

South Sudan Situation

1-31 August 2019

2,345,855*

South Sudanese refugees in the region as of 31 August 2019 (pre- and post-Dec 2013 caseload).

55,849*

South Sudanese refugee's arrivals so far in 2019, with some 1,690 refugee arrivals in August 2019.

297,952

Refugees in South Sudan and 1.82 million IDPs including 182,026 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites.

KEY INDICATORS

4.4 million

persons of concern (South Sudanese refugees in the region; South Sudanese IDPs and refugees in South Sudan)

63%

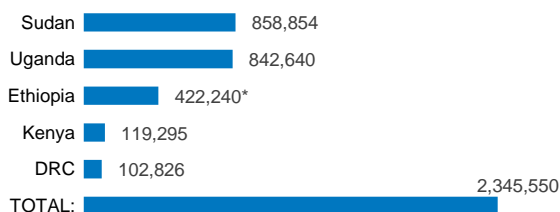
of the South Sudanese refugee population are children (under the age of 18 years old)

2,795,827

2019 Regional RRP Planning figure for the total South Sudanese refugees projected in the region by 31 December

SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES AS OF 31 AUGUST 2019

Host Countries

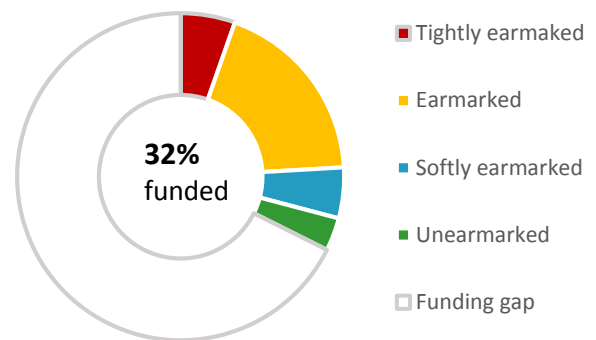


* Population figures for Ethiopia were frozen as of August 2018 due to the roll-out of a new registration system aiming to enhance registration data.

UNHCR'S FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS (AS OF 3 SEPTEMBER 2019)

USD 719.1 million

requested for the South Sudan situation



New Arrivals

	In 2018 (Jan to Dec)	In 2019 (as of August)
CAR	325	171
DRC	6,201	5,521
Ethiopia	19,770*	0*
Kenya	7,325	8,924
Sudan	33,117	15,074
Uganda	40,758	26,213
TOTAL	107,496	55,666

Regional Highlights

- **The UN Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan carried out a mission to South Sudan, Uganda, Ethiopia, and Kenya, the panel's seventh field mission.** The three Commissioners listened to South Sudanese women, men and children express numerous concerns, including the localization of conflict linked to land, resources, and cattle; and inefficiencies in implementing the Revitalized Peace Agreement. The main concerns raised were the deteriorating living conditions for the internally displaced, security and the continued shrinking space for civic engagement, and apprehension over continued impunity for sexual and gender-based violence. The Commission will present an oral update on the human rights situation in South Sudan to the 42nd Human Rights Council session on 16 September and a comprehensive written report in March 2020.
- **In August there were confirmed reports by humanitarian agencies of the resumption of fighting in Maiwut, in Upper Nile State.** The fighting has caused civilians to flee their homes and triggered the relocation of humanitarian workers.
- **UNHCR published the report *Stepping Up: Refugee Education in crisis, which narrates the educational needs of 7.1 million world refugee youngsters of school age and revealed that more than half do not attend lessons.*** In the refugee population, while six in 10 refugee children attend primary school, around two in 10 refugees get a secondary education. The trend is even worrying in higher education, where only three in every 100 refugee children are able to pursue their learning. In the region, out of 669,162 South Sudanese refugees of school age, only 322,798 were enrolled in school. To ensure access to an inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all, should be the main goal as a cross cutting theme on Sustainable Development Goals, leaving no one behind.

Updates and Achievements

SOUTH SUDAN

Update

- In August, there have been 15,945 spontaneous returns to South Sudan reported, bringing the total for the year to 73,085. From 2017 to August 2019, there has been over 209,000 [reported](#) spontaneous returns mainly from Uganda, Sudan and Ethiopia. In August 2019 alone, over 10,000 South Sudanese refugees in Sudan returned spontaneously to South Sudan.
- Following a monitoring mission in Libogo (Yei County), near the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), a significant number of South Sudanese spontaneous refugee returnees and IDP returnees have opted to stay in Lasu refugee settlement instead of returning to their villages of origin. Refugees returning from the DRC cited insufficient education and livelihood opportunities as reasons for return, as well as a lack of freedom of movement in the DRC, and improved security in South Sudan.
- UNHCR is monitoring spontaneous returnees, however, the organization is not promoting or facilitating returns of refugees at this stage according to the updated [2015 Position on Returns to South Sudan](#).

