

# South Sudan Situation

1 – 31 March 2018

## 2,470,263\*

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

## 15,787\*

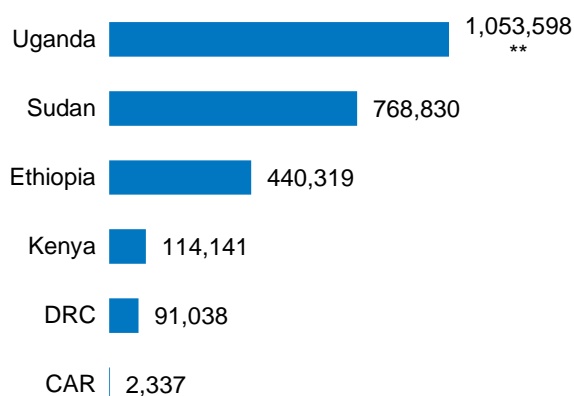
 South Sudanese refugee **arrivals in March**, based on field reports as of 31 March

## 292,314

**Refugees in South Sudan** and **1.85 million IDPs** including 202,776 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

### SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES AS OF 31 MARCH 2018

#### Host Countries



#### New Arrivals

	In 2017 (Jan to Dec)	In 2018 (as of 31 Mar)
CAR	414	163
DRC	22,017	1,963
Ethiopia	75,447	14,667
Kenya	19,919	2,562
Sudan	195,599	14,690
Uganda	354,796	17,085
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>668,192</b>	<b>51,130</b>

### KEY FIGURES\*

## 63%

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

## 4.61 million

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

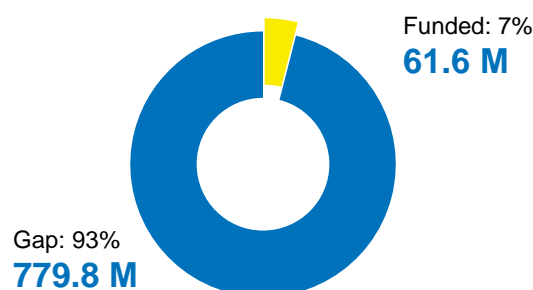
## 3,135,000

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

### FUNDING (AS OF 27 MARCH 2018)

## USD 841.5 M

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 and future updates may vary as new information becomes available.

\*\* As of 28 February 2018. The population total in Uganda refers to those biometrically registered in Refugee Information Management System (Government - OPM) and those yet to be registered at Reception Centers/Transit Centers/Collection Points).

## Regional Highlights

- **The Security Council extended the mandate of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) until 15 March 2019, demanding that parties end the fighting and signaling its intention to consider all measures, including an arms embargo, against those obstructing peace in the war-torn nation (Resolution 2406).** UNMISS would work to protect civilians, create conditions conducive to aid delivery and both monitor and investigate human rights abuses.
- **The Council of Ministers of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) during its 61<sup>st</sup> Extra-Ordinary Session on the South Sudan held on 26 March 2018, decided** that Dr Riak Machar's house arrest be lifted as soon as possible, on conditions that ensure he will renounce violence and not obstruct the peace process and he be allowed to relocate to any country outside the region.
- **The UN Refugee Agency and the UN World Food Programme (WFP), jointly appealed for US\$80 million to provide food assistance to refugees in Ethiopia.** In 2017 food ration cuts of 20 per cent have occurred. If contributions are not received, over 650,000 refugees will experience further reduced rations as of May 2018 which can be expected to further increase already high Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) and Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) rates.

# Updates and Achievements

For more detailed information on the South Sudan situation response in specific country operations, kindly refer to the latest country updates, hyperlinked below and available on the portal: [data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/southsudan](http://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/southsudan)



## **SOUTH SUDAN**

### **Achievements and Impact**

- **New arrivals:** In Yida refugee settlement, UNHCR registered 1,323 newly arrived refugees Sudanese refugees (718 females, 605 males), which represent a 142% increase compared to the same period in 2017 when 547 newly arrived refugees were registered.
- **SGBV:** In Pamir refugee camp, International Rescue Committee started a SGBV screening activity at the maternity ward in Hope Health Centre. 122 females above 15 years old were sensitized on SGBV screening.
- **Food Nutrition and Health:** Across the all four refugee camps in Maban, in the Upper Nile, UNHCR partners International Medical Corps (IMC) and Relief International (RI) conducted the first Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening for 27,178 children under the age of 5 years and 5,723 pregnant and lactating mothers in order to assess their nutritional status.
- **Education:** The number of qualified teachers in Gorom has increased to 50 per cent as compared to 40 per cent in 2017, which may have led to a significant improvement in pupils' academic performance. All 24 children who sat for the South Sudan Examination for Primary School passed with excellent results and their school was ranked the best in Rajaf County.
- **Self-reliance:** In Yusuf Batil refugee camp, UNHCR and its partner Relief International (RI) provided micro-finance support to 22 Village Saving Loans Association groups engaged in savings and loaning activities. Cumulatively, they have generated saving portfolios of 508, 720 South Sudanese Pounds. Village Saving Loans Association seeks to strengthen access to informal microfinance

services through increased financial as well as social capital for enterprise creation.

