

South Sudan Situation

1 – 30 April 2018

2,472,625*

 Total **South Sudanese refugees** in the region as of 30 April (pre- and post-Dec 2013 caseload)

10,274*

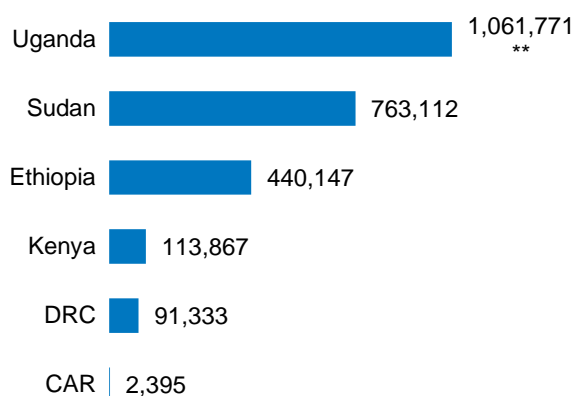
 South Sudanese refugee **arrivals in April**, based on field reports as of 30 April

296,748

Refugees in South Sudan and **1.76 million IDPs** including 202,154 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites

SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES AS OF 30 APRIL 2018

Host Countries



New Arrivals

	In 2017 (Jan to Dec)	In 2018 (as of 30 Apr)
CAR	414	163
DRC	22,017	2,330
Ethiopia	75,447	15,694
Kenya	19,919	3,370
Sudan	195,599	17,685
Uganda	354,796	22,180
TOTAL	668,192	61,422

KEY FIGURES*

63%

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

4.53 million

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

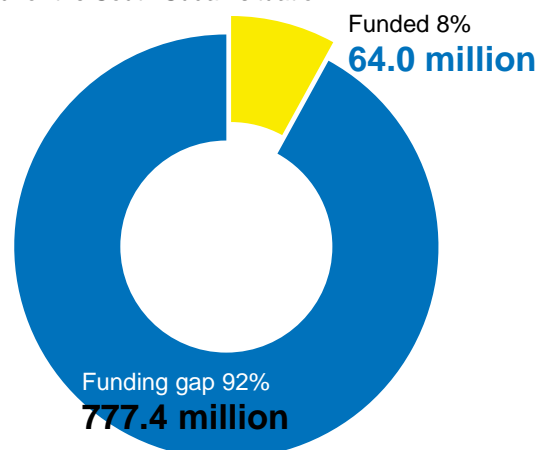
3,135,000

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

FUNDING (AS OF 24 APRIL 2018)

USD 841.5 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 25th April 2018, the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) led High Level Revitalization Forum (HLRF) Phase II has been postponed** to allow further ‘shuttle diplomacy’ meeting with the various parties to the South Sudan conflict in order to ensure a meaningful outcome. The forum is to resume on 17 to 21 May 2018.
- **The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for South Sudan and the head of the UN Mission in South Sudan, David Shearer, called upon all parties to the conflict to halt all fighting and ‘come together in good faith’ at the upcoming peace talks at the High Level Revitalization Forum.** In a statement on 27 April, Shearer added that “this surge in violence [...] is at odds with the cessation of hostilities agreement” and it is endangering the fragile peace process in the world’s youngest nation.
- **Heightened safety risk for South Sudanese crossing in some border entry points of Sudan.** As of 28 March, Joda border in White Nile has been closed and halted the crossing of South Sudanese people from the northern Upper Nile region in South Sudan. Moreover, there have been reports of armed clashes in Bahr el Arab locality and presence of armed groups in key refugee entry point areas. UNHCR is preparing a contingency plan to manage a higher arrival figure in case Joda border entry point re-opens.

