

South Sudan Situation

July 2018

2,493,033*

 Total **South Sudanese refugees** in the region as of 31 July (pre- and post-Dec 2013 caseload)

5,166*

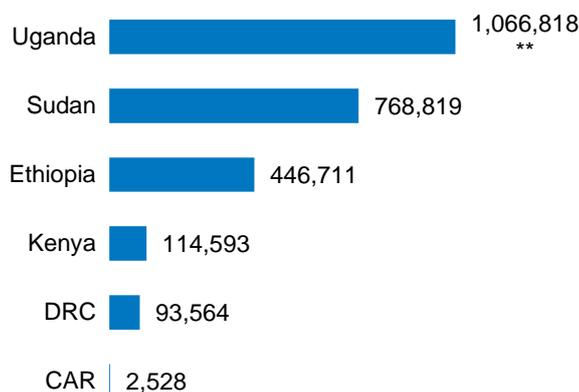
 South Sudanese refugee **arrivals in July**, based on field reports as of 31 July

298,038

Refugees in South Sudan and **1.88 million IDPs** including 198,444 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES AS OF 31 JULY 2018

Host Countries



New Arrivals

	In 2017 (Jan to Dec)	In 2018 (as of 31 July)
CAR	414	224
DRC	22,017	4,214
Ethiopia	75,447	19,316
Kenya	19,919	5,189
Sudan	195,599	26,476
Uganda	354,796	32,678
TOTAL	668,192	88,097

KEY FIGURES*

63%

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

4.63 million

Total population of concern (South Sudanese refugees, South Sudanese IDPs and refugees inside South Sudan)

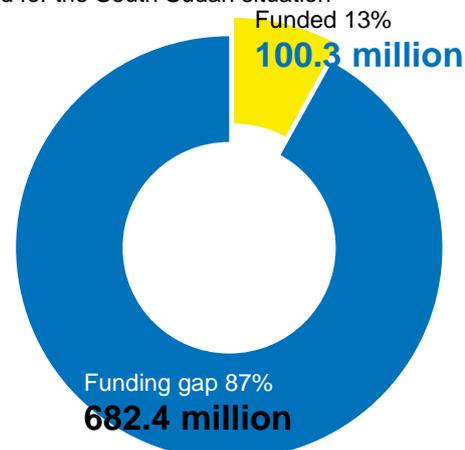
2,677,400

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

EARMARKED FUNDING (AS OF END OF JULY 2018)

USD 782.7 million

requested for the South Sudan situation



* The population and arrival figures are based on best available information at the time of production. UNHCR continues to verify the numbers in all countries

Regional Highlights

- **On 3rd July, the UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed spoke mother-to-mother with displaced women during a visit to South Sudan and pledged for an enhanced involvement of all senior women leaders from the international community for peace for their nation.** Ms. Mohamed called upon women's role and relevant participation at the negotiating table and called for continuing hope for the well-being of children.
- **UNHCR's Regional Refugee Coordinator (RRC) and Special Advisor for the South Sudan situation carried out a brief to Ambassadors and Head of delegations in Nairobi on the needs of South Sudanese refugees on July 6th, 2018 at the invitation of the Australian High Commissioner, H.E. Ms. Alison Chartres.** The RRC updated on the current political context, provided operational updates on key refugee figures and the overall dire humanitarian situation highlighting the impacts of the underfunding to the persons of concern to UNHCR.
- **South Sudanese refugee athletes shined at the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) World U20 Championships in Finland. Lydia, 17 and Dominic, 18 were not representing a country, but ran under the flag of the Athlete Refugee Team.** The competition lasted six days from 10 July and brought together more than 1400 young athletes from almost 150 countries competing in various disciplines. For the first time ever, it has incorporated the Athlete Refugee Team bringing attention to the global refugee situation as a whole.
- **The IGAD Council of Ministers convened in Nouakchott, Mauritania on the 30th June 2018, on the side-line of the 31st Ordinary Summit of the African Union to discuss progress in the High-Level Revitalization Forum (HLRF) and stated that "it is not helpful to pursue punitive measures at this stage" of the peace process.** Given the latest developments in the peace process and the need to implement the permanent ceasefire and achieve an inclusive peace agreement, the Council welcomed the progress being made by the HLRF parties in the ongoing face-to-face talks in Khartoum, Sudan.

