



SOUTH SUDAN SITUATION

REGIONAL EMERGENCY UPDATE

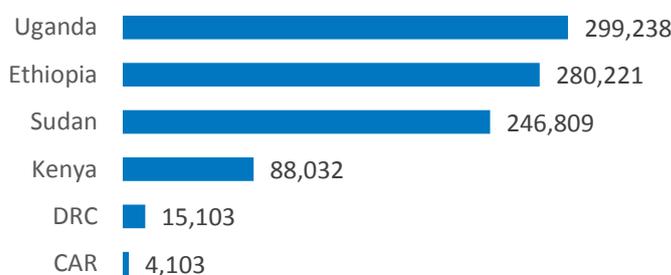
1 – 7 August 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- **The political and security situation inside South Sudan remains fluid and unpredictable.** UNHCR continues to provide assistance in Juba as the situation allows, and other areas of operation remain functional.
- **A total of 83,714 refugees have fled South Sudan since 8 July, including 69,215 into Uganda.**

Population of concern

A total of **933,506** South Sudanese refugees as of 7 August*



259,796 refugees and **1,610,000** IDPs in South Sudan

New Arrivals	New arrivals from 8 July 2016 to 7 Aug 2016*
Ethiopia	34
Sudan	11,235
Uganda	69,215
Kenya	491**
DRC	2,765
CAR	4
TOTAL	83,714

*The population and arrival figures are based on best available information at the time of production. The arrivals into Uganda since July 1 are field estimates. Actual population to be confirmed upon biometric registration by the Government. UNHCR continues to verify the numbers in all countries and future updates may vary as new information becomes available. **491 new arrivals have been registered in Kenya since 7 July. Over 700 reported new are awaiting registration.

KEY FIGURES

83,714*

South Sudanese arrivals since 8 July 2016, based on field reports

933,506*

Total South Sudanese refugees as of 31 July (both pre Dec 2013 caseload and new arrivals)

973,000

Total South Sudanese expected by 31 December 2016 (RRP Planning Figure)

264,204

Refugees in South Sudan

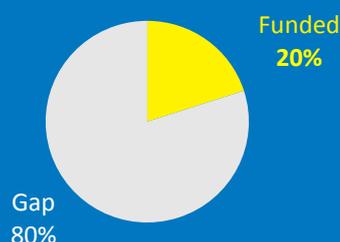
1.61 M

Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in South Sudan

FUNDING (as of 02 August)

USD 608.8 M

Requested by UNHCR for the situation



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UPDATE ON THE SITUATION

SOUTH SUDAN

- **The general security situation remains fluid and unpredictable across the country.** On 5 August, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) announced that South Sudan has agreed to a new international protection force, though details regarding the timeline, size and mandate remain unclear.
- **UNHCR joined the Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC), Stephen O'Brien,** on his visit to Wau and Aweil. The ERC concluded his three day mission to South Sudan on 3 August, calling on all parties to uphold their responsibilities to protect civilians, as well as highlighting the acute food insecurity and malnutrition crisis facing the country, the ongoing commitment of humanitarian works to provide life-saving assistance and protection, and the need for further support from donors.
- **In Juba, humanitarian partners, including the UNHCR IDP team, continue with the humanitarian relocations of IDPs from UNMISS Tamping to UN House,** with 203 transferred so far. UNHCR continues its daily protection monitoring activities at both sites.
- **In Juba, UNHCR continues to assist asylum seekers and refugees at the reception centre and through the hotline.** Of those approaching UNHCR for help, the vast majority are requesting documentation.
- **In Yambio, Western Equatoria, UNHCR transported 24.1 tons of WFP food to Makpandu settlement,** in order to preposition food supplies for some 3,700 refugees for the period August to December 2016.
- **In Wau, Western Bahr al Ghazal, the government announced the imminent reopening of primary and secondary schools, including John Paul School, which is currently hosting thousands of IDPs.** UNHCR together with NRC, ACTED and representatives of the church met with the school administration to advocate for peaceful co-existence between IDPs and students and to look for alternative accommodation space within the compound.
- **In the Bor POC, Jonglei, flooding on the site continues to be a major protection and security challenge.**

Countries of Asylum

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

- **Latest developments:** There has been no significant influx of South Sudanese arrivals into CAR. The operation faces challenges in the delivery of assistance to refugees in Bambouti due to the security situation in South Sudan. UNHCR is now planning to establish a field office in Obo, which is more easily accessible.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- **Latest developments:** The total number of South Sudanese refugees in DRC is 15,103, with recent arrivals reporting they have fled from Yei and Morobo in Central Equatoria, South Sudan. Some 864 refugees have been pre-registered by the National Commission for the Refugees (CNR) at Kengezi-Base, and another 246 have been pre-registered in Ingbokolo.
- **Critical needs and challenges:** Access to the refugee hosting areas remains a challenge. The lack of a reliable communication network is affecting emergency communication and coordination between UNHCR and partners.

