV concepts as a human rights violation, causes, risk factors and negative consequences as well as discussions on referral pathway.
- In Yei, UNHCR partner UMCOR trained 50 foster caregivers (31F 19M) on good parenting skills, ways of fostering good relationship with neglected children, confidentiality and anti-discriminatory practices.

### **Unity**

- In Bentiu, the demarcation of additional land consisting of 340 plots is ongoing through the Ministry of Physical infrastructure and Bentiu Town Mayor's Office. So far, 172 plots were surveyed and are ready to be allocated to the most vulnerable IDP households living in collective centres.

### **Upper Nile**

- In Maban, UNHCR and Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) in coordination with UNMISS Civil Affairs from Malakal conducted a joint training for 60 National Police Officers on conflict mitigation, social cohesion and peace building covering key thematic areas of community policing, crime investigation, South Sudan Police Act, conflict early warning and response, police as a tool for child protection. Also, 60 young people from host community and IDPs were trained in conflict management.
- In Maban, UNHCR and HDC enrolled 60 trainees including refugees, host community and IDPs for apprenticeship placements and vocational skills upgrading under the "Peaceful co-existence initiatives."

### **Shelter and NFIs**

#### **Western Equatoria**

- In Yambio's Bangasu payam, UNHCR partner World Vision International distributed Non-food items (NFI) to 840 IDP households (4,478 individuals). NFIs included plastic sheets, buckets, cooking utensils, mosquito nets, blankets and sleeping mats.

#### **Central Equatoria**

- In Yei, UNHCR distributed plastic sheets to 228 IDPs at former UNMISS site to enable them to construct shelters at the new site provided to them by the state government. The IDPs were allocated plots of 15x15sq.m per household by the state government.

### **Unity**

- In Malakal, UNHCR and Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) distributed dignity kits to 493 adolescent girls and women of reproductive age. Each kit included soap, underwear and sanitary materials.
- In Bentiu, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed plastic sheets, blankets, dignity kits, soap, buckets and mosquito nets to 1,120 individuals with specific needs (PSNs) in Dingding (11 km) away from UNMISS POC.

### **Jonglei/Lakes**

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) distributed solar lamps to 50 families of the most vulnerable IDPs and 60 members of Community-Based Protection Networks.

### **Camp Coordination and Camp Management**

#### **Jonglei**

- In Bor, UNHCR completed collecting information on 200 IDPs who are in need of age assessment certificate.
- In Bor, UNHCR distributed solar lamps to 79 vulnerable households inside the Protection of Civilian (PoC) site. The vulnerability categories included older persons at risk, single parents, and persons with disabilities. 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**

#### **Jonglei**

- In Twic East 100 goats were provided to 50 households, while in Duk 46 goats were provided to 23 households as part of goat re-stocking activity.
- 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 income, income and expenditure, and the use of cashbook.

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