

# South Sudan Situation

1-30 September 2018

## 2,469,552\*

South Sudanese refugees in the region as of 30 September 2018 (pre- and post-Dec 2013 caseload).

## 4,418\*

South Sudanese refugee arrivals in September 2018.

## 300,137

Refugees in South Sudan and 1.96 million IDPs including 197,996 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites.

### KEY INDICATORS

## 4.76 million

persons of concern (South Sudanese refugees in the region; South Sudanese IDPs and refugees in South Sudan)

## 63%

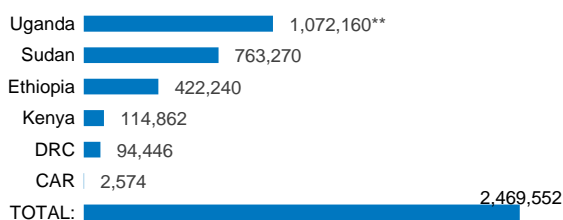
of the South Sudanese refugee population are children (under the age of 18 years old)

## 2,677,400

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

### SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

## Host Countries



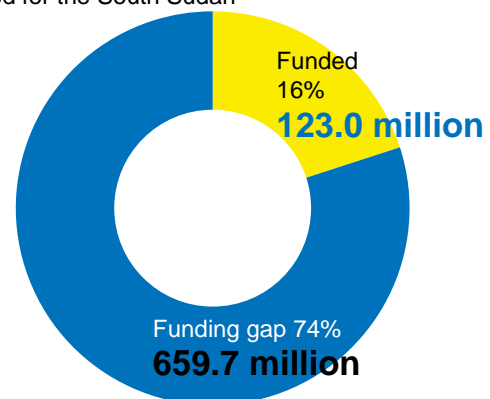
\* The population and arrival figures are based on best available information at the time of production. UNHCR continues to verify the numbers in all countries and future updates may vary as new information becomes available.

\*\* 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). Population figures for Ethiopia were frozen as of August 2018 due to the roll-out of a new registration system aiming to enhance registration data. No new population updates and statistics will be produced until January 2019

### EARMARKED FUNDING (AS OF 2 OCTOBER 2018)

## USD 782.7 million

Requested for the South Sudan



## New Arrivals

	In 2017 (Jan to Dec)	In 2018 (as of 30 September)
CAR	414	323
DRC	22,017	4,969
Ethiopia	75,447	19,770
Kenya	19,919	6,109
Sudan	195,599	29,330
Uganda	354,796	36,345
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>668,192</b>	<b>96,747</b>

## Regional Highlights

- **The mid-year report for the South Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP), including a regional overview and country level updates, was published by the Regional Refugee Coordination office.** Although the refugee influx remained lower leading to a downwards revision of the planning figures of new refugees expected to arrive from South Sudan to Uganda and Sudan, the situation in South Sudan remained highly unpredictable prompting the development of a contingency plan to respond to a worst-case scenario. However, due to underfunding, schools and health centres remained overcrowded, food rations were reduced, with significant lack of semi-permanent shelters, and limited investments in livelihoods and environmental protection. The reports are available [here](#).
- **On 25<sup>th</sup> September in Nairobi, Kenya the Regional Refugee Coordinator for the South Sudan Situation and Special Advisor together with the Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Burundi Situation / CRRF Champion hosted an event marking the two year anniversary of the New York Declaration. It corresponded with a high level event on the Global Compact on Refugees hosted by the High Commissioner for Refugees during the same week at the United Nations General Assembly in New York.** The role of different stakeholders – UN and NGO partners, World Bank, donors, and private sector was highlighted in the application of the CRRF approach in the region.
- **On September 4th, the Regional Refugee Coordinator and Special Advisor for South Sudan situation jointly with UNHCR Sudan office co-hosted with the Government of the Republic of Sudan, a dialogue between a group of 16 South Sudanese refugees from Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Central African Republic (CAR) and the parties and stakeholders of the Revitalized Agreement of Resolution of the Conflict South Sudan (R-ARCSS) and the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD).** The refugees called upon further support from the international community and commitment by the parties to the agreement and their willingness to further engage on raising awareness activities towards the rebuilding of trust within South Sudanese communities and reaching a lasting peace.

