

Unity State

UNHCR Weekly Update for the Period 23-29May2012

Security Situation

General Security Situation: The general security situation in Unity state remains calm. Humanitarian response to the refugee influx continues, in a challenging environment..

Challenges and Constraints: Due to the heavy rains, access to refugee locations, particularly Pariang, is a concern, constraining delivering of assistance to the refugees.

Operations

Yida Refugee Settlement

36,274 Individuals (26/05/12)

New Arrivals: Although refugees continue to arrive, there has been a decrease in the number of new arrivals since the fourth week of May 2012 perhaps due to movement limitations in South Kordofan. Due to the expansion of the Yida location as a result of the increasing population some new arrivals are occupying land even closer to the border, near Jau.

A significant challenge is the rate at which deforestation resulting from the cutting of trees for fuel and shelter purposes is increasing. In addition, refugees are traveling long distances to collect grass and other resources. The environmental impact could negatively impact relations with host communities and the state government. UNHCR is advocating that new arrivals relocate from Yida to locations at a safer distance from the border, including as a way of avoiding such tensions with the host community.

Non-Food Items (NFIs): A distribution of NFIs was on-going throughout the week, targeting 4,083 persons with specific needs including the vulnerable, the elderly, unaccompanied minors as well as size-six-and-over households.

In preparation for the rainy season, UNHCR and partners have stepped up efforts to pre-position

stocks of food, NFIs as well as other essential materials. Plastic sheets for use as shelter materials have been deployed to Yida with an additional 6,000 ordered from UNHCR Juba..

Health/Nutrition: Clinicians are seeing an average of about 200 cases per day in Yida. Health partners are recruiting more clinical officers to meet the demand for health services.

A vaccination campaign against measles is being undertaken during the second and third week of May 2012.

WASH: Water supply is currently at 15 litres per person per day in all three camps. Additional Boreholes are being drilled to supplement the existing water supply systems and facilities. Additional sanitation work is being undertaken to improve the current number of latrines for the Yida population.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management: Site planning is on-going for a site that can accommodate up to 60,000 persons.

Nyeel Refugee Camp

792 Individuals(26/05/12)

Community Participation and Self-Management: On 27th and 28th May 2012 general elections were held in the Nyeel Camp for refugee representatives and camp committee office bearers..

Education: Textbooks have been distributed to all the students between Primary level 3 and primary level 7. There 335 students with an average age of 15 years attending school.

WASH: Further latrines are being built to meet international standards..

Shelter: Construction of 100 % of the tukuls in the camp has been completed in block 1 and block 2. Each shelter can accommodate a minimum of 5 refugees.

Pariang Refugee Camp

2312 Individuals(26/05/12)

Community Participation and Self-Management: Assessments relating to gender based violence are on-going, with a response plan being finalized, based on findings to date.

Refugee Statistics: The number of registered refugees is currently 2,312 individuals. , the number may have decreased due in part

Shelter: Construction of four long houses and a kitchen continues. It is planned to divide accommodation along gender lines in order to mitigate potential protection concerns.

Education: Seven Classrooms have been established and school has begun. Vocational training for adult students is about to begin.

Livelihoods: Distribution of seeds will begin shortly, with stocks now received at the camp and land preparation underway.

WASH: 20 sets of wash basins as well as and 10 sets of 3 bathrooms were completed during the week.
