

## HIGHLIGHTS

### KEY FIGURES

#### INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

**262,560**

Refugees in South Sudan

**1.853 M**

IDPs in South Sudan, including  
223,862 people in UNMISS  
Protection of Civilians site

**US \$172 million**

Funding requested for comprehensive  
needs in 2017

**US \$125 million**

Funding requested for priority needs  
in 2017

#### OUTSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

**1,499,055**

South Sudanese refugees in  
neighboring countries (as of 31  
January, 2017):

- Uganda: 698,030
- Ethiopia: 342,419
- Sudan: 297,168
- Kenya: 89,834
- DRC: 66,672
- CAR: 4,932

**US \$649 million**

Funding requested by UNHCR for  
South Sudanese refugees in the region

**US \$166 million**

Funding received by UNHCR for  
South Sudanese refugees in the region

- **UNHCR Commences development of a new site for displaced refugees in Upper Nile:** In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR commenced the development of a new site for the relocation of nearly 12,000 refugees displaced due to the December conflict. The construction work kicked off in the presence of the Chairman of the refugees Peace and Reconciliation Committee and his other members including the youths. The Doro Host community representatives, and based on a unanimous agreement of the County Commissioner, UNHCR and the Host and Refugee Peace and Reconciliation Committees allocated the land for the development of the new site, an action which represents the reconciliation between the refugees and the host community.
- **UNHCR commences in-kind Business Start-ups for Urban Refugees:** In Juba, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) began the distribution of in-kind business start-ups to 64 refugees who lost their properties in Juba as a measure to assist them to improve their existing struggling businesses for possible expansion and growth. The startups include tea shops, cookery shops, retail, charcoal trade and mobile phone re-charging points.
- **UNHCR partner FAO provides vegetable kits for refugees and IDPs:** UNHCR partner, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) through their Emergency Response Programme provided 10,000 vegetable kits to support 8,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and 2,000 refugees in Yei. The initial distribution of the vegetable kits has reached 3,585 beneficiaries including 925 displaced refugees. Vegetable kits include okra, onions, amaranthus, collard, carrot, eggplant, tomato and watering can.
- **UNHCR participates in High-Level Inter-Agency Assessment in Juba:** In Juba, UNHCR participated in high-level Inter-Agency Assessment organized by the Undersecretary Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management on IDPs arriving from Yei. The joint team visited three locations of Juba 2, Khor William and Jebel Checkpoint. The IDP leaders reported a total of 46,600 IDPs registered in the three locations with food, water, and health as their major basic needs. The future intensions of this particular group were unclear. UNHCR will continue monitoring their situation pending further guidance from the Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG).
- **Relocation of refugees from Yida settlement to Pamir Camp continues:** During the reporting period, UNHCR relocated 759 refugees previously settled in Yida to Pamir. Cumulatively, Pamir is now home to 7,642 refugees since opening in September 2016. Upon arrival, refugees received core relief items and residential plots.
- **UNHCR sensitizes urban refugee parents on education enrolment:** In Juba, UNHCR and its partner ACROSS sensitized urban refugee parents on education activities and the new strategy for the enrolment of urban refugee children in primary schools. Public primary schools in Juba with safe learning environments are being assessed by ACROSS with the aim of designating them for the enrolment of refugee children in urban Juba.
- **UNHCR partner Internews installs FM radio in Bentiu:** UNHCR partner INTERNEWS installed Kondial FM 97.2 in Bentiu. When launched, the radio will provide humanitarian information to residents within 25 KMs range from Bentiu. The testing feedback is positive as its transmission is clear and a huge population within the radius has confirmed their interest and happiness on the topics aired. Also, Internews distributed 79 sets radios to IDPs.

## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- **Renewed fighting erupts in Upper Nile:** Fresh clashes broke out around South Sudan's second-largest city of Malakal, a rebel spokesman and a government official confirmed to the press, the latest turn in the struggle for the capital of the oil-producing Upper Nile region. The United Nations said Malakal, on the banks of the White Nile near the country's northern border with Sudan, was largely deserted after civilians fled the fighting. Amid an outbreak of violence in Malakal, the United Nations mission in South Sudan called on the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and the SPLA in Opposition to silence the guns. "The Mission reiterates its call on all parties to immediately cease hostilities and fully implement the peace agreement," according to a statement from the Office of the Spokesperson at the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). UNMISS said the situation in the town remained "tense." UN peacekeepers are continuing to regularly patrol the northern town, and report that it is "largely deserted." The UN Mission "will continue to act within its capacity to protect South Sudanese civilians in imminent danger," the read in part, calling for humanitarian aid and access to the affected areas. After fighting erupted on 25 January close to Malakal, renewed clashes were reported in Wau Shilluk on 3 February, causing the remaining national humanitarian staff on the ground to flee. Wau Shilluk is reported to be deserted, with its estimated population of around 20,000 internally displaced and host community displacing north to Kodok and beyond.
- **United Nations calls for an end to violence in South Sudan:** The United Nations Security Council called for an end to the fighting in South Sudan as well as the immediate deployment of regional protection forces in the country. Members of the 15-member body, in a statement, also urged South Sudanese authorities to allow easy access for humanitarian aid. Speaking after the Security Council members held a closed-door meeting with the head of South Sudan's peace monitoring body, Festus Mogae, Britain's ambassador to the U.N, Matthew Rycroft warned that the young nation faces continued violence. "I think that was a sign that things are very difficult about the political agreement," Rycroft told reporters on Monday. This comes months after the U.N special envoy on prevention of genocide, Adama Dieng warned of a likely genocide in the country.
- **Kenyan troops to return to South Sudan after persuasion by UN chief:** Kenya and the United Nations have agreed to restore relations after previous disputes over military deployment in South Sudan. Kenya withdrew its peacekeeping troops from a UN mission in South Sudan in late 2016 after its mission commander was withdrawn in the wake of the July 2016 conflict. The agreement was reached at a meeting between President Uhuru Kenyatta and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at the sideline of the African Union Heads of state summit in Addis Ababa. "I want the United Nations to be reconciled with Kenya. Let us make a fresh start. Kenya is a very important player in the region, and I feel that we have to work together to secure peace and security. Let us put the past behind us," Guterres told President Kenyatta.
- **The new head of U.N. mission for S. Sudan arrives in Juba:** The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in South Sudan, David Shearer arrived in Juba on 20 January. Shearer, also head of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) succeeds Ellen Margrethe Løj, whose term ended in November 2016. Upon his arrival, Mr. Shearer said he was looking forward to the assignment, which he acknowledged would be a challenging one. "The people of South Sudan deserve to have a state that is functioning and looks after them, is stable and provides for their peace and prosperity," he told reporters. Mr. Shearer further stressed, would do whatever it could to bring peace and stability in South Sudan.
- **United Nations says thousands of Civilians flee insecurity in Kajo-keji area:** Following the eruption of violence in Kajo-keji in the third week of January, thousands of people continue to flee Kajo-Keji area in South Sudan's Central Equatoria due to rampant insecurity, UN spokesperson said. In a press briefing in New York, Stephane Dujarric, the Spokesman for the UN Secretary-General, said they received reports from humanitarian organizations that thousands of people have been displaced from areas in and around Kajo-keji, causing the outflow of civilians across the border to Uganda. He further said more than 4,000 people arrived into Uganda on 28 January alone. The spokesman pointed out that refugees report killings of civilians, sexual violence, and fears of arrest and abduction as their main reasons for fleeing. "There are currently around 30,000 people who were previously displaced from other locations in Central Equatoria sheltering in three internally displaced persons' sites in Liwolo area, outside of Kajo-Keji," said Dujarric.

## REFUGEE RESPONSE



### Achievements and impact

#### Upper Nile

- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR commenced the development of a new site for the relocation of nearly 12,000 refugees displaced due to the December conflict. The construction work kicked off in the presence of the Chairman of the refugees Peace and Reconciliation Committee and his other members including the youths. The Doro Host community representatives, and based on a unanimous agreement of the County Commissioner, UNHCR and the Host and Refugee Peace and Reconciliation Committees allocated the land for the development of the new site, an action which represents the reconciliation between the refugees and the host community.