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



SOUTH SUDAN

Achievements and Impact

- **New arrivals:** A total of 3,587 new arrivals were registered in April. There are 296,748 refugees in South Sudan as of April 2018, 93 per cent being from Sudan (274,908).
- **SGBV:** In Doro and Gendrassa camps, UNHCR partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC), trained 137 (63 women, 74 men) community-based protection monitors in case management and SGBV referral pathways to improve their community-based activities in effective identification and referral of cases for services.
- **Food Nutrition and Protection:** In Yida refugee settlement, 50,477 refugees out of 54,868 were verified. The verification exercise allows UNHCR to further engage World Food Programme (WFP) to change from General Food Distribution (GFD) to targeted food distribution, promote home visits for the identified persons with special needs (PSNs).
- **Education and Child Protection:** In Ajuong Thok, Pamir refugee camps and Yida settlement, UNHCR identified 42 separated children. The number of separated children remains high - 680 (302 girls, 378 boys) as children are arriving in an attempt to access education.
- **Self-reliance:** UNHCR conducted a training on Energy Saving Stoves (ESS) for 30 women, totalling 100 women trained as of April. Moreover, UNHCR has also introduced a new source of fuel/fire for cooking in Bentiu which is made of cow dung. Initial assessments prove effectiveness of the new fuel and likely will help preserve the environment and improve the safety of women and girls by decreasing the need to collect firewood in the bush.

- **Spontaneous IDP and Refugee Returns:** UNHCR registered 95 families (235 individuals) who expressed readiness to voluntarily leave Bor Protection of Civilians (POC) for their areas of origin in Akobo and Upper Nile. Further assistance with transportation, food and non-food items was requested to Bor Solutions Working Group (SWG) through UNHCR.
- In Pibor, UNHCR and local authorities will commence a program to address limited access to nationality certificates and statelessness among vulnerable communities, in particular the Murle tribe. The program will initially target 1,000 persons with specific needs.

Countries of Asylum

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Latest Developments

- **UNHCR and Food and Agriculture Organization organized an agricultural fair, from 27 to 29 April 2018.** Refugees were able to choose the types of seeds and collect the necessary tools to launch their farming activities. Some 613 refugee households attending, 110 families from the host community and a further 272 IDP families.

Achievements and Impact

- **A total of 563 out of 900 solar lamps, were distributed to the households in Obo, which may reduce the likelihood of protection risks.** Namely, 455 refugee households in the camp and 108 in host families in different districts of Obo have received the solar lamps.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Latest Developments

- **In Dungu in the Haut-Uélé Province, UNHCR and its partner *Association pour le développement social et la sauvegarde de l'environnement (ADSSE)* organized a sports tournament from 11 to 30 April.** Six primary schools hosting refugee children competed in the spirit of promotion of integration and social cohesion between refugees and the local community.

Achievements and Impact

- **Six agricultural cooperatives received 1,080 kilos of peanut seeds towards the promotion of refugee's resilience.** In that vein, UNHCR's partner *Association pour le développement social et la sauvegarde de l'environnement (ADSSE)*

ensures that all refugees receive an initial amount of seeds, which should be reimbursed after the first harvest.

- **UNHCR handed over a newly constructed health center at the recently opened Kaka 2 site.** This center will cater for all refugees at Kaka, so far home to 597 South Sudanese refugees, as well as to an estimated 2,500 persons from the 6 surrounding villages. The facilities include latrines, a rainwater collection system, an incinerator, and a garbage pit.

ETHIOPIA

Latest Developments

- **A voucher project funded by DFID allows UNHCR and partners to deliver quality goods while boosting local economy, as part of a phased rollout of the use of cash-based interventions within select service sectors and regions across the country.**

Achievements and Impact

- **As of 30 April 2018 a total of 54,218 refugees underwent Level 3 registration, 41,431 of whom are now enrolled in the new identity management system (BIMS).** The main aim of this exercise is to enhanced information database to be able to undertake a more targeted approach to service delivery, and effective durable solutions, in line with the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF).