Updates and Achievements

SOUTH SUDAN

Update

- On 23 July, Maban's local youth attacked the compounds of UNHCR, Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) and 11 humanitarian organizations. The perpetrators destroyed and looted vehicles, offices and residences and damaged other infrastructure and premises. Two UN staff were injured as a result of the attack. In order to continue lifesaving activities in Maban's four refugee camps, over 600 UN staff and humanitarians remained in place.

Achievements and Impact

- **New arrivals:** As of 31 July 2018, the refugee population in South Sudan stood at 298,037 individuals, consisting of 69,175 households in 21 different locations across South Sudan. 52% of the refugees are women, with women and children representing 82% of the total refugee population in South Sudan.
- **Education and Child Protection:** In July, Doro schools were closed following the Maban attack on 23 July, while primary and secondary schools in Batil, Gendrassa and Kaya camps remained open with refugee teachers providing lessons to students. The refugee community leaders in Doro have been urged to re-open the schools, with refugee teachers to provide services.
- **Self-reliance:** In Kaya, Doro and Gendrassa refugee camps, as part of ongoing efforts in Maban to promote community-based agriculture extension, UNHCR's partners Relief International (RI) and ACTED provided assorted vegetable seed kits to 554 refugee women engaged in vegetable production. This intervention increases access to nutrient-dense vegetables to promote dietary diversity for mother support groups whose households are at high risk of malnutrition and facilitates production of cereals on 80 acres of agriculture land.
- **Spontaneous IDP and Refugee Returns:** In Yei, UNHCR, UMCOR and South Sudan's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) concluded verification and registration of 1,100 vulnerable families who were previously IDPs that return to Yei town from the rural areas. UNHCR and partners are planning the distribution of core relief items to meet their needs.

Countries of Asylum

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Latest Developments

- **60 households (103 individuals which the majority are young men), originally from Tamboura and Nagero counties, were registered this July.** The refugees have indicated as reason for flight conflict in the region and the scale up of abduction cases.
- **Despite the overall security situation is considered calm in Obo, two transport trucks which work on the construction of the road from Obo to South-Sudan (a road frequently used by refugees going to Bambouti) have been hijacked by unidentified armed persons during two different incidents.** As result, the government has provided military escort (Central African forces) for the trucks travelling in that area. Refugees are also informed of the schedule of those escorts to ensure their safety while travelling.

Achievements and Impact

- **300 refugees participated in 5 focus groups discussions organised by UNHCR for 5 different categories: girls, boys, men, woman and elderly persons to support the planning distribution of non-food items (NFI) and soaps to persons with specific needs.** The main issues listed by refugees were related to assistance in housing, education, health and water/sanitation/ hygiene (WASH) issues.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Latest Developments

On 18 July, the Provincial Governor of Haut-Uélé passed a decree designating Bélé (Faradje Territory) as a new site for the relocation of South Sudanese refugees. While the decree opens the possibility for the transfer and registration of refugees currently still staying in insecure border areas of the province, UNHCR does not have the financial means to pursue this option. The cost for the preparation of the site is estimated at USD 1.5 million, while the transfer, registration and support to refugees will entail additional costs.

Achievements and Impact

- **239 out of the 318 children who received education assistance from UNHCR at Meri and Biringi sites were admitted to the National Primary Completion Test (ENAFEP) for 2017-2018. That is 142 refugees and 97 locals.** To explain the low rate, some of the refugees referred to problems of adaption to the Francophone Congolese programme. This illustrates the importance of the additional French

courses for South Sudanese refugees, which had to be discontinued recently due to funding constraints.