Achievements and Impact

- **Protection:** In Maban, all four refugee camps (Doro, Gendrassa, Kaya, and Yusif Batil) were affected by flooding on 11 August 2019 impacting roads and water and sanitation systems and causing inflated food prices in the local markets. As a result, health facilities were inaccessible in Kaya refugee camp. The priority key areas that need to be addressed are road repair and maintenance, eliminating contaminated and stagnated water, repairing collapsed or submerged latrines and flooded hand pumps/water sources.
- **Health:** In Central Equatoria, UNHCR and UNAIDS jointly conducted a three-day workshop on cross border services and continuum of care on HIV/AIDS for displaced populations. This resulted in a draft country work plan on how to facilitate durable solutions for the continuum of care.
- **Education:** On 6 August 2019, 12 (10 men, 2 women) refugee youths sat for the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) scholarship pre-screening test. Seven students (five male, two female) passed the written portion and were invited for the oral interview. The interview panel comprised of UNHCR, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) and Lutheran World Federation (LWF). Two of the best performing students will be selected as recipients of the scholarship.
- **IDPs:** In Jonglei, UNHCR conducted an advocacy meeting with the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare in Jonglei State aimed towards the strengthening of individual

case management systems and improvement of the referral pathways. The Minister assured UNHCR and the protection cluster that they will promote a closer engagement with the law enforcement agencies to better respond to SGBV issues in the State.

Countries of Asylum

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Achievements and Impact

- **On August 24, 2019, UNHCR and partners carried out a nutritional screening at the Obo refugee camp, home to some 1,605 South Sudanese refugees.** A total of 86 children were screened, including one case of moderate acute malnutrition.
- **Further to a monitoring exercise undertaken on the medical care provided to refugees in Obo, in August 2019, UNHCR and the Obo Hospital were able to care for 357 patients, out of which 220 were adults and 137 minors.** The mechanism for providing medical assistance, set up by UNHCR, has facilitated this follow-up at the Obo hospital and prevented the dispersion of medicines. The most recurrent diseases include malaria, diarrhea and respiratory infections.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Latest Developments

- **Over 42 per cent of the construction works for the new Bele settlement (Haut Uele Province), are complete. South Sudanese refugees currently living in unsafe border areas will be relocated to the settlement.** The work includes the construction of transit centers and way stations in six different locations, additional accommodation to increase the housing capacity, and the development of road infrastructure. The relocations are set to start in early September.
- **Due to the rainy season, the transportation of new arrivals from Ingbokolo way station to Biringi settlement, both located in Ituri Province, has met significant operational challenges caused by the poor conditions of the roads.**

Achievements and Impact

- **The Aba General Hospital located near Meri settlement in Haut Uele province, was rehabilitated by the partner Terre Sans Frontière (TSF) with UNHCR's support.** Over 50,000 South Sudanese refugees live in Haut Uele Province. In addition, partner ADES rehabilitated a water source, constructed 23 latrines and distributed 8,470 hygiene kits to women and girls in Meri settlement.

ETHIOPIA**Latest Developments**

- **The current rainy season has been impacting the livelihood activities in the camps in Gambella.** There have been delays in the production of mud bricks for construction of shelter units, insufficient seasonal grass thatching for construction of transitional shelters and difficult access to the community for material delivery due to roads poor conditions.

Achievements and Impact

- **A total of 42 self-relocated children to Pugnido-I (26) and Jewi (16) from other camps in Gambella were formally reunited with their biological parents/care-givers using a protection referral form (PRF) following adult-child verification by child protection partners.** Following separation caused by forced displacement, family reunification is often a fundamental aspect to bring normality back to the lives of children.

KENYA**Latest Developments**

- **The first WEF Global Shapers Hub in a refugee camp was launched in Kakuma starting with a community of 12 refugees and Kenyans. The Global Shapers Community is a network of young people driving dialogue, action and change.** Born out of the World Economic Forum (WEF), the Global Shapers Community brings together inspiring young people under the age of 30 working together to address local, regional and global challenges. This initiative may lead to a build-up of the voices of over 60 per cent of the South Sudanese refugee population under 18 years old on South Sudan peace implementation.

