

South Sudan Situation

1-31 December 2018

2,276,984*

South Sudanese refugees in the region as of 31 December 2018 (pre- and post-Dec 2013 caseload).

3,619*

South Sudanese refugee arrivals in December 2018.

291,824

Refugees in South Sudan and 1.87 million IDPs including 194,916 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites.

KEY INDICATORS

4.62 million

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

63%

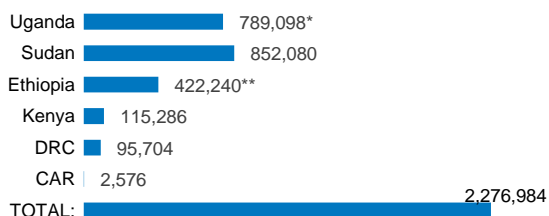
of the South Sudanese refugee population are children (under the age of 18 years old)

2,677,400

2018 Regional RRP Planning figure for the total South Sudanese refugees projected in the region by 31 December

SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2018

Host Countries



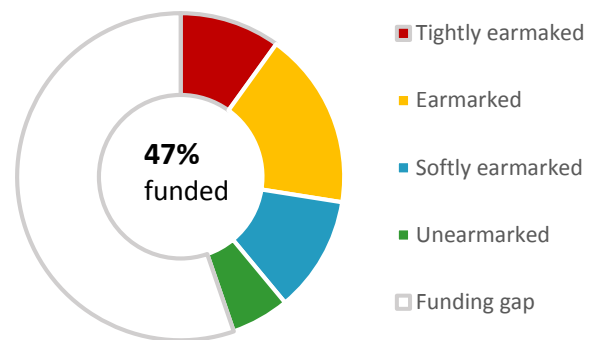
* The population and arrival figures are based on the final results from verification exercise.

** 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 until January 2019.

EARMARKED FUNDING (AS OF 8 JANUARY 2019)

USD 782.7 million

requested for the South Sudan situation



New Arrivals

	In 2017 (Jan to Dec)	In 2018 (Jan to Dec)
CAR	414	325
DRC	22,017	6,201
Ethiopia	75,447	19,770**
Kenya	19,919	7,325
Sudan	195,599	33,117
Uganda	354,796	40,758
TOTAL	668,192	107,496

Regional Highlights

- **On 18 December, the 2019-2020 Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP) for the South Sudan situation was jointly launched by the Regional Refugee Coordinator and Special Advisor (RRC/SA) to the High Commissioner for Refugees for the South Sudan situation, Arnauld Akodjenou, the Director General of the United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON), Hannah Tete, the Deputy Special Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), Alain Noudéhou, the IGAD South Sudan Office, ICVA, and South Sudanese civil society.** The 2019-2020 RRRP encompasses 92 operational partners and has financial requirements of 2.7 billion USD \$ to address Africa's largest displacement crisis.
- **The influx from South Sudan into the six asylum countries is ongoing, and in 2018, there have been a total of 107,496 South Sudanese new refugee arrivals to the region.** This represents a marked reduction of 84 per cent (561,065 individuals) in comparison with 2017 with some 668,192 new arrivals.
- **On 3rd December, the Secretary-General António Guterres condemned a series of brutal sexual assaults perpetrated against women and girls travelling on the road to Bentiu, a town in the Unity region, north of South Sudan.** The Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict, Pramilla Patten highlighted that in 2018, a clear and alarming increase in the number of cases and victims of conflict-related sexual violence was documented. The number of victims in 2018 reached 1157, making it the highest number recorded in the last three years.
- **Despite the signature of the peace agreement (R-ARCSS) by South Sudan and an improvement of the security situation in parts of the country (with exceptions) the human rights situation remains dire, especially for women and children.** Thomas Cirillo Swaka leader of National Salvation Front (NAS) has rejected the revitalized peace agreement and made pronouncements that his movement were not committed to the ceasefire in South Sudan.