### Unity

- During the reporting period, UNHCR relocated 759 refugees previously settled in Yida to Pamir. Cumulatively, Pamir is now home to 7,642 refugees since opening in September 2016. Upon arrival, refugees received core relief items and residential plots.
- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR conducted 86 sessions of advocacy on Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) to reduce the risk of SGBV and improve the quality of response. Also, 2,246 refugees (995 M, 1251F) were reached with messages on the consequences of SGBV, the SGBV referral pathway and services available at the Women and Girls Wellness Centre.
- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR identified and registered 105 unaccompanied children including 44 boys and 61 girls. UNHCR partner World Food Programme (WFP) supported them with food items such as beans, rice, oil, and lentils to supplement their routine food provided for all the refugees
- In Pamir Refugee Camp, UNHCR partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted 19 sessions of advocacy on SGBV. Cumulatively 34 sessions have been carried out in 2017.
- In Yida Settlement, UNHCR in collaboration with Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the refugee leadership held a meeting with children on the street who are living in the children's centre. The meeting urged children to relocate to Pamir where they will get proper services and have opportunities to go to school. Out of the 25 children who were present in the meeting, nine boys and one girl opted to relocate to Pamir voluntarily.

### Central Equatoria

- In Yei, the residual community of Congolese refugees in Kukuyi boma, close to Yei reported that some 120 of their fellow refugees who fled to DRC after the attack on Lasu settlement in September 2016, returned to the area in South Sudan. They reportedly complained of the lack of humanitarian assistance in their areas of displacement in DRC
- In Juba, UNHCR registered 47 asylum seekers (16 females and 31 male) including 45 from Eritrea and two from Ethiopia.
- In Juba, UNHCR in collaboration with the South Sudan Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) issued certificates to 69 asylum seekers. UNHCR also issued ID cards to 23 refugees during the reporting period.
- In Yei, UNHCR relocated 26 vulnerable refugees from Yei to Ajuong Thok refugee camp during the reporting period. Cumulatively, 60 displaced refugees have been voluntarily relocated from Yei to Ajuong Thok refugee camp since the beginning of 2017. These refugees were previously settled in Lasu refugee settlement before their displacement in September 2016.
- In Juba, UNHCR and CRA continue to conduct screenings of refugees formerly in Lasu settlement who had fled to Juba. During the reporting period, UNHCR screened 26 refugees.

### Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR recorded 11 cases of reported sexual gender-based violence (SGBV). All cases received psychosocial counselling.

## Education

### **Achievements and Impact**

#### Central Equatoria

- In Gorom refugee settlement, UNHCR and its partner ACROSS formed a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) comprising of host and refugee communities. The PTA will reinforce the school governance and ensure community participation in education activities.
- In Juba, UNHCR distributed stationary to 14 DAFI students studying at St. Mary's College as part of support to ensure achievement of academic performance. DAFI is the German acronym for the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative Fund scholarship, launched in 1992, that enables refugees to study at universities in their host countries.
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- During the reporting period, UNHCR in coordination with ACROSS relocated three Anuak refugee students from Kajo Keji to Juba due to the ongoing conflict in the area. The three arrived in Juba on 30 January and proceeded to Gorom refugee settlement, where they normally reside.



## Achievements and Impact

### Unity

- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR and partners International Rescue Committee (IRC), and Samaritan's Purse (SP) are working to control the outbreak of chickenpox, which started in mid-January. So far more than 54 cases were detected, and cases are decreasing. No deaths occurred. Community sensitization, hygiene promotion, and surveillance are ongoing.



## Achievements and impact

### Unity

- In Ajuong Thok, UNHCR partner World Food Programme (WFP) carried out General Food Distribution (GFD) for the month of January to all refugees.
- In Pamir camp, UNHCR partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) continued the blanket supplementary food distribution to pregnant and lactating mothers.
- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR screened children of age 6-59 months old from week 1 to 3 and identified 37 malnourished cases; 2 severely malnourished (admitted to the outpatient therapeutic program) and 35 moderately malnourished (admitted to supplementary feeding program). There are currently 161 refugee children previously settled in Yida settlement enrolled for nutrition rehabilitation.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR screened children aged 6-59 months old from week 1 to 3 and identified 92 malnourished cases; 20 severely malnourished (2 admitted to Stabilization Care and 16 to outpatient therapeutic program) and 72 moderately malnourished (admitted to supplementary feeding program). There are currently 225 children enrolled for nutrition rehabilitation.