KENYA

Latest Developments

- **Gilo and Tarach refugee's Primary School classes interrupted due to heavy rains and flooding.** The inadequate facilities (classrooms, toilets, desks, WASH and play facilities) need improvement to avoid school congestion and inability to enrol out-of-school children.
- **UNHCR in close collaboration with the Government of Kenya and health partners have developed an action plan to monitor a possible cholera outbreak in Kakuma.** Only one case of cholera has been confirmed from a host community village in Kakuma.

Achievements and Impact

- **33 groups comprising of host community and refugee farmers have benefitted from the harvesting of 2,521.2 kilos of high value vegetable crops worth KES. 255,355 (\$2,543.61 dollars) on the 12-acre Pokotom and Choro farms.**
- **Enhanced access to loans and credit for refugee and host business community to be provided by the newly registered Turkana West Integrated Savings and Credit Co-operative society (TWISACCO).** During the reporting

period, the SACCO conducted its first Annual General Meeting where election of leaders took place under the supervision of the Turkana County Director of Co-operatives. The SACCO expected to start disbursement of loans to members after a 6-month period of saving.

SUDAN

Latest Developments

- **Nearly 3,000 South Sudanese refugees arrived in April.** While new arrival flows remain steady, there has been a gradual decrease in arrivals since January, in particular in South Darfur which has registered no new arrivals in April.
- **Refugees are now drawing water directly from the White Nile River at several camp locations as water treatment plant operations have been interrupted due to fuel shortages in Sudan.** While looking to secure emergency fuel supplies, UNHCR and partners are distributing water purification tablets and promoting public information initiatives on the importance of boiling water to mitigate waterborne illness risk.
- **Increased tensions between host community and refugees in Joda, Al Lait locality in North Darfur.** Refugees report as reason the limited water supply, which have already led to a violent incident involving a refugee child at a water distribution point in April.

Achievements and Impact

- **In White Nile, nearly 1,000 South Sudanese refugee students sat their Grade 8 examinations at the end of April, with over 77 per cent successfully passing the exam.** Students who passed are now able to pursue secondary school near Al Khashafa refugee camp, however more secondary schools need to be built to ensure sufficient places are available.
- **A UNHCR led inter-agency team on sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) completed a gaps analysis of available services in East Darfur.** Major gaps identified on referral pathways, including lack of coherent case management procedures and mechanisms, and psychosocial support and access to justice.
- **UNHCR and the Government of Sudan's Commission for Refugees (COR) completed distribution of NFIs (blankets and plastic sheeting) to 8,541 South Sudanese refugee households (57,346 individuals) in open area settlements and to 1,496 most vulnerable host community households (over 10,000 individuals).** The package will provide interim shelter assistance pending a more sustainable inter-agency shelter response.

UGANDA

Latest Developments

- **High incidence of malaria in Imvepi (43 per cent) and Rhino (45 per cent), of all outpatient consultations.** Health partners are fighting malaria by combining prevention efforts with the engagement of village health teams, to raise awareness of the disease in communities and refer patients for proper care.
- **In Moyo, 42 farmer groups signed an agreement with landlords for five acres of land each, including refugees.** This land will be used for commercial farming as result of the community outreach activities led by UNHCR and partners and contribute to strengthening the refugee and host community livelihood and promote peaceful co-existence.

Achievements and Impact

- **In Rhino, a total of 1,145 persons with special needs (PSNs) were supported with shelter as of April 2018 leaving a backlog of 23.** Additionally, 36 women and five men with special needs received assistance to obtain NFIs at the reception centre.
- **In Imvepi, two classroom blocks were constructed at Unity Progressive Primary School by Association for Aid and Relief (AAR) Japan.** As a result, pupils who regularly missed school because of adverse weather conditions are now all back allowing a safe environment to learn.
- **In Moyo, UNHCR and partners provided training to over 3,070 girls on harmful practices such as early marriage, pregnancy, prostitution and negative peer influence.** This initiative involved 16 different primary schools.
In Imvepi and Rhino, 22 school clubs for the conservation of the environment were created. As part of the initiative clubs will be trained to champion environmental conservation in schools and within the communities. Moreover, 18 schools, in Rhino, have been mobilized for tree planting with each having an average of 2.5 hectares, which can cater for up to 40,000 tree seedlings.