Updates and Achievements

SOUTH SUDAN

Update

- On 21st December 2018, the IGAD Council of Ministers released a [statement](#) condemning the detention, physical assault and abuse perpetrated upon Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (CTSAMVM) team on 18th of December at Lure Training Center by men in military uniform and civilian attires of the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGoNU).

Achievements and Impact

- **New arrivals:** UNHCR registered some 1,065 new arrivals in December. As of 31 December 2018, the refugee population in South Sudan stood at 291,824 individuals.
- **Food and Nutrition:** On 7th December, the 2018 UNHCR annual Standardised Expanded Nutrition Survey (SENS) was concluded across the four refugee camps in Maban. Preliminary findings show malnutrition prevalence in all camps below the emergency threshold of <15 per cent, which is critical to data to inform the planning for 2019.
- **Health:** In Jamjang, UNHCR piloted the new Integrated Refugee Health Information System (IRHIS), a web-based platform, in Pamir and Ajuong Thok Primary Health Care Centers (PHCCs). This system will replace the paper-based system of Health Information System (HIS) and allow the collection of health data from the health units once a week.
- **IDPs:** UNHCR in collaboration with partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) conducted an IDP profiling exercise at UNMISS Bor Protection of Civilian (POC) site. The profiling exercise recorded the overall protection situation of IDPs thereby allowing UNHCR and partners to better understand protection concerns, identifying protection risks and vulnerabilities, enhancing referrals and case management for those in need; as well as identifying gaps in services and assistance.

In Pibor, UNHCR in collaboration with South Sudan's Directorate of Nationality, Passport and Immigration (DNPI) provided nationality documents to the vulnerable populations, reaching some 564 individuals (356 women, 208 men) in Boma State. These persons of concern did not have access to this service due to inter-tribal conflict, cattle raiding and child abductions.

- **Spontaneous Returns:** From 20th to 22nd December 2018, UNHCR undertook a protection mission to Renk and Joda border areas between South Sudan and Sudan to monitor potential spontaneous South Sudanese refugee returns to South Sudan. UNHCR established contacts with the government and local authorities for active and regular monitoring and coordination of the potential spontaneous refugee returns.

Countries of Asylum

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Latest Developments

- **There is an increasing need for funds to ensure that refugees in Obo have access to food.** Following a halt on food distribution to refugees in Obo and due to limited funding, UNHCR was only able to grant an amount of XAF1500 (2\$/minor and XAF2000 (\$3,5)/household as contribution for the holiday seasons.

Achievements and Impact

- **In Obo, assistance has been provided to internally displaced women living at the Gambo, Boyo, Zemio and Mboki sites.** The assistance entailed distribution of 1,444 loincloths.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Latest Developments

- **Following negotiations between UNHCR, WFP and the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), cash-for-food assistance to be resumed in 2019 after a halt due to a security incident at Meri in November.** UNHCR will work with WFP and the authorities on reorienting the response towards self-reliance instead of food assistance.

Achievements and Impact

- **On 13th December, refugee committees and leaders at Biringi settlement were sensitized and informed about the peace deal in South Sudan, the importance of peaceful coexistence among South Sudanese ethnicities, and the situation in their country.** A total of 57 refugees (including 6 women) have taken part in the session.

ETHIOPIA

Latest Developments

- **In Gambella, the visits of mobile courts were initiated in a joint effort between the Deputy Head of the Gambella Regional Supreme Court, Administration for Refugees and Returnees Affairs (ARRA) and UNHCR.** The visit aimed at explaining the responsibilities, tasks and work of the formal court in criminal and civil cases to the refugee leadership structures.

Achievements and Impact

- **Due to the volatile security situation in Benishangul Gumuz region the relocation of South Sudanese refugees from Gambella to Gure Shembola camp was halted.** Hence, the government has resumed reception of new arrivals refugees in Nguenyiel camp (with capacity for more 25, 000 individuals) with some 4697 individuals relocated in December.

KENYA**Latest Developments**

- A five year area based **development plan**, integrating both locals and refugees was jointly launched by UNHCR and Turkana County Government in Kenya. The multi-partner 'Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Program' (KISEDPP) has a financial requirement of US\$ 500 million and counts with an initial financial support of the European Union complementing other multilateral and bilateral assistance in Turkana West.