ETHIOPIA

- **Latest developments:** The situation at the border with South Sudan remains calm and no population movement into Ethiopia has been recorded, however following the ongoing rains, parts of Gambella region are no longer easily accessible by road due to flooding, particularly the western parts bordering with South Sudan. The road from Gambella to Matar/Burbiey entry points is cut off. Some UNHCR partners operating in Akobo are now using river transportation (boats) to access those areas. Border monitoring remains ongoing.

KENYA

- **Latest developments:** UNHCR Kakuma has received and registered 491 South Sudanese refugees since 7 July, however over 700 additional arrivals remain pending registration due to electrical problems which have prevented the Government of Kenya Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS) and UNHCR's registration. Both RAS and UNHCR are working to ensure all individuals are registered in a timely manner. Some 406 new arrivals were

transported from the border to Kakuma during the reporting week. The latest arrivals reported a number of attacks on their way to Nadapal. Some individuals were reportedly injured and taken to hospital, and did not proceed to the border. The arrivals are mainly women and children, who cite insecurity, drought and economic instability, as their main reasons of flight.

- **Preparedness and emergency response:** Regular border monitoring is ongoing. A total of 3,191 refugees have now been transferred to Kalobeyei settlement, in an effort to decongest the camp and reception centre.
- **Critical needs and challenges:** UNHCR continues to see an increase in the number of new arrivals under five years old with severe malnutrition.

SUDAN

- **Latest developments:** Some 377 South Sudanese arrived into White Nile State in the past week. New arrivals have also been reported into North Kordofan and a joint UNHCR and WFP mission will commence this week to carry out assessment, verification and registration. In South Kordofan, for the first time, Nuer arrivals have been reported coming through El Leri instead of Kharasana. In West Kordofan, the verification exercise conducted by WFP in late July identified 4,538 South Sudanese individuals, 883 who were newly arrived in June and July from Greater Bahr al Ghazal area and Upper Nile State.
- **Preparedness and emergency response:** In East Darfur, construction at Kariu site is ongoing and an awareness campaign is underway in Khor Omer to inform refugees about the possibility of relocating. In El Ferdous, UNHCR distributed 1,100 core relief item (CRI) kits in the reporting week.

UGANDA

- **Latest developments:** Thousands of South Sudanese refugees continue to flee into Uganda, with a total of 69,215 new arrivals since 7 July. The most recent arrivals are mainly from Juba, Eastern Equatoria and Central Equatoria. Arrivals continue to report increasing tensions within South Sudan, with reports of robbery, sexual assault, kidnapping of older children from schools in Magwi, forced recruitment, a rise in disappearances and threats against civilians. People are reportedly being prevented from leaving the country in Mugo, close to Yei, Central Equatoria. Based on consultations with the Government and response partners, the 2016 planning figures for the South Sudan refugee response in Uganda are revised as follows: 1. New operational planning figure: 150,000 refugees in 2016 (from 70,800); 2. New 2016 worst case contingency planning figure: 230,000 refugees (from 150,000). The latest crisis and emergency response to the mass influx has exhausted available resources. As a result of the dramatic growth in emergency protection and assistance needs, the Uganda Operation, led by the Government and UNHCR, is urgently reviewing its 2016 inter-agency South Sudan Situation emergency response and contingency plans and requirements. Supplementary budget requirements will be the subject of a forthcoming funding appeal.
- **Preparedness and emergency response:** A total of 3,561 arrivals have been transferred to Bidibidi, the new refugee settlement in Yumbe. New arrivals are initially being taken to a reception centre in Bidibidi and receive core relief items, before being provided with plots of land and building materials to construct their new homes. An additional 1,200 plots suitable for hosting refugees were identified in Pagirinya settlement. Community watch groups have been set up in Nyumanzi Transit Centre and in reception centres in Pagirinya, who are providing increased security and conducting awareness-raising campaigns on sexual and gender-based violence. Torrential rains are hampering relief efforts. Road equipment is being deployed to conduct repairs to the affected roads.
- **Critical needs and challenges:** Health facilities in West Nile are becoming increasingly strained. In Adjumani, patient-clinician rates are now 100 to 1, more than double the emergency standard. Transit and reception centres continue to be severely overstretched, although relocations to settlement areas are beginning to ease congestion. There are reports that an increasing number of elderly individuals are falling sick with pneumonia and other chronic diseases. Efforts are underway to increase awareness of the medical treatment available at health clinics and how individuals can be referred. There is also a need for an increased police presence in order to ensure adequate coverage for the increased population in West Nile.

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