# Updates and Achievements

## SOUTH SUDAN

### Update

- On the 4<sup>th</sup> September, UNHCR South Sudan carried out a [high-level event](#) which brought together government officials, UN agencies and partners to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Guiding Principles of Internal Displacement. UNHCR highlighted the positive efforts carried out by South Sudan so far and used the opportunity to advocate for the development of a national law on internal displacement able to provide a concrete instrument to address the causes and challenges of internal displacement South Sudan.
- The Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC) released a [statement](#) on the status of the implementation of the 2018 Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS). While encouraging progress has been noted, violations of the ceasefire agreement are reported and important contentious issues remain.

### Achievements and Impact

- **New arrivals:** UNHCR registered 791 new arrivals and 414 newborn babies mainly from Sudan's South Kordofan and Blue Nile. As of September 2018, the refugee population in South Sudan stood at 300,137 individuals.
- **Education:** In Maban County, attendance for those enrolled in primary education fell by 10 per cent. While there was a 21 per cent increase in the Accelerated Education Program (AEP). Many of the primary education students, especially boys have reportedly left for work in Paloich and Renk which may be the reason for the decrease in attendance.
- **Self-reliance:** In Juba, UNHCR and partners conducted a vulnerability assessment for twelve families of persons with specific needs in Jebel and Nyakuron areas in urban Juba. The exercise serves to provide tailor made assistance to families in need.
- **Spontaneous IDP:** UNHCR and partners revived agro-pastoralist field schools in Duk, Twic East and Awerial Counties of Jonglei and Lakes. This has allowed the farmers to start earning an income by selling their products.

## Countries of Asylum

### CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

#### Latest Developments

- **On 23 September in New York, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres met with the President of the Central African Republic (CAR), Faustin Archange Touadéra, and discussed the political process and the security situation in the country.** The Secretary-General further stressed the need to build up frameworks for a joint engagement in CAR, also endorsed by representatives of the African Union (AU) and the European Union (EU), namely through a strengthened African Initiative for Peace and Reconciliation.

#### Achievements and Impact

- **1748 persons received food ration for the next two months in Obo, home to some 2447 registered South Sudanese refugees in ProGres database.** The distribution involved 7044 persons including Congolese refugees, internally displaced persons and persons with specific needs in the host community.

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

#### Latest Developments

- **The livelihoods mid-year report completed in September, established that 67 per cent of households from South Sudanese caseload were farmers in their country of origin. However, only 10 per cent households of the total caseload were supported to pursue agricultural activities, by UNHCR and partners.** Due to limited funds available, the capacity to promote durable solutions has been significantly compromised.
- **On 13 September, the Ambassadors of the Netherlands and Sweden, and the Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Switzerland, visited Meri refugee site, Haut-Uélé Province, which is home to over 33,000 South Sudanese refugees.** The visit aimed at taking stock of the challenges and achievements of the operation.

#### Achievements and Impact

- **At Biringi settlement, refugee farmers donated 619 kilos of their harvests to other refugees, enabling UNHCR's partner to provide seeds to 50 additional households.**
- **On 4 September, two South Sudanese refugees hosted in the Democratic Republic of the Congo were able to express their views and expectations on the peace process in an event held in Khartoum, Sudan, with the warring parties.** This initiative seeks to promote refugees' awareness of and their participation in the peace process.

**ETHIOPIA****Latest Developments**

- **The tension and security incidents in Gambella have hindered the movement to the camps and service delivery, leading to the Ethiopian Defense Force taking control and developing security forces patrolling the area including camp settlements.** In early September, Ethiopia and South Sudan governments announced a joint border security force to safeguard the region against attacks and any other illegal activities between the two countries.
- **UNHCR launched a comprehensive level 3 (L3) registration exercise in Kule camp and in Pugnido I camp, in Gambella state.** The advanced registration system, also known as the Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS), involves the collection of biometric information, including fingerprints, iris scan and digital photos. It also gathers detailed information on individual skills, education, occupation and family members abroad to inform partners and government programming. This exercise is expected to be completed in January 2019.

**Achievements and Impact**

- **UNHCR and all nutrition partners launched the quarter three joint supportive monitoring exercise on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018.** This process will provide the technical support to partners and improvement of the quality of care based on standards and planned strategy to contribute to the nutrition wellbeing of the refugees.

**KENYA****Latest Developments**

- **Some 575 households benefitted from cash assistance meant for the construction of permanent shelters in Kalobeyei.** A total of 1,000 shelter units are expected to be constructed by refugees by the end of 2018.

**Achievements and Impact**

- **398 (96 female) teachers graduated after successfully completing a one-year e-learning course on ENEZA Platform facilitated by Xavier Project.** This training will improve teacher practice and contribute to enhanced student learning outcomes.