### Central Equatoria

- In Gorom settlement, UNHCR partner WFP carried out GFD for the month of January for 2,195 refugees present at the time of distribution.

## Identified needs and remaining gaps

### Central Equatoria

- A recent UNHCR assessment in Gorom settlement concluded lack rainfall in December 2016 and January 2017 has severely affected the second season crops harvest. The second season harvest is one of the sources for supplementing the food requirements that cannot be met with the WFP food distribution. To improve this, UNHCR will partner with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to train refugee farmers on early warning system.



## Achievements and Impact

### Unity

- In Ajuong Thok Refugee Camp, UNHCR distributed basic material support to 434 extremely vulnerable people. Items included second-hand clothes, underwear, beans, and salt.
- In Ajuong Thok camp, UNHCR completed the construction of a new Nutrition Centre, which will be officially handed over to UNHCR's partner, African Humanitarian Action (AHA) to run the services.



## Achievements and impact

### Unity

- In Ajuong Thok camp, during the reporting period water supply coverage stood at 16.87 litres per person per day and in Pamir camp, water supply coverage stood at 32.28 litres per day per person. To increase the supply of water in Ajuong Thok, UNHCR constructed a wooden platform for a 5,000 litre plastic tank.



## Achievements and impact

### Unity

- In Ajuong Thok refugee Camp, 121 vulnerable women enrolled and engaged in basic economic empowerment and skills training of tailoring. In Pamir refugee Camp, 214 adolescent girls enrolled in life skills activities training, including sessions on Gender ‘Roles and Our Bodies’.

### Central Equatoria

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## Camp Coordination and Camp Management

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### Achievements and Impact

#### Central Equatoria

- In Gorom refugee settlement, UNHCR partner ACROSS work progressed well on the rehabilitation of internal roads totalling seven kilometres. The labor-based cash for work scheme utilized to rehabilitate these roads is assisting vulnerable refugees to make income for their essential needs that they do not receive through the World Food Programme (WFP) general food distribution.



## Access to Energy

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### Achievements and Impact

- In Ajuong Thok, during the reporting period, UNHCR distributed 357 Fuel Efficient Stoves (FES). Cumulatively, 1,857 FES have been distributed since the beginning of 2017. These will reduce the frequency of firewood collection, reduce environmental degradation, and reduce the risk SGBV cases among women in the camp.

## IDP RESPONSE



## Protection

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### COORDINATION

#### Achievements and impact

##### Unity

- In Bentiu and Rubkona towns, UNHCR and cluster partners Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and UNICEF conducted a protection assessment to identify vulnerable cases for proper and timely humanitarian intervention. The joint assessment identified 69 households (301 individuals) who need material support. Also, UNICEF identified seven separated children aged between 2-12 years.

### OPERATIONS



## Shelter and NFIs

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#### Achievements and impact

##### Unity

- In Bentiu, as a result of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) biometric registration exercise, UNHCR identified 452 vulnerable IDPs to be supported with NFIs during an upcoming general food distribution inside the Protection of Civilian (POC) site.
- In Bentiu POC, UNHCR recorded two rape cases from the new arrivals. Both cases were referred to MSF for medication and psychosocial support. The survivors experienced the incidents at night on their way from Guit

## **Central Equatoria**

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- In Juba, UNHCR protection desk received 104 new arrivals from Yei, Lainya, Torit and Leer. They mentioned insecurity and lack of humanitarian assistance are the reasons for their arrival to the UN House Juba. They raised concerns regarding the lack of food, non-food items, and shelter in UN House. UNHCR referred the new arrivals to camp management for registration and shelter allocation. The issue of food was raised with WFP for persons with special needs (PSNs).
- In Yei, UNHCR recorded some 116 new arrivals from Pakula, Mapoko, Kabengere, Minyori and Kergulu villages. UNHCR and UMCOR identified and verified 206 households comprising 406 individuals with specific needs to benefit from the eight metric ton balance of WFP's remaining sorghum.

