

South Sudan

1-15 February 2019

1,400

IDPs received core relief items in Upper Nile.

300+

Congolese refugees reached with Ebola virus prevention messages in Yei town and Makpandu refugee settlement.

6,000+

Refugee mothers and under two-year children received nutritional support in Unity

KEY FIGURES

INSIDE SOUTH SUDAN

292,428

Refugees inside South Sudan as of 31 January 2019.

1.87 million

IDPs in South Sudan including 192,541 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites as of 15 February 2019.

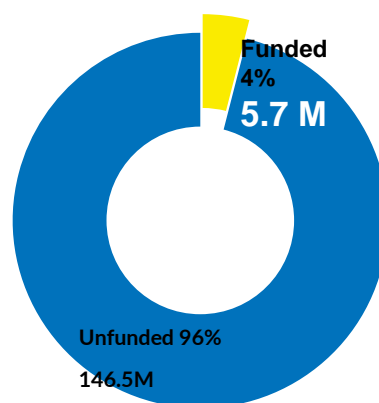
US \$750.6 million

Funding requested by UNHCR for the South Sudan Situation in 2019.

FUNDING AS OF 6 FEBRUARY 2019

USD 152.2 M

requested for South Sudan in 2019

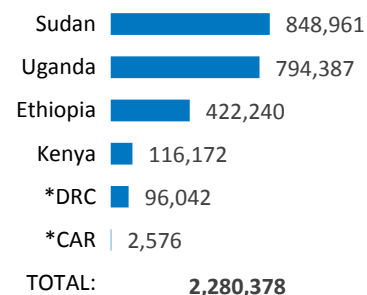


IDP mothers receiving NFI items near Yei town. © UNHCR

POPULATION OF CONCERN

South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries as of 31 January 2019.

Host Countries



*DRC - Democratic Republic of Congo

*CAR - Central Africa Republic

REFUGEE RESPONSE



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- UNHCR registered 1,452 (715 women, 737 men) newly arrived Sudanese refugees from South Kordofan, which is a decrease of 41% when compared to the same period in 2018.
- UNHCR relocated 1,508 refugees to Jamjang refugee camps (264 to Ajuong Thok, 1,244 to Pamir) including 1,410 new arrivals and 98 refugees previously settled in Yida settlement. In the same period in 2018, 2,141 refugees were relocated with 29 refugees previously settled in Yida.
- To date in 2019, 3,164 refugees have been relocated to Jamjang camps (2,688 as new arrivals and 476 as Yida residual caseload). In 2018 with the same period (as of 15 Feb 2018), 2,141 refugees have been relocated (2,090 as new arrivals and 51 as Yida residual caseload).
- As of 15 February 2019, the total refugee population in Unity stood at 37,533 in Ajuong Thok refugee camp, at 28,957 in Pamir refugee camp, and 51,843 in Yida refugee settlement.
- Across the two Jamjang refugee camps, Community Outreach volunteers (COVs) provided information on services in the camps to 1,702 refugees (1,055 women, 647 men).
- Across Jamjang's two refugee camps, after a protection assessment, UNHCR provided additional food assistance and torches to 24 persons with specific needs.
- UNHCR conducted Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) training for 36 COVs (10 women, 26 men) to increase their understanding of SEA and reporting mechanisms in Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps.
- UNHCR and partner Lutheran World Federation (LWF) identified 101 separated children (53 girls, 48 boys) and two unaccompanied children (UAC) (1 girl, 1 boy) upon relocation to Ajuong Thok and Pamir refugee camps. All separated children remained in pre-arranged kinship care, while LWF facilitated placement of the two UAC, for whom Best Interest Assessment (BIA) was conducted, in a foster care.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR and partner LWF trained 30 Community Outreach Workers (14 women, 16 men) on roles and responsibilities, child rights and PSEA to enhance the capacity of the child-protection community-based structures.

Upper Nile

- Across Maban's four refugee camps, UNHCR, partners and refugee communities commemorated the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) on 6 February. During the event, refugee leaders called for an end to the practice.
- Across the four refugee camps in Maban, 312 women accessed the women centres for different activities and services. The activities include weaving, bead making, crocheting, gardening activities and case management services.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR registered 41 newly arrived refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Refugees fled their place of origin due to reported ongoing insecurity.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

Central Equatoria

- UNHCR in collaboration with other UN agencies undertook a mission to Lasu with UNMISS force protection to assess the protection needs of the community, spontaneous refugee returnees from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) screening. The security condition is reported to have improved, while community members reported unrest and displacement of civilians in Ombachi, 30 km and Lojulo, 64 km southwest of Yei town. UNHCR facilities in Lasu, including refugee shelters have been burnt by wildfires. Furthermore, food shortage and education has been indicated as the major gap, as food items have been looted by armed groups and there are no functional educational facilities in the area.