**SUDAN****Latest Developments**

- **Malaria prevalence has reached a concerning 108 per cent increase in East Darfur in September due to shortage of first-line anti-malarial drugs and a high mosquito breeding over the rainy season.** A state-level Malaria Task Force has been established and supporting case management and vector control initiatives.

- **Health service partners are urgently needed to cater for both refugees living in settlements and the host communities across 11 villages in Al Lait, North Darfur.** UNHCR and partners are exploring alternative arrangements to continue sustaining the health services in the four clinics as of September considering the serious funding gap.

### Achievements and Impact

- **A new health programme was launched in West Kordofan.** The three month programme will provide essential drugs supplies for health facilities, vector control activities to address rising malaria prevalence in Kharasana and El Meiram settlements.

## UGANDA

### Latest Developments

- **The new Education Response Plan for refugees and host communities 2018-2021 (ERP) was launched on 14 September 2018 by the First Lady and the Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES), HE Janet Museveni.**
- **Uganda's Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) model featured at the United Nations 73rd General Assembly (UNGA) as leading example for CRRF application.** The Government of Uganda highlighted the need to treat refugees as human beings and jointly with the CRRF Secretariat and partners developed a 2018-2020 Communications and Engagement Strategy to voice the needs of refugees and host communities, ensure transparency and accountability and facilitate active participation of stakeholders.

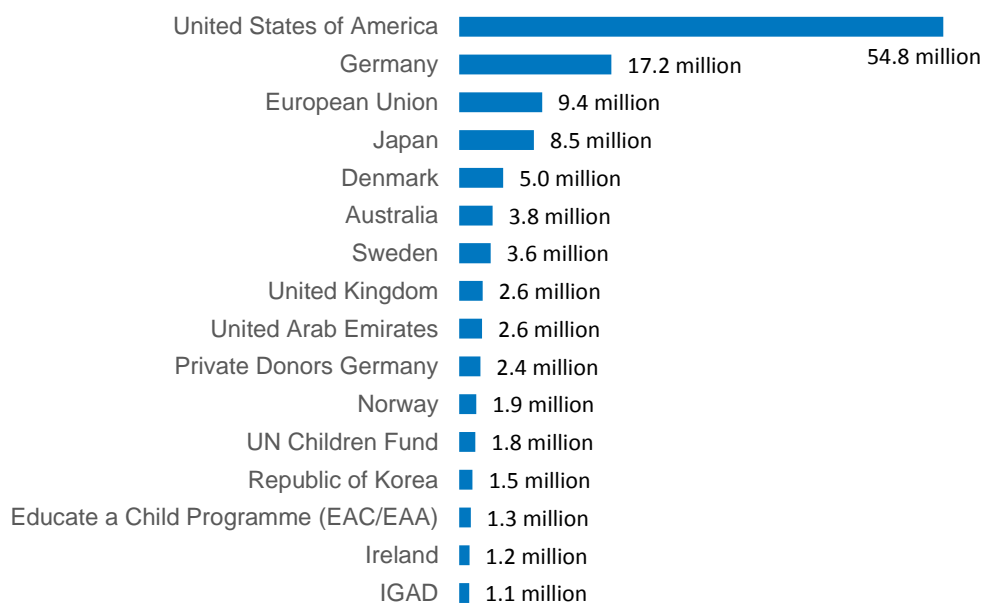
### Achievements and Impact

- **As a temporary measure, the Food Assistance Working group has decided to provide a two-month food ration to refugees to minimize crowding and contact at food distribution points.** UNHCR and partners are focusing on hygiene and sanitation and adopting temporary measures to strengthen the Ebola preventive measures for refugee households in considered high risk settlements.
- **In Uganda, an additional quota of 50 individuals has been granted by Canada for resettlement of South Sudanese refugees.** In that vein, expected submissions of South Sudanese in 2018 will be 250.
- **The Uganda Secondary Education Expansion Project will be informed by the educational and psychosocial needs of young people identified by UNHCR and partners mission to districts hosting South Sudanese refugees.** The project aims at enhancing equitable access and retention rates of students to lower secondary education with a focus on underserved areas, refugees and girls.

## Financial Information

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the South Sudan situation as well as for those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.

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UNHCR South Sudan Situation page: <http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/20>

Recent News Story: <http://www.unhcr.org/news/stories/2018/9/5b7e78534/popular-surgeon-turns-hand-south-sudan-hospital.html>