OVERVIEW

The Okugo Refugee Camp is located in the southern part of Gambella region, Western Ethiopia, and hosts South Sudanese refugees of whom majority come from Jonglei state fleeing ethnic conflict. The main ethnic groups are Anuak (64%), Murle (32%) and others (4%). The refugees are mainly farmers and pastoralists.

**Refugee population in Okugo Camp**

A total of **11,513** persons of concern

**RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

- In January, UNHCR and ARRA jointly registered 73 new arrivals.
- The Nutrition program, formerly under ARRA, was handed over to a new partner, Action for Social Development and Environmental Protection Organization (ASDEPO), as of 13 Jan 2020.
- Two dysfunctional grinding mills have been repaired and handed over to RaDO in the presence of ARRA and RCC, acknowledging the transfer of grinding mill management from UNHCR to RaDO.
- Ophthalmologist mission: 237 refugees screened, 30 refugees provided with cataract surgery.

**WORKING WITH PARTNERS**

UNHCR provides protection and services to refugees in Okugo in collaboration with:

- Administration for Refugee and Returnee Agencies (ARRA) - In representation of Ethiopia’s government - Camp Management and Coordination | Registration and Vital events | Education-Primary school 1- 8 Health | CRI & Food distribution
- DICAC–Secondary education and support local school
- ASDEPO- Nutrition
- DRC–Child Protection | SGBV prevention and response | Shelter | WASH, Livelihood/ECCD/Youth
- NRDEP –Natural Resource development and Environmental protection
- Ethiopian Red Cross –Family link and tracing services
- RaDO -SRH&HIV | PSN
- World Food Programme (WFP)–Food supply
MAIN ACTIVITIES

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 the health center 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, complementary and therapeutic feeding (includes plumpy nuts)
- Implementation and monitoring of school feeding programme.

WASH

- Refugees have access to 20.2 liters of potable water per person per day.
- Management and monitoring of existing water systems,
- Sanitation and Hygiene promotion
- Construction and maintenance of family latrines
- WASH-related capacity building

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

SHELTER & SITE PLANNING

- Transitional and emergency shelters have been built and are regularly maintained.

CORE RELIEF ITEMS

- Core Relief Items - sleeping mats, kitchen sets, soap and sanitary materials - are distributed to refugees upon arrival.

LOGISTICS

- Refugees are transported and relocated from border areas and within camps. In addition, the camp layout for Okugo Camp is comprised of 7 zones.

EDUCATION

- Early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary schools are available, wherein school meals and vocational skill training for the youth are provided. Additional support is provided for University students.

ENVIRONMENT

UNHCR and its partners seek to reduce the environmental 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. February general food basket includes cereals (13.5kg), corn soy blend (1.5 kg), pulse (1.5kg), 0.15kg, oat and vegetable oil (0.9 kg) and salt (0.15kg)

For more information visit our data portal https://data2.unhcr.org/en/country/eth

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