**EDUCATION****Achievements and Impact****Unity**

- The new school year began on 4 February in Jamjang. The enrolment of children is continuing, with 77% retention in primary and 41% in secondary schools.
- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR set up two new Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALP) Centers at Alwa and Makuria primary schools to accommodate over-age children.
- In Auong Thok and Pamir refugee camps, 100 students started ICT classes. (74 Ajuong Thok - 18 women, 56 men, 30 Pamir - 8 women, 22 men)

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, as a result of a verification of refugee students in primary and secondary schools, there are 477 refugee students enrolled as of 12 February 2019.
- UNHCR and partner UMCOR distributed scholastic materials, including exercise books to 215 refugee students (116 girls, 99 boys) at two primary schools in Yei.

Upper Nile

- In Maban, the new school year began on 4 February. Enrolment is ongoing across the four refugee camps; so far 36,060 (18,345 girls, 17,715 boys) for primary schools, 3,168 (1,293 girls, 721 boys) for the Accelerated Education Programme, and 505 (198 girls, 307 boys) for secondary schools have been registered.
- UNHCR and partner, Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS), graduated 27 (1 woman, 26 men) government officials including police officers, Payam administrators, prison officers following a seven-week English course.

**HEALTH****Achievements and Impact****Unity**

- In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, UNHCR and partner Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), conducted a six-day training for seven health workers on neo-natal emergencies to improve the quality of care for new-borns following the delivery and within the first 28 days of life.
- UNHCR and its Vector-Borne Disease (VBD) control partner Mentor Initiative (MI) trained nine staff on fly control as part of a fly control campaign. Strong fly control programmes have the potential of reducing the transmission of diseases, such as diarrheal diseases.

Upper Nile

- In Doro refugee camp, UNHCR and partner International Medical Corps (IMC) organized a training for 68 (32 women, 36 men) community health promoters and members of the health and nutrition committees on information, education and communication (IEC)/behaviour change communication about HIV, Tuberculosis (TB) and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).
- In Maban, UNHCR and IMC conducted a refresher training for 40 (13 women; 27 men) community health promoters (CHPs) on general principles of care for persons with mental health conditions and their families, and how to identify and refer mental health cases like depression and substance abuse.
- UNHCR and partner Relief International (RI) conducted training on management of neo-natal sepsis for 16 (4 women, and 12 men) participants.
- UNHCR and partner RI organised an additional training for 80 members of care groups and health and nutrition committee members on integrated primary health, HIV/AIDs and TB services.

Central Equatoria

- In Yei, UNHCR and partners reached 79 (55 women, 24 men) refugees with key messages on transmission and prevention of Ebola virus disease.

Western Equatoria

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, UNHCR screened 236 (126 women, 110 men) individuals for Ebola virus disease. No suspected cases were reported or detected.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- In Jamjang refugee camps, UNHCR and partners International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), distributed supplies for the blanket supplementary feeding program (BSFP) to children under two years and pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. In Pamir refugee camp, a total of 1,252 PLWs and 1,750 under two received supplies, while 1,229 pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and 1,799 children with the age under two received supplies in Ajuong Thok refugee camp. The BSFP aims to improve and maintain the nutrition status of PLWs and the children under two, given their increased nutrient requirements.



WATER AND SANITATION

Achievements and Impact

Unity

- The daily water supply coverage stood at 28.65 litres per person per day in Ajuong Thok refugee camp, while 21 litres per person per day in Pamir refugee camp. In Ajuong Thok refugee camp, crude latrine coverage was seven persons/latrine while ten persons/latrine in Pamir refugee camp.
- In Pamir refugee camp, UNHCR and partner Samaritan's Purse (SP) completed the installation and solar connection of a 9.2Kw submersible pump at the newly drilled borehole. This will further improve the water supply in one of the most populated zones in the camp.

Upper Nile

- The daily average water supply coverage stood at 22 litres per person per day. In Yusuf Batil refugee camp it stood at 22.33 litres per person per day. In Doro refugee camp it stood at 21.2 litres per person per day. In Gendrassa refugee camp it stood at 23.92 litres per person per day. In Kaya refugee camp it stood at 24.02 litres per person per day.
- UNHCR and partner ACTED constructed 60 household latrines (21 - Doro refugee camp, 9 - Yusuf Batil refugee camp, 15 - Kaya refugee camp and 15 - Gendrassa refugee camp).