Achievements and Impact

- **In August, the refugee Olympian and a Board Member of the Olympic Refugee Foundation (ORF), Yiech Pur Biel, was awarded a full sports scholarship at Iowa Central Community College, in the State of Iowa.** This is a major step both for his studies and his career in athletics. This is also the first sports scholarship offered as a complementary pathway to 3rd country admission for refugees in Kenya.
- **UNHCR and the Kenya Equity in Education Programme carried out an annual Secondary Schools scholarship conference in Kakuma.** The conference aimed to mentor and motivate learners to improve their academic performance and was attended by some 195 learners (27 male, 168 female), including 86 parents.

SUDAN**Latest Developments**

- **On 4 August, Sudan's Transitional Military Council (TMC) and the Forces for Freedom and Change (FFC) coalition formally signed the power-sharing agreement for a transitional period of just over three years aimed at paving the way for a**

transition to civilian rule in Sudan. The agreement was witnessed by representatives from Ethiopia, the African Union and the United States.

- **Heavy rains and floods during August affected over 346,000 people in Sudan, including refugee locations in White Nile, East Darfur, Khartoum, Kassala, Gedaref and South Darfur.** Refugee camps in East Darfur and White Nile suffered damage to shelters and camp buildings. By the end of August, six refugee camps in White Nile were still inaccessible as some roads were washed out in some parts of the country. UNHCR and the Government's Commission for Refugees (COR) are working closely with local authorities in each State to support affected refugee and host communities as needed.

Achievements and Impact

- **The American Refugee Committee (ARC) completed the construction of a delivery room and maternity ward in Al Nimir camp clinic.** The new facilities will improve access to emergency obstetric services for nearly 6,200 South Sudanese refugees living in the camp, and surrounding host communities.

UGANDA

Latest Developments

- **As the rainy season continues, there is a pressing need for road rehabilitation and maintenance across all refugee-hosting districts.** To prevent that roads become completely impassable, there is a need to use mechanized rehabilitation currently hampered by funding constraints.

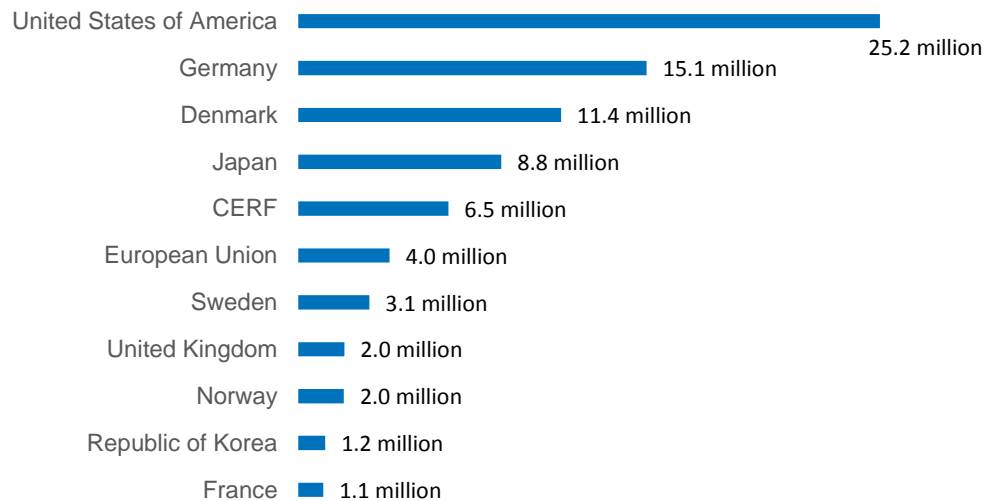
Achievements and Impact

- **The tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Office of Prime Minister, the National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA – governmental authority mandated to register births and deaths) and UNHCR was signed on 13 August 2019, following discussions that lasted nearly one year.** This will allow proceeding with elimination of duplicated refugee biometrics against the national registry. Additionally, the addendum to the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA), articulating the use of ProGres as the main system for individual case management, was finalized and shared with protection partners for signature.

Financial Information

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the South Sudan situation as well as for those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.

Total contributions for the South Sudan Situation amount to some **USD 232.8 million.**



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LINKS

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UNHCR South Sudan situation Page: <https://www.unhcr.org/south-sudan-emergency.html>

UNHCR South Sudan situation Global Focus: <http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/20>

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