

South Sudan Situation

1-30 June 2019

2,332,097*

South Sudanese refugees in the region as of 30 June 2019 (pre- and post-Dec 2013 caseload).

5,281*

South Sudanese refugee arrivals in June 2019.

295,986

Refugees in South Sudan and 1.83 million IDPs including 181,096 in UNMISS Protection of Civilians sites.

KEY INDICATORS

4.4 million

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

63%

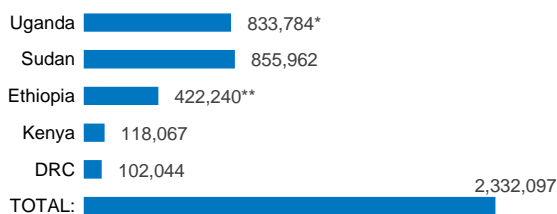
of the South Sudanese refugee population are children (under the age of 18 years old)

2,795,827

2019 Regional RRP Planning figure for the total South Sudanese refugees projected in the region by 31 December

SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES AS OF 30 JUNE 2019

Host Countries



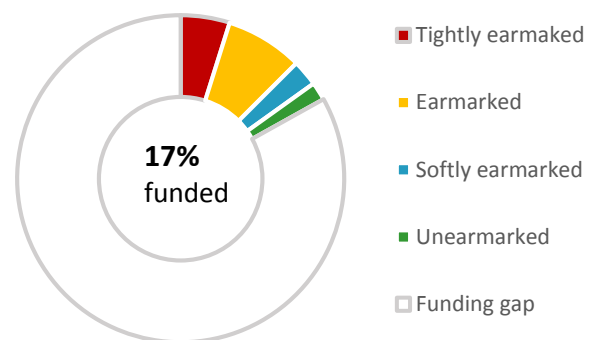
* The population and arrival figures are based on the final results from verification exercise.

** 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.

UNHCR'S FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS (AS OF 3 JULY 2019)

USD 726.1 million

requested for the South Sudan situation



New Arrivals

	In 2018 (Jan to Dec)	In 2019 (as of June)
CAR	325	171
DRC	6,201	5,055
Ethiopia	19,770**	0**
Kenya	7,325	7,975
Sudan	33,117	13,821
Uganda	40,758	24,451
TOTAL	107,496	51,473

Regional Highlights

- **On 7 June, South Sudan became the 28th country acceding to the 2009 African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa, also known as the Kampala Convention.** The UN Refugee Agency welcomed South Sudan's ground-breaking accession as it will guide a critically important legal framework in South Sudan for protecting, assisting and finding solutions for almost 2 million internally displaced South Sudanese, as well as for the prevention of future displacement by addressing the root causes.
- **In June, two deadly Ebola virus cases were confirmed in Uganda by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Uganda Ministry of Health, stemming from the outbreak in neighbouring Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).** As part of the Ebola preparedness and prevention efforts, WHO and partners have aimed at empowering communities, including refugees, building national capacity for infection prevention and control in health facilities through water, sanitation and hygiene interventions, and training of staff to support communities dealing with Ebola-related stress.
- **In June 2019, UNHCR undertook survey of South Sudanese refugees on intention of return and to identify the impediments preventing return, as perceived and conveyed by the refugees.** The intention survey will also help guide planning for refugee operations in 2020-2021 as well as to enhance evidence-based decision making for the protection and solutions for South Sudan refugees and returnees. This exercise took place in all the six major countries of asylum (CAR, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, and Uganda) of South Sudan refugees in collaboration between UNHCR country offices and the Office of the Regional Refugee Coordinator.
- **South Sudanese refugee representatives participated in deliberations with the Independent Boundaries Commission of South Sudan in Kakuma camp, Kenya.** The IBC is one of the key institutions set up under the 2018 Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS) and is mandated to determine the number of states in South Sudan, their boundaries and the representation of the council of states. Since 2018, the UN Refugee Agency has been consistently urging all parties to involve South Sudanese refugees in the peace process and national reconciliation.

Updates and Achievements

SOUTH SUDAN

Update

- On 14 June 2019, the food insecurity [report](#) showed that an estimated 21,000 South Sudanese would likely face a “catastrophic lack of food access” by the end of July, in the middle of the rainy season. Record numbers in South Sudan, some seven million people, face acute food shortages, while more than 20,000 are close to famine.

