OVERVIEW

The Nguenyyiel Refugee Camp is the newest and largest camp in Gambella opened to accommodate the renewed refugee influx from South Sudan following the escalation of conflict in the world’s youngest nation in July 2016.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Following the flaring up of the recent fighting between the warring factions of South Sudan in July 2016, Nguenyyiel Refugee Camp was opened on 20 October 2016 to receive South Sudanese refugees who crossed into Ethiopia through Pagak, Akobo and Burbiey entry points. With the increase in fighting across the border at the end of August 2017, an increased influx of some 28,000 new arrivals was registered.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) - In representation of Ethiopia’s government - Camp Management and security; primary health care; food and ORIs distribution; logistics.
- Action Against Hunger (ACF) – Nutrition
- Action for the Needy in Ethiopia (ANE) – Shelter; road construction.
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC) – Shelter & infrastructure, Livelihood
- Danish Church Aid (DCA) – Food Security and Livelihood
- Doctors with Africa (CUAMM) – HIV/AIDS/ Reproductive health (Community & Facility based).
- Centre for Victims of Trauma (CVT) – Mental health
- Help Age International- support to persons with specific needs
- Humanitarian Inclusion - support to persons with specific needs
- International Medical Corps (IMC) – Community-based HIV/AIDS services; SGBV, Nutrition
- International Organization for Migration (IOM) – Shelter; transportation of refugees
- Mothers & Children Multi-sectoral Development Organization (MCMDO) - Livelihood, Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture.
- ZOA – Livelihood, Agriculture
- NCA – Sanitation & Hygiene
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) – Shelter, Sanitation and Accelerated Learning Program (ALP)
- Natural Resources Development and Environmental Protection (NRDEP) – Environmental protection and rehabilitation.
- OXFAM – WASH and Livelihood
- Plan International – Child Protection; emergency education, youth programs
- World Vision International (WVI) - Sanitation and non-formal, adult education
- World Food Programme (WFP) – Food supply and transportation
- UNICEF – Support to health centers & permanent water system construction/ expansion
- Ethiopian Red Cross Society – Family Tracing (Restoring Family Links).
- Development Interchurch Aid Charity (DICAC) – Junior Secondary School
- Regional Water Bureau (RWB) - Support to health centers & permanent water system construction/ expansion
HEALTH

Health clinics are available for refugees and host communities wherein they receive medical care, including:
- Health services, including vaccination and anti-malaria campaigning activities
- Reproductive health and HIV/AIDS services
- Support to health centres with drugs and medical equipment.

NUTRITION

With support from UNHCR’s partners, refugees have access to infrastructure and receive nutritional support, including:
- Provision of supplementary and therapeutic feeding as well as the promotion of child and maternal feeding practice (includes plumpy nuts)

WASH

- The camp relies on the Itang water supply scheme (shared with Kule and Tierkidi camps) whose water source is seven boreholes, with an additional three boreholes under development. The water supply was irregular in January due to frequent breakdown of electromechanical equipment; an average of 7.4 liters of potable water per person per day (l/p/d) was available which is way below the emergency standards of 15 l/p/d and UNHCR’s 20 l/p/d. UNHCR is following up with its partners to implement corrective measures.
- Construction and maintenance of family latrines and refuse pits and WASH-related capacity building are in progress.

PROTECTION & COMMUNITY SERVICES & REGISTRATION

UNHCR and its partners provide protection to refugees and promote durable solutions to their plight through:
- Camp management and security
- Support for persons with disability and other vulnerable groups
- Child Protection
- SGBV prevention, response services and capacity building
- Education and livelihood for more self-reliance

SHELTER & SITE PLANNING

- The provision of transitional shelter units to households in Nguenyyiel continues and about 73% of the households have received transitional shelter support from UNHCR and its partners. Road maintenance to facilitate service delivery to refugees has been done with about 4 km of road maintained.

CORE RELIEF ITEMS

- Core Relief Items - sleeping mats, kitchen sets, collapsible jerrycans, Mosquito nets, plastic buckets, soap and sanitary materials - are distributed to refugees.

LOGISTICS

- Refugees are transported and relocated from border areas and to the camps.

EDUCATION

- Plan International manages the primary and early childhood care and development (ECCD) centers, including 3 child-friendly spaces (CFS) and Youth Centers (Zone A, B, C and D). The accelerated learning program, a non-formal education, is currently operational by NRC. Junior secondary school in the camp has opened for grade 9 and run by DICAC.

ENVIRONMENT

UNHCR and its partners seek to reduce the environmental the negative impact in areas hosting refugees through:
- Forest and environmental protection and capacity building on environmental protection.

FOOD

- On a monthly basis, food is supplied, transported and distributed to all refugees. General food basket includes Wheat/Maize (13.5 kg), pulse (1 kg), Vegetable Oil (0.9 kg), CSB (0 kg), Salt (0.15 kg).

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