



SOUTH SUDAN
April 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

55,000

Refugee children under five years immunized against polio in Unity and Upper Nile

29,574

Exercise books and school kits distributed in Upper Nile and Central Equatoria

7,000

Tree seedlings planted in three newly opened nurseries in Upper Nile

3,350

IDPs received assistance from UNHCR in Upper Nile, Jonglei and Bahr al Ghazal

Unity: In April, 1,599 Sudanese refugees from South Kordofan State arrived in Yida, bringing the number of new arrivals since 1st January 2016 to 4,635. This represents a 40 percent increase compared to the previous month. They reported hunger, aerial bombardments and ground attacks as the main reasons for fleeing to South Sudan. UNHCR provided them, inter alia, with registration, reception assistance and transportation to Ajuong Thok.

Upper Nile: In Maban, UNHCR and partners began implementation of preventive and mitigating measures to tackle malnutrition among refugees. In Gendrassa and Doro camps, Supplementary Feeding Program for children under five years is ongoing and so is the distribution of Corn-Soya Blend Plus for pregnant and lactating women in Yusuf Batil and Kaya camps.

Central Equatoria: In Lasu, 1,400 refugee and host community families joined an agriculture fair, gaining access to a wide range of crop seeds for the current planting season. UNHCR, FAO and UMCOR organized the fair.

Population of concern

A total of **1.69 million** IDPs

A total of **266,916** refugees

Refugees by country of origin

Country	Total
Sudan	245,803
DRC	14,855
Ethiopia	4,379
Central African Republic	1,879
Total	266,916

UNHCR Presence

Staff: 374

277 national staff
97 international staff

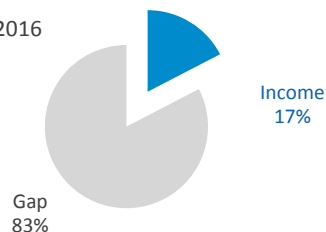
Offices:

9 offices located in:
Juba, Jamjang, Bunj, Bentiu, Bor, Kwajok, Malakal, Rumbek, Yambio, Yei, Yida.
2 field units located in: Mingkaman and Nimule

Funding

USD 275,668,213

Requested for comprehensive needs in 2016



USD 121,556,542

Needed for top priority activities in 2016



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and 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 2016 are the following: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), ACROSS, ACTED, CARE International, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humane Development Consortium (HDC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Relief International (IR), Samaritan's Pursue (SP), Save the Children, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), UNOPS, UNV and World Vision International (WVI).
- In the **IDP response**, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Committee (RRC). **Implementing partners** in 2016 are: ADRA, African Humanitarian Action (AHA), Danish Refugee Council, Handicap International, Health Link, Humane Development Consortium, INTERSOS, International Rescue Committee, Nile Hope, TOCH, 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, FARM South Sudan, Food Agriculture Organization (FAO), ICRC, Jesuit Refugee Service (JSR), Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium), Medair, Mentor, OXFAM, SIM, UNAIDS, UNOCHA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMAS, UNMISS, World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), Women for Women International and World Renew International.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – REFUGEE PROGRAMME

Protection

Unity

- In April 2016, UNHCR registered and assisted 1,599 new arrivals from Sudan's South Kordofan State in Yida, bringing the number of new arrivals since 1 January 2016 to 4,635. This represents a 40 percent increase compared to the previous month. Nearly 90 percent of new arrivals were women and children from Boram, Heban and Umdoreen Counties in Sudan, with unaccompanied minors and separated children representing 10 percent of the new arrivals. They reported hunger, aerial bombardments and ground attacks as the main reasons for fleeing to South Sudan. In April, UNHCR relocated 1,598 refugees from Yida to Ajuong Thok, including 1,405 new arrivals and 193 refugees who had previously registered in Yida, bringing the total number of Sudanese relocated to Ajuong Thok since 1 January 2016 to 4,310. Ajuong Thok camp is home to 36,347 refugees, while Yida hosts 70,876 people.
- In Yida settlement, UNHCR identified eight unaccompanied minors and 106 separated children among the new arrivals. Another 16 unaccompanied minors and separated children were identified in Yida market and transferred to Ajuong Thok camp for foster care placement. In the camp, there are currently 284 unaccompanied minors and 3,061 separated children. So far this year, 69 children have been placed in foster care, 21 reunited with their families and 258 others provided with material assistance.
- In Yida settlement, UNHCR kicked off in late April an operation to verify the refugee population. By the end of the month, nearly 3,500 refugees had been verified as active refugees and another 285 individuals were inactivated in UNHCR registration database as their family members confirmed that they no longer live in Yida. The verification will continue in May.
- In Ajuong Thok camp, UNHCR partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted a two-day training for 27 police officers about human rights and refugee protection.
- In Ajuong Thok camp, UNHCR and partners conducted awareness sessions with nearly 1,500 refugees on human rights, refugee rights and responsibilities and South Sudan laws. Furthermore, 80 youth were involved in a three-day training on community-based protection, international law and conflict resolution.

