



Tierkidi Camp Profile August 2014



Camp Opened: 26 February 2014

Camp Phase: Emergency



Population: 48,437
as of 21 August, 2014



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Contextual Background

Historical background

- At the onset of the emergency in South Sudan (in mid-December 2013), refugees began arriving at Ethiopian border entry points (mainly Pagak, Akobo, and Burbiey). After that, they were relocated to established camps, such as Tierkidi Camp – currently the largest refugee camp in Ethiopia.

Areas of Origin

- The camp population is primarily comprised of refugees from South Sudan’s Upper Nile, Jonglei and Unity states.

Cultural Background

- The refugees are predominantly ethnic Luo-Nuer.

Main Occupations

- Primarily farmers and pastoralists.











Administrative Structure

- UNHCR provides **Coordination Support, Protection, Community Services, Registration, Logistics, Technical Expertise** and monitors the delivery of services.
- Camp Management** and the implementation of **Primary Healthcare and Education, distribution of Food and Core Relief Items, Shelter Demarcation and Provision and Refugee Screening/Registration** is conducted by Ethiopia’s governmental body, the **Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA)** with support from **UNHCR**.
- UN Agencies** (WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, OCHA, IOM) and **Partners** work together with ARRA and UNHCR in the provision of various essential services (See the detailed 3Ws – who does what, when and where – on page 2).
- Camp Coordination Meetings** are co-chaired weekly by ARRA and UNHCR every Tuesday at 11am.

Operations and Services

- Following refugee screening and the registration of refugees who are new arrivals (Level 1 registration) at Ethiopia’s refugee entry points, a more detailed registration process (Level 2 registration, which includes biometrics) is conducted in the camp.
- Refugees are individually registered in UNHCR’s proGres database. Finger prints are recorded to avoid double registration, photos are captured and food ration cards are provided. Ration card numbers and household registration numbers are used for identification, distributions and for referrals between partners.
- Currently three different types of shelters are present in the camp: A) Emergency shelters (5000+) are made out of tarpaulin sheets and poles and have a relatively short-life span; B) UNHCR tents (1660+) provide shelter to larger families and have a life-span of 8 months; and C) thatched shelters, known as tukuls (660 completed), have been identified as the most durable and cost-efficient shelter option, although constructing them is a labour-intensive and time-consuming process.
- Tree main IPs are providing wash services in particular DRC for water supply trough water trucking, MSF-H and NRC on sanitation and hygiene promotion. So far an average 500.000 litres of water is distributed in 24 water roto tanks and delivered on daily basis for 48,439 refugees, maintaining water coverage to 10l/p/d. The sanitation coverage is at 1:81 people/stance since 637 communal latrines are functional and used and 176 family bathing shelters constructed. Raising of awareness on hygiene practices and prevention on water born disease are done through COAs approach coupling with jerry cans and hand washing campaign.
- Food distribution at Tierkidi is implemented by ARRA and is provided to refugees during the first two weeks of every month by WFP. MUAC screening indicates SAM at 6.6% and GAM at 21%. Nutritional survey is currently underway.
- The following core relief items are provided in Tierkidi: sleeping mats, blankets, jerry cans, kitchen sets, buckets, soap, and mosquito nets.

Tierkidi Refugee Camp: Who does What Where (3Ws)

Health 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Emergency medical activities	ARRA, MSF-H
▪ Health services, including vaccination	Regional Health Bureau
▪ Reproductive health and mental health	IMC
▪ Support to health centers with material and tents	UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF, MSF-H
Nutrition 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Nutrition Screening for new arrivals (relocated refugees)	GOAL
▪ Implementation and monitoring of Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) for children and pregnant and lactating women	GOAL
▪ Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) and Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) for the treatment of acute malnutrition	GOAL
▪ Baby-friendly spaces and activities to support Infant and Young Child Feeding	GOAL
▪ Provision of food and therapeutic foods for TSFP and SFP (WFP) and OTP (UNHCR)	WFP and UNHCR
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Water system construction, expansion and/or upgrading and water trucking	DRC, IRC
▪ Deep borehole drilling	LWF
▪ Shallow borehole drilling	UNICEF, IRC
▪ Construction and maintenance of household sanitary facilities/latrines	NRC
▪ Construction and maintenance of emergency latrines	DRC
▪ Construction and maintenance of refuse pits	DRC
▪ Sanitation & Hygiene promotion/awareness	DRC, MSF-F, NRC
▪ Capacity building in WASH	DRC/ NRC
Protection & Community Services 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Camp management and security	ARRA
▪ Provision of psychosocial counseling	UNHCR
▪ Child Protection	Save the Children, ARRA
▪ SGBV/GBV prevention and response	IMC
▪ Support to persons with specific needs	HelpAge International, RADO
Shelter 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Provision of transitional shelter	NRC
▪ Provision of emergency shelter (Emergency Family Tents and Plastic Sheeting)	UNHCR
▪ Setup of emergency shelter	NRC
▪ Shelter gap assessment	ARRA, UNHCR
Core Relief Items 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Distribution of Core Relief Items E.g. Sleeping mats, jerry cans, buckets, kitchen sets, soap and blankets	UNHCR, ARRA
Logistics and Site Planning 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Relocation and transportation of refugees	IOM
▪ Physical planning of camp layout	UNHCR
Education 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Emergency education	Save the Children
▪ Support with educational materials and tents	UNICEF
Environment 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Environmental protection	ARRA
Food 	
Activities	Actors
▪ Food supply and transportation	WFP
▪ General Food Distribution and provision of High Energy Biscuits	ARRA, UNHCR, WFP

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