Achievements and Impact

- **Education:** At Unity, five primary schools in Ajuong Thok and one in Pamir refugee camps received a grant of 1.26 million South Sudanese pounds from the Government of South Sudan, through the Windle Trust. The funds will support school infrastructure maintenance and renovations.
- **Health:** In Juba, UNHCR participated in the United Nations tabletop exercise on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). The exercise aimed to test contingency plans and identify gaps. Following reports that an EVD case was confirmed 43 miles from South Sudan’s border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo, UNHCR and partner United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) ramped up its EVD prevention information campaign, reaching 496 individuals (332 women, 164 men).
- **IDPs:** UNHCR participated in a multi-agency Initial Rapid Needs Assessment mission to Tambura to assess the situation of 7,095 IDPs from Kuarjina (Wau) that crossed to Tambura State in May 2019. The team found that the IDPs are in dire need of food, NFIs and shelter, and WASH. UNHCR noted cases of family separation and SGBV. The clusters are currently mobilising resources and is responding with appropriate family tracing and reunification of separated children, awareness raising on SGBV and case management for child protection. IDPs fled as a result of inter-tribal fighting between cattle keepers and agricultural farmers over grazing lands.
- **Spontaneous returns:** UNHCR monitored and tracked IDP and spontaneous refugee returns through the dock site monitoring desk established in Akobo East County and Jebel Boma and Mingkaman of Awerial County in Jonglei state. As a result, UNHCR interviewed and recorded 90 households (371 individuals) returning from Ethiopia while in Jebel Boma 36 households (215 individuals) were recorded returning from Dimma refugee camp in Ethiopia.

Countries of Asylum

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Latest Developments

- The security situation in Obo is generally calm. However, on the 11 June, eight persons have been abducted by the Lord's resistance Army (LRA). Four were released but the others are still kept by the armed group. No refugee is among those victims.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Latest Developments

- **On 30 June, a first case of Ebola was confirmed in Ariwara, Aru Territory.** In order to strengthen preventive measures to contain the virus, UNHCR and its partners conducted four mass sensitization sessions in Biringi, Aru and Aba targeting refugees and host community members. Awareness raising messages were also broadcasted on local radios. Health and security measures were reinforced when relocating refugees from border areas to Biringi settlement, Ituri Province as convoys stop in a way station in Ariwara. In addition, 12 health staff members participated in a training to strengthen capacity for prevention, detection, investigation and response to Ebola.
- **UNHCR and local authorities faced difficulties to relocate 201 ethnic Dinka refugees to Biringi settlement, due to the lack of acceptance by some members of other ethnic groups.** UNHCR initiated two sensitization sessions in Aru, Ituri Province, to promote harmony and peaceful coexistence between the different ethnic groups.

Achievements and Impact

- **During the reporting period, 701 South Sudanese refugees were relocated to Biringi settlement in Ituri Province and 291 to Meri site in Haut-Uele Province.** Since January, a total of 4,108 South Sudanese refugees were transferred to Biringi settlement and Meri site. While some of the refugees had fled fighting in February 2019, others had been in the border area for a longer period.

ETHIOPIA

Latest Developments

- **Due to lack of funds, UNICEF suspended its support to emergency health services at the Pamdong reception centre that had been previously implemented with Regional Health Bureau staff support.** The withdrawal included the halting of the immunization of all children under 15 years of age and the provision of clinical consultation during night and weekends when MSF-Holland is not in Pamdong. UNHCR, UNICEF and ARRA are to further discuss the emergency health services.
- **Following several security events in Gambella, there is a need for a security package including vehicles to be distributed to security forces at the different persons of**

concern locations under Agency for Refugees and Returnees Affairs (ARRA) supervision. An increasing number of escorts were used were tensions occurred, requiring at least two pickups every day. This caused a strain on transportation for- ARRA. In addition, radio communications are also important to enhance the communication amongst the different humanitarian actors and speedy exchange of security-related information.

Achievements and Impact

- **The preparations for student's enrolment on a two-month program across six camps, Accelerated School Readiness (ASR), has been carried out with support from UNICEF and Save the Children internal funding.** ASR is an innovative early learning model that lasts eight weeks and targets six-year-olds. It provides quality education by trained teachers to help children, who previously had no access to preschool or other early learning models, to make a smooth transition from home to school.

KENYA

Latest Developments

- **Mercy Masika, Kenya's Afro-Soul Songstress was appointed national UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador.** For almost two years, Masika has served as an active High Level Influencer for UNHCR's LuQuLuQu campaign advocating for greater compassion and understanding for people forced to flee. Launched in November 2017, the [LuQuLuQu](#) campaign is built on the African philosophy of sharing resources and caring for one another.