- **161 improved stoves were manufactured as part of a Safe Access to Fuel and Energy (SAFE) training organized by UNHCR and its partner Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI).** The manufactured stoves and briquettes will be distributed to beneficiaries at the end of the training, to help them launch income-generating activities.

ETHIOPIA

Latest Developments

- **Lately, camps have experienced delays in food distribution, which likely may lead to bad consequences on household food security, nutrition and increases protection risks.** The World Food Programme signaled that the port in Djibouti gives priority to the offloading of fertilizers over other merchandises, creating a significant delay in the offloading of food for refugees.

Achievements and Impact

- **The food basket has been reinstated to provide 1867 Calories/person/ per day as of July 2018** from the May and June 2018 ration cuts which only provided 1216kcal/p/d due to World Food Programme advocacy and donor support.

KENYA

Latest Developments

- **A joint monitoring was carried out by UNHCR, World Food Programme, International Refugee Committee(IRC) and Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) on nutrition programs in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement in July 16th, 2018 aiming to improve the quality of services and learning good practices.**

Achievements and Impact

- **The installation of a solar hybrid fuel-solar energy system in Kalobeyei ‘Super’ Health Centre (as commonly referred to), is an innovative and cost effective solution to utilize solar energy to provide power on a 24/7 basis.** This system, which is funded by the EU Trust Fund is expected to reduce costs and lead to an improvement of the health services provided for Kalobeyei residents comprising of both refugees and host communities.
- **Since January 2018, UNHCR and partners in Kakuma facilitated 1,776 refugees’ to access productive assets for agriculture production; cash grants**

and loan access for business capital as start up to self-employment and diversify incomes. Study finds refugee businesses play vital role in local economy, with more than 2,000 businesses and small shops in Kakuma, and an area's economy worth 6 billion shillings (US\$56 million).

SUDAN

Latest Developments

- **New arrivals projections for 2018 have been reduced to 50,000 individuals by 31 December.** Due to a notably slower rate of new arrivals in the first half of the year the inter-agency partners agreed to revise the original estimate of 200,000 individuals. By 31 July, nearly 27,000 South Sudanese refugees arrived in Sudan, as compared to 176,000 new arrivals in the same period in 2017.

Achievements and Impact

- **Over 300 refugee households are participating in community farming initiatives in El Meiram through support from El Ruhama Organization.** Large movements of refugees from settlement areas to farms have been observed in recent weeks, with refugees working as contract labourers for the agricultural season or working in partnership with some landowners as agriculture is a key source of livelihoods for refugees living in West Kordofan.
- **In Joddat and Haskanita in Al Lait locality, the identification of sites for construction of two boreholes by the Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI) which will cater for nearly 3,500 refugees and host communities,** is likely to improve the peaceful coexistence between refugee and host communities. Host community tensions in these areas have persisted in 2018, largely driven by a lack of water supply and concerns over limited natural resources within a context of an increasing refugee population in the locality.

UGANDA

Latest Developments

- **On 19 July, in Adjumani, UNHCR and OPM held a meeting with refugee and host community youth and leaders in Pagirinya settlement to pledge towards the respect of Ugandan laws and act in a manner that preserves the peaceful co-existence both in Adjumani and Amuru districts,** after the reports of violence following the ritual fighting which took place over the weekend of 14 and 15 July, in Pagirinya and Boroli settlements.

- **In Bidibidi settlement, an increasing trend of child to child sex and teenage pregnancy was reported, with 13 girls from 03 schools reported to have dropped out.** Joint school awareness and counselling sessions were conducted in the schools, while plans are underway to hold a parent's meeting and conduct trainings for teachers on child protection and SGBV support. An interagency teenage pregnancy assessment also will be conducted in September, to understand the trend and rate.