Achievements and Impact

- **Since 2015, refugees in Kakuma refugee camp continue to reveal good performance at the Kenya's national examination (KCPE).** The results were released with candidates in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement recording good performance, with some 11 students scoring above 400 marks out of the possible 500.

SUDAN**Latest Developments**

- **In 2018, there has been a total of 33,117 South Sudanese new arrivals in Sudan. At year's end Sudan hosted 852,080 South Sudanese refugees making it the largest refugee hosting country in the sub-region.** The inter-agency partners estimate a maximum of 50,000 new arrivals in 2019. The verification exercise is ongoing.

Achievements and Impact

- **A new primary school for south Sudanese refugee children in grade 1 to be established in South Kordofan state following the agreement of the State Ministry of Education.** The school will be located in the Dar Batti Settlement, home to more than 5,500 basic-school aged refugee children decongesting the existing school about the 3km away.
- **Refugee Youth Committees in White Nile state (Alagaya and Dabat Bosin camps) to further collaborate and strengthen youth capacity to identify children-at-risk and youth in the camps to support service referrals and follow-up of their activities.** The proposals for project support were developed with support from UNHCR's Child Protection teams, and the projects are planned to start in 2019.

UGANDA**Latest Developments**

- **As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), UNHCR handed over the data of Persons of Concern (PoCs) verified in Uganda to the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM).** The data collected entailed significant joint efforts to ensure the standardization and harmonization of the registration processes in Uganda.

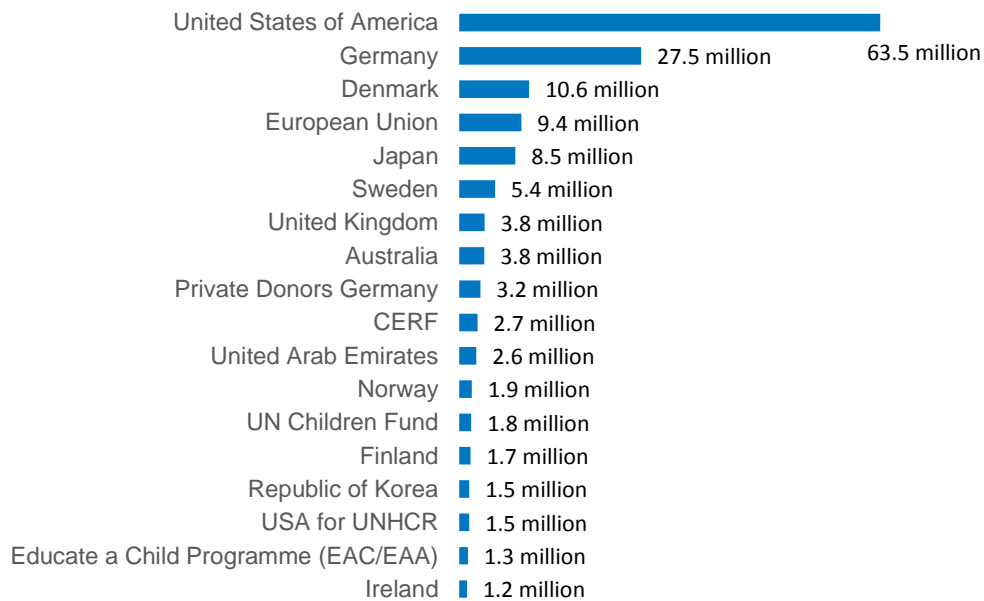
Achievements and Impact

- **UNHCR, academia, and partners supported Ministry of Health to review the 2016 protocol for the Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM).** The review paved way for the new 2019 national IMAM guidelines, taking into account the Uganda refugee context, which will strengthen the existing practice in the management of acute malnutrition nation-wide.

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 **US\$ 370.8 million**.



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LINKS

Regional Data Portal: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/southsudan>

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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