Achievements and Impact

- **In order to boost market activities and promote the local economy, a new market mall for 22 traders from the refugees and host community has been established in village one of Kalobeyei settlement.** Currently, 16 traders have already signed a lease agreement to set up market informed businesses in the new mall which is expected to be operational in the month of August 2019.
- **UNHCR and partners are forming a taskforce to effectively respond to nutrition needs on immediate and medium term.** The taskforce includes UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF and national and international partners. Food assistance remains far from meeting recommended daily intake of the population and leads to deteriorating nutrition status especially among young children and women.

SUDAN

Latest Developments

- **Sudan's security situation deteriorated in June.** On 3 June, IDP demonstrators in South Darfur looted 131 MT of food distribution supplies from WFP's warehouse in the refugee settlement at Beliel IDP camp, as well as NFIs. In White Nile State, an increase in robberies in refugee camps was also observed targeting lighting and water supply equipment, which

resulted in temporary interruption of water supply to refugees and host communities. UNHCR and Sudan Commission for Refugees (COR) are leading discussions with local authorities and host communities to mitigate tensions and reduce service disruptions in White Nile camps.

- **Over 7,000 South Sudanese refugees in Khartoum are newly displaced following host community attacks in Khartoum on 6-7 June 2019.** The refugees fled to safety in Bantiu ‘open area’ settlement in Khartoum and Um Sangour camp in White Nile State. COR, UNHCR, UNICEF and other partners have supported the newly displaced refugees in Khartoum’s Bantiu ‘open area’ with NFI assistance, registration and protection support. In White Nile camps, displaced families are being registered and receiving emergency food and NFI assistance.
- **East Darfur’s Al Nimir refugee camp gets two new schools.** Global Aid Hand (GAH) completed with COR the construction of two basic schools in Al Nimir camp. The new schools will accommodate an additional 800 refugee students with two shifts in 16 classrooms. Enrolment in the camp increased from 1,300 in the 2018/2019 school year to over 2,000 students in the 2019/2020 school year. The schools have been handed over to the State Ministry of Education and will open at the start of the school year in July.

UGANDA

Latest Developments

- **On 11 June 2019, the Ugandan Ministry of Health declared the 6th outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in the country, affecting Kasese district in South Western Uganda.** The first case was a five-year-old child with a recent history of travel to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This child was one of six people that travelled from the DRC, following the grandfather’s burial, who succumbed to EVD.

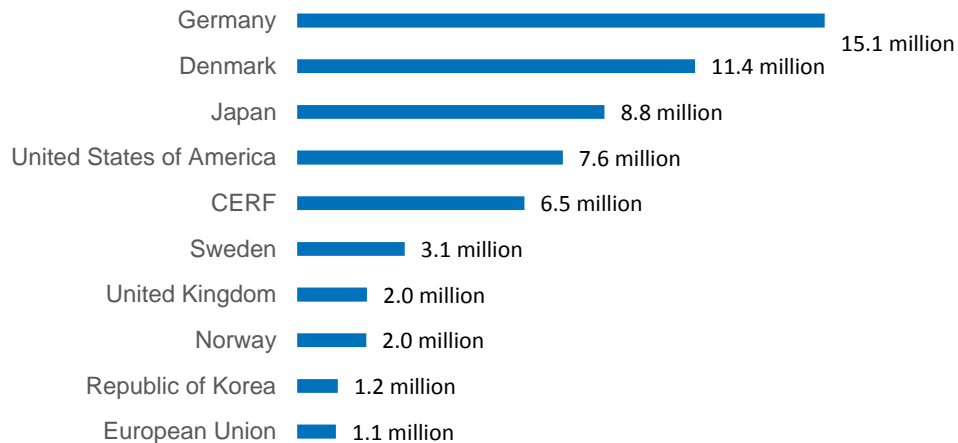
Achievements and Impact

- **A total of 1927 cases were received through the FRRM helpline, representing a six percent increase. This represents the second highest number of cases ever received in a calendar month since the FRRM helpline was launched.** A total of 998 cases were handled at helpline level, while 929 referrals were made to UNHCR and partners for follow up.
- **A draft Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Strategy (MHPSS) was developed with the support of a GIZ Secondee, which is critical in Uganda due to worrying trend of suicides among refugees (especially among those from South Sudanese).** The gap in the provision of MHPSS services needs to be urgently addressed as a lifesaving intervention.

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.

Total contributions for the South Sudan Situation amount to some **USD 124.6 million**.



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LINKS

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