- **Spontaneous IDP and Refugee Returns:** In Akobo County, UNHCR partner INTERSOS formed and trained 30 members Community-Based Protection Networks (CBPNs) to assist in protection awareness in the community and identification of protection issues with special attention to Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and child abuse.
- UNHCR conducted a mission to Fangak, in Jonglei to monitor the situation of IDP returnees who were relocated from Bor POC site in 2017. Returnees have integrated in the community and during the focus group discussions it was highlighted the need for more support, which includes food, non-food items and farming tools.

## Countries of Asylum

### CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

#### Latest Developments

- **A food distribution was carried out for the South Sudanese refugees in Obo. A total 681 households (1,813 individuals) were assisted with food, out of the 2,316 individuals planned.** Few issues were addressed during this exercise, namely members of the host population carrying refugee documents and refugees without documents or even using documentation of absentees.
- **Increase in malaria prevalence with the onset of the rainy season reinforced by a lack of mosquito nets.**

#### Achievements and Impact

- **Income-generating activities launched in Obo and refugee representatives were organized in groups according to the type of business to be pursued.** Each group to be provided with a small-business grant and the opportunity to purchase key items (goods and materials).

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

#### Latest Developments

- **UNHCR delivered two police cars to the local authorities in Faradje** (Haut-Uélé Province) to facilitate patrols and thereby improve the security of the population in general and the refugees at Meri site in particular.

- **Over 10,000 South Sudanese refugees are still in need of non-food items.** UNHCR has distributed non-food items (sleeping mats, blankets, mosquito nets and soap) to 5,490 refugees and jerry cans to 4,542 households at Meri site. However, due to funding shortfalls UNHCR is not able to provide enough relief items.

#### **Achievements and Impact**

- **Health and nutrition committees were established at the new Kaka site (Haut-Uele Province).** The committees are composed by refugee women and men to support medical partner *Association pour le Développement Economique et Social* (ADES) on the referral system and in carrying out sensitization campaigns on disease prevention and nutritional screening.
- **Promotion of self-reliance activities is of outmost importance for refugee households, in particular considering the 20 per cent reduction of World Food Programme cash grants.** 500 households in Doruma, Dungu, Meri and Biringi refugee sites received farming tools and seedlings for the upcoming agricultural season.
- **The Nyalanya Health Center, close to Meri site, carried out 650 consultations per week which is twice its real capacity.** At least one additional health center is required to ensure the quality of health care provided, as Meri site now hosts 31,000 refugees.

## **ETHIOPIA**

#### **Latest Developments**

- **In Nguenyiel Camp, Gambella, UNHCR have begun the integration of Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS)** that aims to verify the personal status of some 90,000 South Sudanese refugees in the camp. It involves the collection of biometric information, including fingerprints, iris scan and digital photos. This registration system will be extended to all refugees in Ethiopia.
- **UNHCR in collaboration with Administration for Refugee & Returnee Affairs (ARRA) organized the first National Community Based Protection Workshop.** The outcome will inform the preparation of a three-year Community Based Protection Strategy.

#### **Achievements and Impact**

- **The average teacher to student ratio is 1:80, with only 56% of teachers having formal qualifications to teach at the primary school level.** There is a lack of

classroom space, trained teachers and quality classroom materials, including books, scientific implements, and stationary materials.

- **UNHCR's investment in livelihood activities target refugees and host communities and are related to the business skills of refugees and driven by market opportunities.** Backyard gardening has been established in Gambella and Assosa, while in Shire refugees are engaged in agriculture, goats and cattle fattening. Vocational training courses are available in all locations, and are increasingly linked to markets.

## **KENYA**

### **Latest Developments**

- **Refugee football team registered to play in Kenya Division 2 Western League:** The Football Kenya Federation, the national body governing football in the country, has registered 16 refugee football teams, which competed in the Kakuma Premier League. Additionally, Kakuma United FC, comprising of refugee and host community footballers, has been also registered.
- **The technical team of the Kenya Ministry of Education visited Kakuma** to understand the operational context and in particular the education challenges. This team is responsible for drafting of the Refugee Education Policy.
- **68 per cent of all women who gave birth had attended at least 4 antenatal visits before delivery.** UNHCR continues the efforts towards communication and behaviour change to reach the targeted 90 per cent as a strategy to reduce maternal mortality.