Upper Nile

- In Maban camps, UNHCR and partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) organized a training for 30 community leaders on human rights and customary laws in order to enable the community to solve issues through legal means.

Central Equatoria

- In Juba, UNHCR and South Sudan's Commission for Refugees Affairs (CRA) conducted a one-day orientation session for members of the South Sudan Eligibility Committee (EC), which was launched in February 2016. The training included reviewing international and national legal frameworks for the protection of refugees, the role of the EC, Refugee Status Determination procedural standards and the development of a training plan for the EC.
- In Juba, UNHCR partner Humane Development Consortium (HDC) opened a Community Centre at Gudele suburb to provide individual protection and legal counseling for persons of concern and to serve as a referral hub for persons with specific needs.
- UNHCR concluded the verification of refugees living in Lasu settlement, Yei town, Panyume and Morobo Counties. As a result, the population decreased from 12,007 to 10,584, compared to March's registration.

Western Equatoria

- From 11 to 15 April, UNHCR and partners organized a humanitarian convoy, protected by armed peacekeepers, to carry 39 refugees from Ezo settlement to Makpandu, a town 220 km to the east. So far this year, 69 refugees have been relocated from Ezo out of 206 individuals who had initially registered. Humanitarian agencies pulled out from Ezo in November last year, following clashes between government soldiers and local armed youth. While humanitarian services in the settlement have been discontinued as from 29 February 2016, UNHCR continues to offer refugees support to relocate to Makpandu.

Education

Unity

- In Pariang, UNHCR and partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) organized a ceremony to award Ajuong Thok primary school's refugee students who had exceptionally performed at the 2015 national primary school examination. In the boys' category, nine of the top ten positions were taken by refugee students, while in the girls' category, refugee students took all the top five positions. The best students received pocket money and learning materials.

Upper Nile

- In Maban camps, UNHCR partners Save the Children International (SCI) and Lutheran World Federation (LWF) distributed 26,740 exercise books and other scholastic materials to facilitate the upcoming primary school exams.
- In Maban, 35 primary school teachers from the refugee and host communities enrolled in the Teacher Training College, operated by UNHCR partner Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS), seeking to improve the quality of their teaching.

Central Equatoria

- In Lasu settlement, UNHCR finalized the agreement to rehabilitate two temporary primary schools that were significantly damaged by thunderstorms in mid-April.
- UNHCR partner UMCOR distributed 2,416 school kits to primary and secondary schools pupils in Lasu settlement and another 418 kits to local pupils in Nyori Primary School. As a result, 162 new pupils enrolled in primary education in April, bringing the total number of enrollment to 2,446.

Health

Unity

- In Yida settlement and Ajuong Thok camp, UNHCR and partners reached more than 10,300 children under five years with supplementation of Vitamin A and nearly 4,500 with deworming drugs.
- In Yida settlement and Ajuong Thok camp, UNHCR and partners completed the first round of National Polio Immunization Day campaign, reaching more than 22,600 children under 5 years.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, UNHCR and partners completed the first round of the National Polio Immunization Days campaign, reaching more than 31,000 children under five years (above 100 percent of the target), in coordination with South Sudan's Ministry of Health, Maban Health Department, WHO and UNICEF.
- In Maban, UNHCR partner Relief International (RI) scaled up services at Gentil hospital, which now provides a 24-hour emergency room, adult and pediatric in-patient department, a 24-hour maternity ward (basic emergency obstetric and newborn care), an immunization programme and a stabilization centre. This hospital serves both the refugee and host communities from Yusuf Batil and Gendrassa camps.

- In Maban, UNHCR partner Samaritan Purse (SP) began offering dental services to both host community and refugees in Bunj Hospital.

Central Equatoria

- In Lasu settlement, UNHCR and partners succeeded in containing a measles outbreak through health education, case management, isolation, community sensitization and mass vaccination. A total of 47 cases have been detected and treated since the start of the outbreak in mid-January.

