

SUDAN: South Sudanese Refugee Response

15 August 2017

Increased influx continues to South Darfur with 2,900 refugees arriving in beginning of August.

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4,338

New arrivals in August so far

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Total new arrivals in 2017

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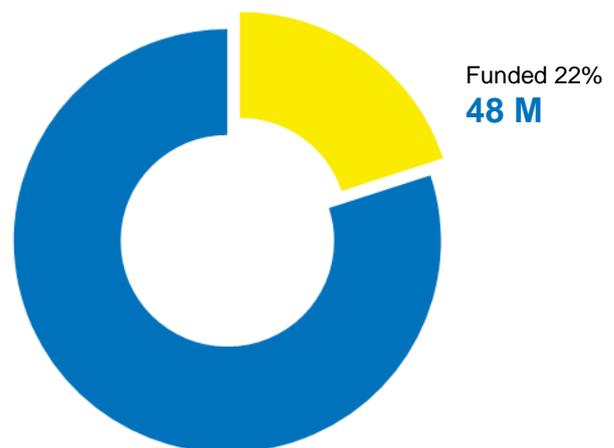
South Sudanese refugees who have fled to Sudan since December 2013

(*The Government of Sudan estimates the number of South Sudanese refugees to be 1.3 million, including those who remained in Sudan following South Sudan's secession in 2011.)

Population and demographic update can be found on page 4.

TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED

USD 221.7 M



NEW ARRIVALS BY STATE IN 2017

STATE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG (1-15)	TOTAL
WHITE NILE	3,801	5,901	15,363	11,576	17,249	2,482	2,113	229	58,714
EAST DARFUR	4,300	2,975	26,208	3,272	6,637	1,725	699	195	46,011
SOUTH DARFUR	709	2,324	--	2,731	8,300	2,627	7,579	2,900	27,170
SOUTH KORDOFAN	480	8,185	6,661	3,398	6,360	765	331	201	26,381
WEST KORDOFAN	1,708	5,462	1,050	2,110	630	563	377	813	12,713
NORTH DARFUR	--	--	--	200	4,330	--	5,073	--	9,603
TOTAL	10,998	24,847	49,282	23,287	43,506	8,162	16,172	4,513	180,592

Population Update

- **SUDAN SURPASSES TOTAL ANTICIPATED NEW ARRIVALS FOR 2017 BY MID-AUGUST** – Over 180,000 South Sudanese refugees have arrived in Sudan in 2017 so far. The majority of new arrivals in 2017 have fled to White Nile, followed by East Darfur, South Darfur and South Kordofan. Despite having surpassed the revised planning figure of 180,000 for 2017 new arrivals, the total caseload of refugees who arrived in Sudan post-December 2013 remains below the overall planning figure estimate of 477,000 by the end of 2017. This is due to the roll-out of biometric registration of the existing caseload, which has helped to refine household level estimates to provide a clear picture of individual refugee figures.
- **ONGOING INFLUX OF REFUGEES INTO SOUTH DARFUR** – Since 1 July, nearly 10,500 refugees have arrived in South Darfur, including 2,900 refugees who arrived between 1-15 August. New arrivals report crossing the border from Western Bahr Ghazal state in South Sudan, fleeing escalating conflict and emergency levels of food insecurity. Additionally, approximately 278 individuals (68 households) have reportedly transited to Buram from El Ferdous, East Darfur to join family members. Based on the current trends, the state Refugee Working Group (RWG) is working with partners to prepare contingency plans for an estimated 30,000 - 40,000 additional refugees who are anticipated to arrive in South Darfur by January 2018.

Operational Update

- **UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES VISITS SUDAN** – UNHCR Chief, Mr. Filippo Grandi, visited Sudan 15-16 August to highlight the plight of South Sudanese refugees in Sudan. On 15 August, Mr. Grandi visited with refugees and partners in Al Nimir refugee camp in East Darfur, followed by meetings with the donor and humanitarian community and top government officials, including President Omar Al-Bashir. Mr. Grandi congratulated the Government of Sudan on its long history of generosity to refugees and asylum-seekers, as one of the largest refugee hosting countries in the world. He also emphasized the need to scale-up support to host communities in Sudan and expand registration activities. President Bashir committed to maintaining Sudan's open-border policy and supporting refugees in out-of-camp locations.
- **SITUATION IN AL WARAL CAMP RETURNS TO NORMAL** – Activities in Al Waral camp have been resumed following an incident on 1 August 2017 that led to destruction of several facilities by refugees in the camp and the alleged sexual assault of six Sudanese teachers who were working in the camp. The camp was temporarily closed to UN and INGO partners until 9 August. The incident was triggered by a rumour that a refugee from the camp had died in police custody after being arrested for stealing a bag of sorghum. High level representatives from the Government of Sudan and UNHCR, including the UNHCR Representative, Federal COR Commissioner and police officials, visited Al Waral immediately after the incident to help normalize the situation. UNHCR is working closely with Sudan's authorities to discuss appropriate measures that can strengthen security to help avoid similar events in the future without isolating refugees from host communities.