### **Achievements and Impact**

- **110 households benefited from the harvesting of 165 Kilograms of vegetables worth Ksh. 19,145 from the five acre Choro Farm in Kakuma camp.**
- **A total of 22,917 consultations were made in the different health facilities in Kakuma** with a ratio of 46 consultations per clinician per day which is within the UNHCR and World Health Organization (WHO) standard.
- **The average per capita consumption of water stood at 19.9 Liters of water per person per day in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement.** Per capita consumption was recorded at 22.07 and 17.71 liters per person per day in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement respectively.

## SUDAN

### Latest Developments

- **Over 4,300 South Sudanese refugees' new arrivals registered in Sudan.** Following ongoing biometric registration processes in Kario, East Darfur; Dilling, South Kordofan; and Al Lait North Darfur, the total verified South Sudanese refugee population currently stands at nearly 769,000.
- **National fuel shortages slows humanitarian assistance across Sudan** as it is interfering with response logistics and slowing down humanitarian assistance at refugee locations. While some relief has been provided, additional shortages are anticipated in the coming months.
- **New Reception centre installed at Gedeid in Abu Jubaiha locality, South Kordofan.** In 2017, an estimated 40% of new arrivals crossed through Gedeid, Sirajiya and Quaryd. The reception centre will provide health screenings, hot meals and household registration.

### Achievements and Impact

- **Approximately 1,500 refugees (300 families) refugees relocated to Beliel IDP camp, South Darfur following eviction notice.** This measure may affect the living conditions of an estimated 3,500 South Sudanese refugees who are currently living in the Beliel IDP camp.
- **UNHCR Senior Regional Wash Officer flagged critical condition of communal latrines and lack of household latrines as key issues in White Nile refugee camps Al Waral, Jouri, Al Kashafa and Al Redis I and II.** However, due to the lack of space in most camps, construction of household latrines is not feasible, hence rehabilitation and desludging of communal latrines as well as provision of sufficient supply of NFIs and sanitary materials is urgent.

## UGANDA

### Latest Developments

- **As of 30th of March, Uganda received 6,397 South Sudanese refugees at an average daily rate of 208 new arrivals.** Despite the ceasefire agreement signed in December 2017 between the warring parties in South Sudan, the humanitarian situation remains unpredictable.
- **According to reports from the UNHCR office in Juba, 1,141 individuals returned from Uganda, between November 2017 and March 2018.** The reasons indicated for return are conflict with the host community in Uganda, inadequate services and lack of food and shelter. Most of the refugees are confined to Yei town as their areas of origin are still not safe.

### **Achievements and Impact**

- **In Rhino, the population received 10.6 liters of water per person per day, which is a decrease of 16.2 liters of water per person per day reported at the end of February.** This reduction is explained by the rolling out and replacement of suppliers.
- **In Imvepi, WASH partners completed 150 household latrines, bringing the total to 50, 422, for a population of 123,469.** Thus, 16.1 per cent of the households have latrines.
- **In Rhino, 168 farmers benefited from a training by AVSI on how to select and prepare sites for nurseries as well as to establish and manage them. They will go a long way in optimizing their agricultural yield and improving their livelihoods.**



## Critical Needs and Priorities

### ETHIOPIA

**Food and Nutrition:** Global acute malnutrition (GAM) and stunting prevalence remain within the emergency threshold in 15 and 10 of the 26 refugee camps, respectively. The current food ration level of 1,770 Kcal, will be further reduced to 1,278Kcal as of May due to funding shortage.

### UGANDA

**Health:** Shortage of measles vaccines due to inadequate stocks at national level remained a concern.

**WASH:** In zones 2 and 3, the type of terrain (rocky) makes it difficult to excavate pits to the required depth for the latrines as well as to construct water supply systems. Moreover, in Moyo, the poor road conditions affected the access to water sources as well as the delivery of latrine construction materials.

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

**Protection:** 85 additional police officers are needed for Meri site (Bas-Uele province) in order to ensure the safety of the refugees and host population, given the short distance of the site from the South Sudanese border and frequent cross-border incursions by armed elements.

**WASH:** In Meri site water availability is below 9 liters per person, which is less than half of the 20 liters as per UNHCR minimum standards. Hence, there is a critical need for more boreholes.

## Financial Information

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### Funding (in million USD)

A total of **61.6 million** has been funded as of 27 March 2018

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