

South Sudan Situation

1-31 January 2019

2,280,378*

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

6,216*

South Sudanese refugee arrivals in January 2019.

292,428

Refugees in South Sudan and 1.87 million IDPs including 192,853 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites.

KEY INDICATORS

4.63 million

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

63%

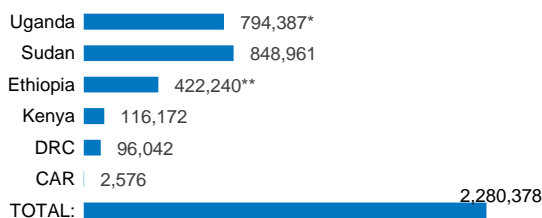
of the South Sudanese refugee population are children (under the age of 18 years old)

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 JANUARY 2019

Host Countries



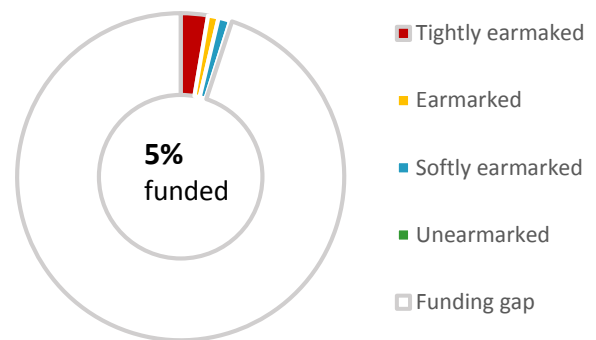
* The population and arrival figures are based on the final results from verification exercise.

** 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.

EARMARKED FUNDING (AS OF 6 FEBRUARY 2019)

USD 750.6 million

requested for the South Sudan situation



New Arrivals

	In 2018 (Jan to Dec)	In 2019 (January)
CAR	325	0
DRC	6,201	469
Ethiopia	19,770**	0**
Kenya	7,325	649
Sudan	33,117	3,111
Uganda	40,758	1,987
TOTAL	107,496	6,216

Regional Highlights

- **On 17th January, Ethiopia's parliament adopted a revision of its refugee law.** The revision encompasses a more comprehensive response to displacement in which refugees are included in national services like health and education and also focuses on ensuring refugees have the opportunity to be self-reliant and can contribute to local economies in a way that also benefits their hosts. The revised legislations was hailed by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi iwho stated that "Ethiopia is not only upholding its international refugee law obligations, but is serving as a model for other refugee hosting nations around the world."

- **In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés (CNR) reports that hundreds of South Sudanese have been forced to seek refuge in border areas in Ituri Province due to armed clashes in South Sudan.** The CNR and local authorities have sensitized asylum-seekers on relocation to Biringi settlement. In January there has been a significant increase of the number of refugees who arrived in Biringi (469) compared to previous months

Updates and Achievements

SOUTH SUDAN

Update

- The UN Refugee Agency **supported** a two-day training for media on effective reporting about refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees, held from 24th to 25th January 2019. The training was organized by the Community Empowerment for Progress Organization (CEPO) in partnership with the Joint Monitoring Evaluation Commission (JMEC). This initiative aimed at strengthening the collaboration with various media stakeholders and media associations and to enhance their reporting capacities regarding the persons of concern needs and ensuring that they grasp proper terminology regarding refugees
- Since 27th January ProGres v4 is being deployed across the refugee operation in South Sudan. ProGres v4 includes a wide range of new tools which helps strengthen the protection of persons of concern by providing reliable and trusted information.

Achievements and Impact

- **New arrivals:** UNHCR registered some 794 new arrivals in January. As of 31st January 2019, the refugee population in South Sudan stood at 292,428 individuals.
- **Education:** A back to school campaign took place in Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps in coordination with the Ministry of Education, CRA, and partner Lutheran World Foundation (LWF), and UNHCR and refugee community. The campaign highlighted the use of proof of registration to facilitate the enrolment process as well as the role of parents and care givers in ensuring school aged children were enrolled and motivated to stay in school.
- **IDPs:** On 22nd January 2019, UNHCR and partners launched a 'one-stop shop' in Malakal POC and Malakal Town. This projects will facilitate more efficiency in the referrals process as beneficiaries will be able to access various services in one location (general protection, legal aid/housing land property, child protection, as well as Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) for general complaints).
- **Spontaneous Returns:** In Wau POC in South Sudan, some 350 IDPs have indicated they would like to return to their place of origin, citing cessation of war and harsh conditions in the POC as the main reasons. This follows the similar demand from UNMISS Wau POC1 site where 90 per cent of the minority population would like to return to their home states of Upper Nile, Unity and Jonglei. UNHCR has taken a lead role for a joint initiative to address this issue, together with the community, other humanitarian agencies and UNMISS.
In Melut, following a data collection and participatory assessment exercise carried out by an UNHCR multifunctional team in all six IDP settlements, 6,276 spontaneous refugee returnees were identified.