Critical Needs and Priorities

SUDAN

Protection/WASH: There is a need for immediate solutions to address the lack of space for the construction of household latrines and replacement of communal latrines in most camps, given the increased risk of waterborne disease outbreaks with the coming rainy season. A ‘Sanitation Task Force’ has been established to identify suitable sanitation and latrine options.

UGANDA

Education: In Lamwo and Moyo, the main challenges remained the inadequate number of classrooms and the lack of accommodation for teachers. In Moyo, urgent mobilization of resources is needed to cover for the school fees and other basic requirements of 200 orphans and vulnerable children, at Itula secondary school and the community. More resources are also necessary to support the games, sports and drama activities in secondary schools and prevent children from missing out on recreational activities.

Protection/SGBV: In Imvepi, the health partners still have challenges in handling complex SGBV cases, like rape. Issues of confidentiality, safety and security of survivors are not necessarily taken into consideration. There is a need to work together with health facilities to help them understand the importance of these principles to avoid further harm to survivors. In Imvepi, shortage of supplies of HIV testing kits is affecting the routine testing for women making their first visit for ante-natal care.

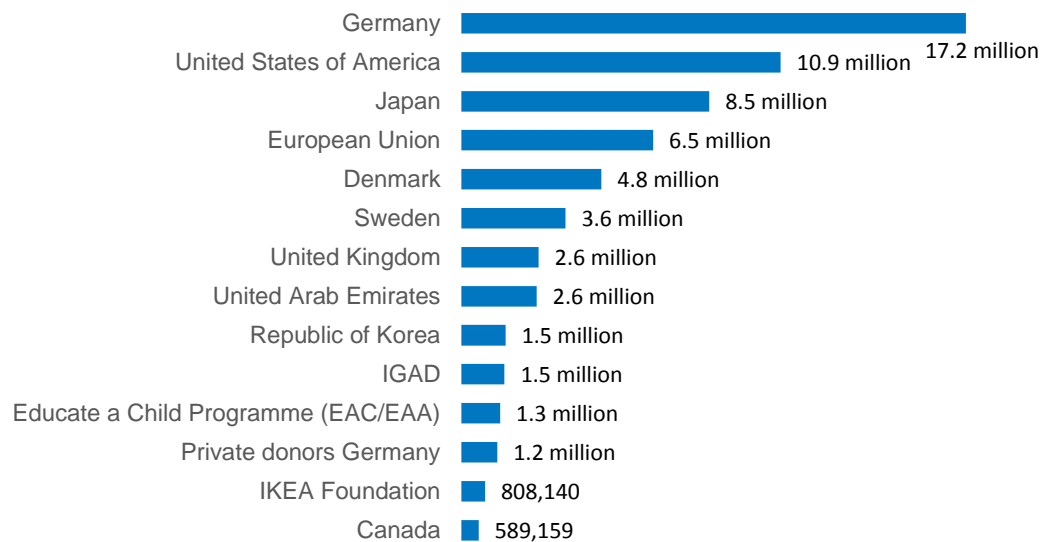
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Protection: UNHCR currently has no access to the asylum seekers in Haut-Uélé Province at the South Sudanese border, due to the precarious security situation caused by the presence of armed groups. Some 450 new asylum seekers were registered by UNHCR’s partner INTERSOS in Masombo, Sugba and Bangalu in Haut-Uélé Province. UNHCR needs further funding support to be able to verify and relocate the asylum seekers and refugees residing in the border areas of Haut-Uélé Province.

Financial Information

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Earmarked contributions for the South Sudan Situation amount to some **US\$ 64.0 million**.



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