- **FERRY SERVICE TO WHITE NILE REFUGEE CAMPS RESUMED** – The Jabalain ferry service has resumed and can now be used by partners to access refugee camps. The ferry provides access to six refugee camps, including Al Redis I and II, Jouri, Al Kashafa, Um Sangour and Al Waral, as well as transfers from the El Megenis and Umjalala border entry points. The ferry was rehabilitated by UNHCR in 2015 and helps to cut down transit times and address road access issues faced by response partners over the rainy season.
- **SCHOOL YEAR STARTS FOR OVER 1,600 STUDENTS IN AL NIMIR, EAST DARFUR** – The school year began in Al Nimir refugee camp on 15 August for 1,615 students in grades 1-8, nearly 80% of the school-aged population in the camp. To prepare for the start of classes, UNHCR worked with the Ministry of Education and the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) to enrol students, identify teachers, construct and equip eight temporary classrooms, and to distribute school supplies. Four additional temporary classrooms are planned in order to reduce the number of students per class. School feeding is also recommended to encourage student retention and to further increase enrolment. A secondary school is also needed, as neither the host community nor the camp have formal learning spaces for older students.
- **ACUTE WATERY DIARRHEA (AWD) OUTBREAK CONTAINED IN EAST DARFUR CAMPS AND KOROFAN STATES** – Efforts by UNHCR, the Ministry of Health (MOH) and WHO, as well as government and NGO health partners have been successful in containing AWD outbreaks within refugee populations in East Darfur and South and West Kordofan states. No new cases have been reported in Al Nimir refugee camp so far in August, while 4 new cases have been reported from Kario. According to MoH, there are no new cases of AWD among the refugee population in West and South Kordofan. In Al Nimir and Kario refugee camps, treatment centres (CTCs) remain functional, and health and hygiene promotion are ongoing.
- **SKILLS TRAINING INITIATED FOR REFUGEE YOUTH IN SOUTH KORDOFAN** – With the support of UNHCR and the Ministry of Social Welfare (MoSW), 60 South Sudanese youth from El Leri, Abu Jubaiha, Abassiya and Sirajiya have been enrolled in skills training courses, including food processing, tailoring and construction. The courses will run for 2.5 months and aim to increase levels of self-sufficiency and improve livelihood opportunities.

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LINKS

UNHCR Data Portal for the South Sudan Situation: <http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/country.php?id=204>

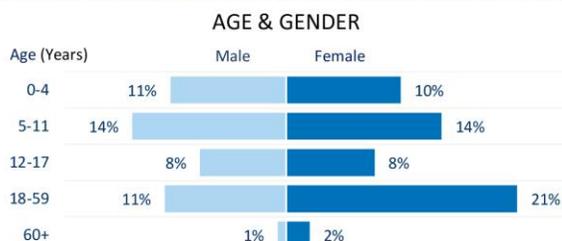
2017 South Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan: <http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/download.php?id=3165>

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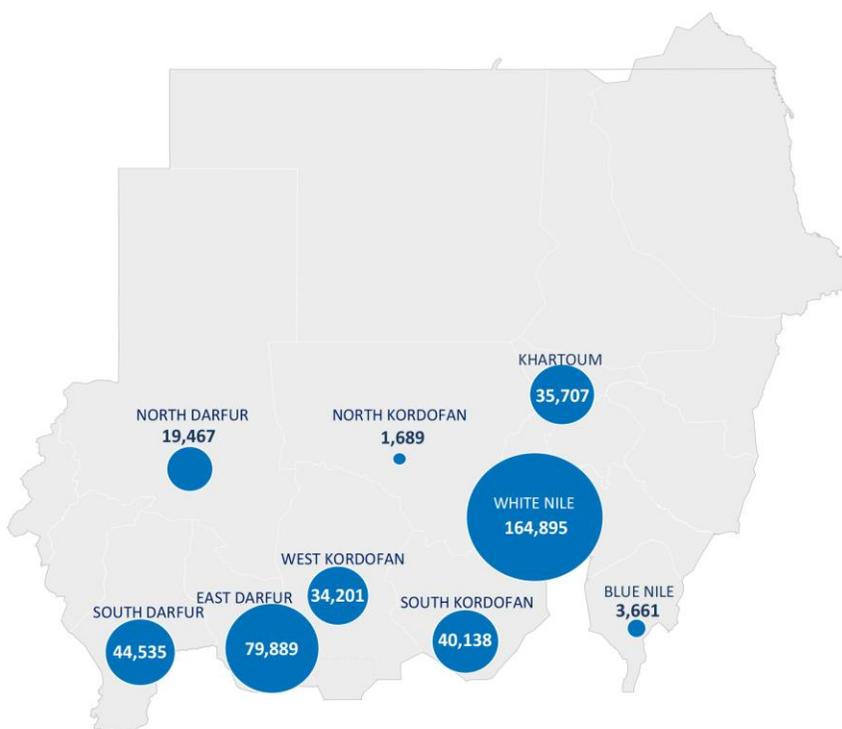
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In addition, Sudan also hosts an estimated 350,000 South Sudanese refugees who were residing in Sudan before secession of South Sudan. GoS estimates the number of South Sudanese refugees in Sudan to be 1.3M.



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AUGUST 2017 ARRIVALS BY STATE