Countries of Asylum

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Latest Developments

- **The Under Secretary General of UN Peace Operations, Jean Pierre Lacroix, carried out a two day visit alongside the African Union (AU) Commissioner for Peace and Security, Smail Chergui, to relaunch the dialogue between the government of the Central African Republic (CAR) and armed groups under the auspices of the African Union (AU) initiative.** In late January, peace negotiations have started between the Government and armed groups in Central Africa Republic in Khartoum/Sudan.

Achievements and Impact

- **From 30 to 31 January 2019, a workshop on data collection of the population movements was held in Bangui to discuss the challenges faced and to identify alternatives towards the improvement and harmonization of the data collection and sharing systems.** The workshop was organized by the Population Movements Commission with the support of governmental entities and various international and non-governmental organizations.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Latest Developments

- **UNHCR reinforced its sensitization measures against Ebola for South Sudanese refugees at Biringi settlement and distributed Ebola kits to four health centres in refugee-hosting areas.** The kits included 100-litre tents, chlorine, spraying bottles, soap, individual protection kits with masks, overall and boots, thermostatic gloves, and visibility vests.

Achievements and Impact

- **A sensitization campaign was carried out aiming at young women to get into female teams to take part on the “Sport for Protection” project at Meri settlement.** The rehabilitation and construction of a football, volleyball and a basketball field are almost concluded.

ETHIOPIA

Latest Developments

- **The 2019-2020 Ethiopia Country Refugee Response Plan (ECRRP) was launched on the 30th of January, by UNHCR and fifty-three humanitarian partners with the Agency for Refugees and Returnees Affairs (ARRA).** The ECRRP calls for USD 643.4 million in 2019 for 54 of partners to provide protection and assistance for some 905,831 persons of concern in Ethiopia.

Achievements and Impact

- **As of January, some 30 per cent (251,746 out of the 905,831 individuals) of the total refugee population in Ethiopia have undergone the Comprehensive (L3) Registration exercise, and 186,986 individuals have been enrolled in the Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS). New figures to be released on 1st June 2019.**

KENYA

Latest Developments

- **In Kakuma, there is an ongoing serious drought.** As a solution, UNHCR has handed over ten plastic water tanks with a capacity of 10,000 liters each through the sub county water office to enhance host community access to clean water.

Achievements and Impact

- **For the second year, the MPESA Foundation Academy has provided scholarships to five South Sudanese refugees as part of its superb philosophy of inclusion and respect for diversity.** The five refugees join 187 Kenyan students who have also been admitted to the academy this year where they will pursue their secondary education.

SUDAN

Latest Developments

- **More than 3,000 new arrivals from South Sudan have been reported.** This significant increase is likely due to the re-opening of roads in South Sudan along the border.
- **In January, over 60 cases of measles were reported among both refugee and host communities in White Nile State clinics, mainly in Al Redis II, Al Kashafa and Jouri camps.** As less than 50 per cent of refugees in the affected refugee camps were covered by the measles vaccine, a vaccination campaign in White Nile refugee camps is planned for mid-February.
- **Ongoing cash and fuel shortages reported in November and December continue causing delays on refugee assistance projects' implementation, affecting in particular cash-based interventions and procurement and monitoring activities in all refugee locations.** The latter has resulted in a significant reduction of the water system functionality, with generators at pumping stations unable to run due to a lack of fuel. Ongoing protests have also raised concerns for refugee protection amid escalating civil unrest across Sudan.

Achievements and Impact

- **A tailoring vocational training was held with women in Kario and Al Nimir camps in East Darfur.** The programme covered 20 women-headed refugee households in Al Nimir

camp, and five women-headed households from the host community to support peaceful coexistence and broader community resilience goals.

UGANDA

Latest Developments

- **On the 25th January, the Ministry of Health launched the Health Sector Integrated Refugee Response Plan (HIRRP), encompassing health related issues among the refugees and host community within the refugees hosting district.** This is the second plan linked to the national sector plans, after the Education Response Plan that was launched in September 2018.

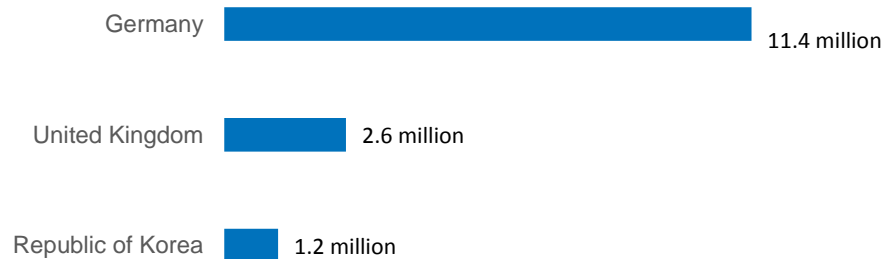
Achievements and Impact

- **Enhanced collaboration has been achieved between UNHCR South Sudan and UNHCR Uganda due to the continuous need to monitor the movement of South Sudanese refugees/ returnees across the border of South Sudan and Uganda for easy projection and planning.** Both operations will liaise in a monthly basis along with Yei and border area offices in Uganda to have bi-lateral regular meetings.

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 750.6 million.**



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United Kingdom 6.9 million

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LINKS

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