## **Jonglei**

- In Bor, UNHCR and other protection cluster partners concluded identification and verification of PSNs of 507 households consisting of 2,701 individuals out of the initial 900 households and 5,335 individuals IDPs displaced from Yei residing in Bor town. The caseload includes female-headed households, child-headed households, older and disabled persons as well as lactating and pregnant women. The verification team forwarded recommendations for further intervention by all clusters based on the priorities needs. The joint assessment included partners such as Community Indeed Aid (CINA), Save the Children International (SCI), War Child-Holland, Health Link, Dress the Child Organization (DRECCO) and UNMISS.

## **Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**

### **Unity**

- In Bentiu, food insecurity is highly mentioned by all the IDPs coming to either into the POC site or to Bentiu town.
- Lack of permanent presence of humanitarian agencies in the far areas of Central, Northern and Southern Unity state is making both the POC and Bentiu a pull factor.

### **Central Equatorial**

- In Juba, UNHCR and partners held a coordination meeting at Mahad IDP site on January 27, 2016. Partners discussed their 2017 planned interventions in the site. Lack of registration and food assistance for the new arrivals (estimated at 4,322 individuals since 2014) remained a major concern. Out of a total population of 7,752, only 3430 individuals are receiving food assistance. UNHCR further raised the same concern at the Humanitarian Coordination Forum (HCF) of Central Equatoria from where the state Director Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) requested Mothers and Children Development Association (MACDA) and World Food Programme (WFP) to map out IDPs both in Mahad and Don Bosco not receiving food assistance for onward discussion with WFP.
- In Juba, UNHCR identified 95 PSNs among new arrivals who are unregistered residing in various blocks/Zones; These PSNs are mostly single mothers, elderly at risk and persons with disabilities. UNHCR will advocate with Camp Management and other operational partners for registration and humanitarian assistance. UNHCR outreach team referred 13 PSNs among the new arrivals to WFP for food assistance and other services offered at the sites by humanitarian partners.



## **Camp Coordination and Camp Management**

### **Achievements and Impact**

- In Bentiu, the Camp, Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) led by UNHCR and co-led by IOM facilitated a meeting with the Community High Committee (CHC) that convinced the striking volunteers to suspend their strike which started in mid-January. The meeting urged the volunteers to resume work as they wait for feedback from Juba.
- UNHCR partner INTERNEWS installed Kondial FM 97.2 in Bentiu. When launched, the radio will provide humanitarian information to residents within 25 KMs range from Bentiu. The testing feedback is positive as its transmission is clear and a huge population within the radius has confirmed their interest and happiness on the topics aired. Also, Internews distributed 79 sets radios to IDPs.



## **Shelter and NFIs**

### **Achievements and impact**

#### **Jonglei**

- In Mingkaman, UNHCR partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) refurbished 200 shelters of some 200 households' of extremely vulnerable IDPs. The beneficiaries included female-headed households, elderly and persons with disability.

## Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

### Central Equatoria

- In Juba, over 100 IDPs' new arrivals are living in community shelters are not registered for any assistance. Lack of registration and food assistance remains a major concern for new arrivals. NFI support recommended for this particular group as they came to the POC site without any thing.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to USD 89,773,301 for the financial year 2016. 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 programs with earmarked and broadly earmarked funds. UNHCR's comprehensive needs for 2017 amount to \$172 million, with most priority needs of \$125 million. UNHCR will report on 2017 contributions upon close of accounts for 2016 in the first quarter of 2017.

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### **Links:**

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[Einstein scholarships bring hope to refugee students in South Sudan](#)

[UNHCR News Story: New 'Protection Desks' give expert help to South Sudan's vulnerable](#)

[UNHCR News Story: 100.000 fearful civilians trapped in South Sudan town](#)

[UNHCR Briefing Note: UNHCR sounds warning alarms over situation in South Sudan's Yei](#)