**SHELTER AND NFIS****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile**

- UNHCR and partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) completed the construction of 33 transitional shelters (19 in Doro, five in Gendrassa and nine in Yusuf Batil refugee camps). In 2019, the target is the construction of 450 transitional shelters.
- UNHCR and partner Africa Action Help International (AAHI), carried out minor refurbishments on five kilometres of Maban Airstrip – Kaya. This is the main road connecting all four refugee camps in Maban. Cumulatively, eight of the 34 kilometres of the Maban airstrip – Kaya road has been refurbished.

**CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT****Achievements and Impact****Unity**

- In Jamjang, a peaceful coexistence meeting was held on 15 February. The meeting brought together representatives of the youths, women, and men refugee and host community leaders. The meeting provided a platform to the two communities to discuss issues of importance and address any tensions as a way to maintain and further enhance the existing peaceful.

**ACCESS TO ENERGY****Achievements and Impact****Upper Nile**

- UNHCR trained 11 women refugees on techniques to create mud cookstoves to become stove producers. (2 - Kaya refugee camp, 2 - Yusuf Batil refugee camp, 5 - Gendrassa refugee camp and 2 - Doro refugee camp).
- In Kaya, Batil and Gendrassa refugee camps, UNHCR and partners rehabilitated three tree nursery beds.
- UNHCR and partners created two woodlot management committees/agroforestry groups; one in Gendrassa refugee camp (7 women, 8 men) and one Yusuf Batil refugee camp (6 women, 19 men).

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE****Achievements and Impact****Western Equatoria**

- In Makpandu refugee settlement, the host community allocated 200x100 and 100x100 metres of agricultural land for 11 refugee farmers. Cumulatively in 2019, 50 refugee farmers have received allocated farm lands.
- UNHCR and partner World Vision International (WVI) carried out a poultry vaccination campaign for chickens, ducks and pigeons to prevent Newcastle disease in Makpandu refugee settlement. A total of 374 birds were vaccinated (225 - chickens, 83 - ducks, and 66 - pigeons).

IDP Response

COORDINATION

**PROTECTION**

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- UNHCR and partners observed the continuous spontaneous and voluntary returns of small groups of internally displaced families to their villages of origin outside Maban. The return is taking place in safety and in a dignified manner without any intimidation, force or coercion by the local authorities and host communities. The majority of the IDPs are returning from Banabow, Yawaji and Banchulk IDPs hosting sites.
- UNHCR and partner Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC) began vocational training for 45 youths from Malakal Protection of Civilian (POC) site and town on bricklaying and concreting, carpentry and joinery as well as electrical engineering. These skills will allow the youths to generate an income by helping to build and repair schools and hospitals in their communities. The youths come from different ethnicities, by working together during the trainings, this encourages dialogue and peaceful co-existence.
- UNHCR and partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) conducted training on sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) reporting channels and services available for 256 (146 women, 170 men) members from the women leaders, youth committee and community watch groups in the Malakal POC site.

Western Equatoria

- UNHCR joined an inter-agency Initial Rapid Needs Assessment (IRNA) comprising of South Sudan's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), UN agencies and partners, to assess the IDP situation in Tambura, located 185 kilometers outside of Yambio town. The assessment team visited Mabia, Nagero County and Source town in Yubu County. They found that majority of IDPs have spontaneously returned to their place of origin as the result of the Revitalized Peace Agreement signed in September 2018. The State Government, in coordination with WVI, plan to assist with transportation the few remaining IDPs, who wish to return to their place of origin. The assessment team noted the priority needs are food, NFIs, seeds and tools, education and health.

OPERATIONS

**SHELTER AND NFIS**

Achievements and Impact

Upper Nile

- UNHCR organised a joint mission to Maban's Lekka village to confirm the return of internally displaced families and to assess their current situation. The joint mission included Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) and Save the Children International. As a result, UNHCR and HDC identified 512 families returned in December 2018 from Banabowa IDP site. Key challenges identified during the visit include repair of an existing hand pump, the need for an additional borehole, shelter support, provision of food and non-food items, and health and education facilities.
- Following the findings of UNHCR led joint assessment mission to Maban's Lekka village, UNHCR and its partner Humanitarian and Development Consortium (HDC) distributed core relief items to 1,401 (367 families). CRIs included blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, plastic sheets, jerry cans and kitchen.

**CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT****Achievements and Impact****Jonglei**

- In Bor, UNHCR registered 50 families (113 individuals) who expressed readiness to voluntarily relocate from Bor POC site to their place of origin (Uror, Nyirol, Akobo, Fangak, Nasser, Leer, Goch, Tori, Chukudum, Panyijaar, and Ayod). IDPs requested the Solutions Working Group (SWG) for support. The request will be discussed in the next Bor SWG meeting on how best the group can be supported to return to their areas of origin before the rainy season begins.