Achievements and Impact

- **For the first time, OPM, in collaboration with UNHCR and the Arua District authorities, began registering new-born babies in Imvepi settlement, in preparation for the issuance of birth certificates.** Altogether, 1,502 (739 male and 763 female) refugee children were registered to receive birth certificates leading to a significant improvement on the access to documentation and recognition of the child rights.
- **In Yumbe, members of the livelihood sector working group, the Food and Agriculture Organization and district officials, conducted a survey to assess the productivity of the soils in land allocated to refugees by Office of the Prime Minister/host community.** The findings are leading to more informed decisions on the type of livelihood support refugees and host community need in the surveyed areas.

Critical Needs and Priorities

SUDAN

Food Nutrition: Nutrition programming gaps have emerged for refugees in El Ferdous settlement following the ending of Al Manar Voluntary Organization's (AMVO) outpatient therapeutic programme (OTP) supported by Sudan Humanitarian Fund. Pipeline breaks for Ready-to Use Supplementary Food (RUSF) have also disrupted Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programmes (TSFPs) for refugees in Al Nimir camp and El Ferdous. While the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) has agreed to provide nutrition supplies for the OTP in El Ferdous until end of July, new nutrition programming is urgently needed.

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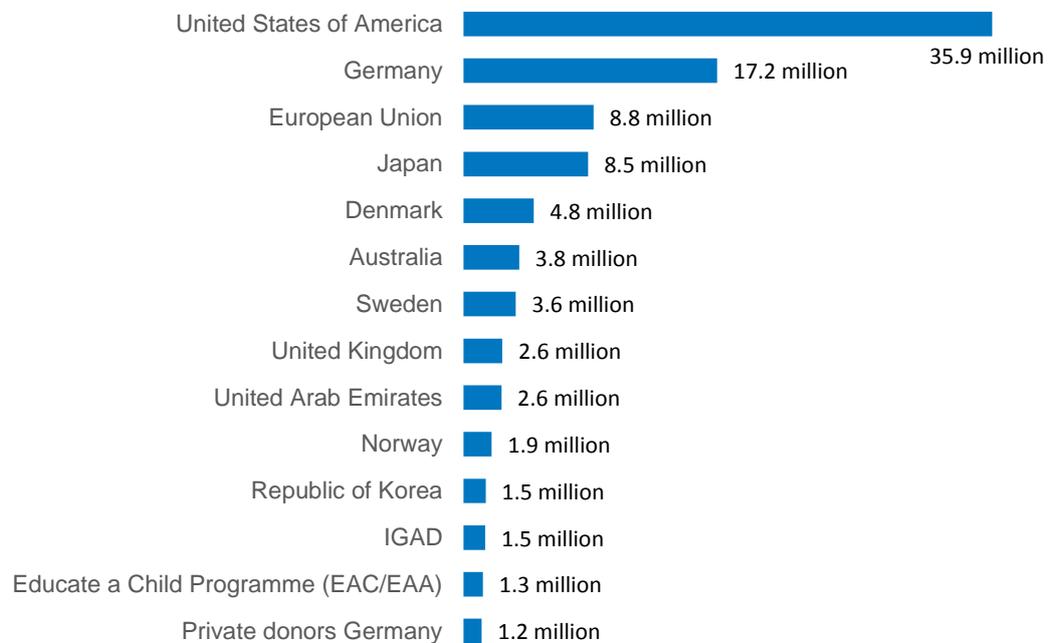
Livelihoods: Due to the use of some simple tools such as hand hoes there have been delays in land opening by some refugees for the upcoming farming season.

Shelter: In Tika Zone of Rhino camp, following a UNHCR and OPM rapid joint assessment, on 24 July, many refugees reported that their NFI and shelter kit items had been damaged or lost. Some families were sleeping in groups, rather than individual household shelters.

Financial Information

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Earmarked contributions for the South Sudan Situation amount to some **US\$ 100.3 million**.



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