Food Security and Nutrition

Unity

- In Gendrassa and Doro camps, UNHCR partner International Medical Corps (IMC) began Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program for children under five years through distribution of Plumpy Sup, provided by World Food Program. Distribution of Corn-Soya Blend Plus (CBS+) for Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) took place in Yusuf Batil and Kaya camps. This is part of the efforts to tackle high rates of Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) and Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) in the camps. A nutrition survey, conducted in late 2015, found that Doro camp had the highest rates of GAM and SAM among all the refugee camps surveyed in Unity and Upper Nile, with GAM as high as 15.5 percent and SAM 2.6 percent -above the UNHCR standards of 10 percent and 2 percent. Such an increase is mainly attributed to the 30 percent reduction of food rations as from August 2015, frequent breaks in the food pipeline, incomplete food baskets, upsurge of malaria and diarrhea.

Water and Sanitation

Unity

- In Yida settlement, the average water coverage stood at 19.2 litre per person per day (l/p/d) - a slight increase compared to March. The average latrine-to-refugee ratio is 10:1, which is within UNHCR standards of a maximum of 20 persons per latrine.
- In Ajuong Thok camp, the average water coverage stood at 18 l/p/d - slightly below UNHCR standards of 20 l/p/d, due to the increasing number of new arrivals.

Upper Nile

- In Maban camps, the average water coverage was to 23 l/p/d by the end of April.

Shelter and NFIs

Central Equatoria

- In Gorom camp, UNHCR conducted a comprehensive shelter assessment together with CRA, partner ACROSS and representatives of the refugee community. The camp, which hosts 1,970 ethnic Anuak refugees from Ethiopia (725 families), consists of nine villages of six blocks each. UNHCR's plan is to rehabilitate individual shelters, improve water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities and install solar streetlights.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Unity

- At Pamir, work is ongoing to establish camp infrastructure and services, including demarcation of blocks, a reception centre and latrines for new arrivals, the police post, a primary health care centre, temporary classrooms and a primary school.

Upper Nile

- In Maban camps, UNHCR handed over four police posts to the Maban County Commissioner and the Police Commissioner in an effort to help the police enhance protection services for refugees.
- In Gendrassa camp, UNHCR partner ACTED completed the installation of 30 solar streetlights while another 30 are being installed in Kaya camp at the time of writing this report.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Upper Nile

- In Yusuf Batil camp, UNHCR partner RI completed the establishment of tree nurseries to promote environmental protection in areas that have experienced deforestation over the past two years. To date, 7,000 seedlings have been planted, including neem, acacia, calliandra, cessbania, baan, lemon, guava, and mango.
- In Yusuf Batil camp, the refugee and host communities jointly opened a livestock market, with UNHCR's help. The establishment of the market aims at reinforcing peaceful coexistence between the two communities by minimizing illegal sale of stolen animals, which sparked inter-community tensions in the past.

Central Equatoria

- In Lasu settlement, UNHCR, FAO and UMCOR organized Agriculture Input Trade Fair for 1,400 host community and refugee families. Crop seeds available at the fair included rice, groundnuts, beans, sesame, maize and sorghum. The objective of holding this fair was to offer refugees with an opportunity to access a wider range of seeds for the current planting season. During the fair, refugees were provided with agricultural tools.
- In Gorom camp, national NGO ROOTS began implementing a pilot project to help refugee women develop artistic skills for self-reliance. So far, 30 women and girls were enrolled in beading as well as literacy classes.

MAIN ACTIVITIES – IDP PROGRAMME

Protection

OPERATIONS

Upper Nile

- In the Malakal Protection of Civilians (POC) site, UNHCR and partner HDC distributed non-food items to 136 IDPs with specific needs.

Western Bahr al Ghazal

- In Mboro, UNHCR provided sanitary pads, blankets and kitchen sets to some 1,200 vulnerable women, as part of an inter-agency response to 5,000 internally displaced people from Wau County. Many of them were displaced multiple times between late November 2015 and January this year due to fighting between Sudan's People Liberation Army (SPLA) soldiers and armed elements in the outskirts of Wau. An inter-agency assessment, carried out on the 7th of April, put the number of IDPs in the area to 8,000.

Jonglei

- Following an inter-agency assessment in Bor's Malual-Agoorbar villages, UNHCR distributed soap to 2,009 vulnerable IDPs (541 families), mostly elderly female-headed households, and pregnant and lactating mothers. Outside Bor town, UNHCR also distributed non-food items to 173 vulnerable IDPs

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