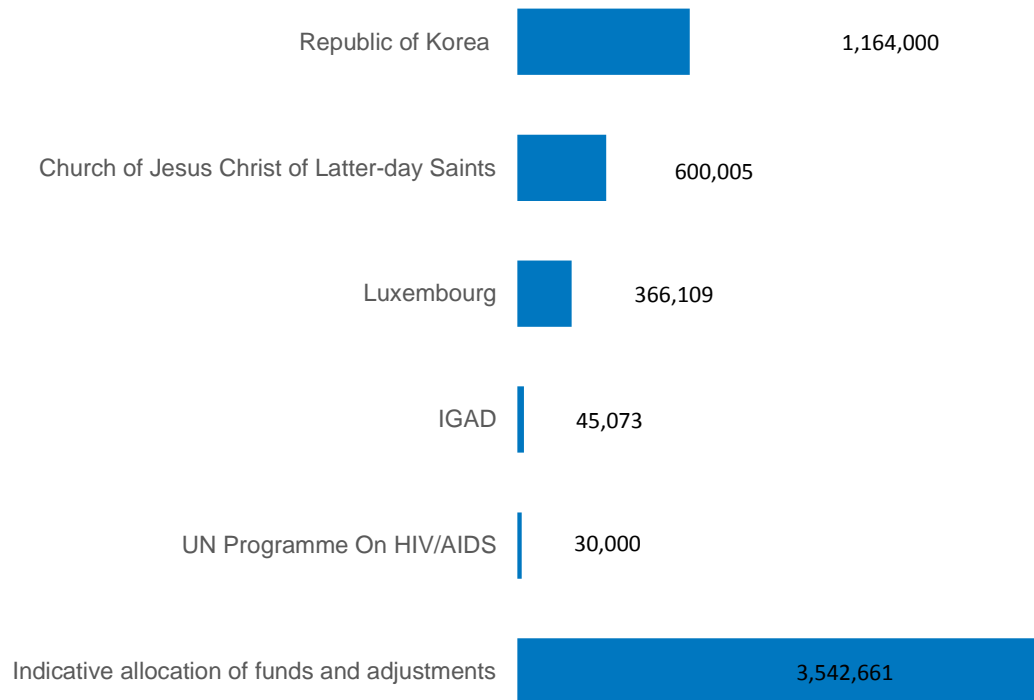
Working in partnership

- UNHCR works closely with the Government of South Sudan to deliver assistance and protection services to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- In the **refugee response**, the main government counterparts are the Ministry of Interior and the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA). Implementing partners in 2019 are: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), Association of Christian Resource Organisation Serving Sudan (ACROSS), Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Technique et au Développement (ACTED), CARE International, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Relief International (RI), Samaritan's Purse (SP), Save the Children International (SCI), United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), and World Vision International (WVI).
- In the **IDP response**, the main government counterpart is the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC). Implementing partners in 2019 are: Action Africa Help International (AAHI), United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanity & Inclusion (HI), Humanitarian Development Consortium (HDC), INTERSOS, Nile Hope, Hope Restoration (HRSS), Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) and Women Development Group (WDG), IsraAID, and International Rescue Committee (IRC).
- Within the **Inter-Agency Cluster System for IDP response**, UNHCR in South Sudan is the Protection Cluster Lead with NRC as co-lead, Co-Lead of the CCCM Cluster along with IOM and ACTED, and is an active participant in the Shelter/NFI Cluster.
- On the **prevention of statelessness**, UNHCR's main counterpart is the Directorate of Nationality, Passports, and Immigration (DNPI).
- UNHCR maintains **operational partnerships** with CAFOD, Caritas, Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB), FAO, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), MEDAIR, Médecins Sans Frontières (France, Belgium, Swiss, Holland), Mentor Initiative, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), OXFAM, REACH, UNAIDS, UNOCHA, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNMAS, UNMISS, WFP, WHO, Women for Women International and UN Women.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amounts to US\$ 5.7 million, for the financial year 2019 as of 6 February. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with un-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

2019 funding received in million USD



Other Softly earmarked contributions 2019 | USD

Germany 9.1 million

Unearmarked Contributions in 2019 | USD

Sweden 90.4 million | **Denmark** 54.9 million | **Norway** 44.5 million | **Netherlands** 37.5 million | **United Kingdom** 31.7 million | **German** 27.3 million | **Switzerland** 15.1 million
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