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OVERVIEW

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Refugee population in Pugnido 1

A total of 42,996 persons of concern

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

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WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR provides International protection and humanitarian services to the refugees in collaboration with government of Ethiopia and the following Implementing and operational partners:

- Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) - In representation of Ethiopia’s government - Camp Administration and Management, Primary Health Care, Primary Education, Logistic, Food and CRIs Distribution.
- Action for the Needy in Ethiopia (ANE) – Road maintenance
- Concern World Wide (CWW) – Nutrition, Food Security and livelihoods
- Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (DICAC) - Provides High School Education and Vocational training.
- International Medical Corps (IMC) – Prevention of and Response to Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)
- International Rescue Committee (IRC) - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) – Shelter
- NRDEP-Environmental protection and reforestation
- Help Age International - provides support to Older Persons (Protection, Nutrition and Health)
- Rehabilitation and Development Organization (RaDO)- provides support to PSNs, CB SRH and HIV/AIDS
- Save the Children international (SCI) – Child Protection, ECCDs or Pre-school and youth programs
- World Food Programme (WFP) – Food Supply and Transportation
- Ethiopian Red Cross Society – Family Tracing/Restoring Family Links.
MAIN ACTIVITIES

HEALTH
Health Care Clinics are available for refugees and host communities providing and improving:
- Access to Primary health care; Sexual and Reproductive health services
- Control of the Epidemics Diseases through Health Promotion and Education, EPI, and anti-malaria campaign
- Improve access to essential drugs and referral for persons with serious medical conditions to higher medical facilities

NUTRITION AND FOOD SECURITY
Refugees have access to infrastructure and receive nutritional support, including:
- Provision of supplementary and therapeutic feeding programs through preventing and treating undernutrition in the programs such as BSFP, TSFP, IYFP, OTP and SC
- Backyard gardening as part of food security enhancement.

WASH
- Access to water supply- an average access rate of 20.1 liters per person per day.
- Sanitation and Hygiene promotion- Construction of solid waste pits and family or household latrines; community-based hygiene promotion campaigns with special focus to COVID-19 prevention, preparedness and response; maintenance of family latrines
- WASH-related capacity building and maintenance of water supply facilities
- A permanent water supply system and sanitation program in place

PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES & REGISTRATION
UNHCR and its partners provide protection to refugees and promote durable solutions through:
- Camp management and Coordination
- Supporting PSNs and other vulnerable groups such as UASC, Older Persons and SM
- Child Protection and Prevention of and response to SGBV
- Education and FAL or Formal Adult Learning Programme
- Building refugees’ self-reliance through livelihood interventions/initiatives
- Provides capacity building to local authority institutions and refugee structures regarding International protection
- Strengthen Community-based Protection and refugee empowerment

SHELTER & SITE PLANNING
- 58% of the households have received transitional shelter support. Construction for 150 households’ transitional shelters and 10 mud-brick shelters have been completed and handed over to the beneficiaries as per 2019 PPA.
- The camp is comprised of four sites, namely Village 12, New Extension Site, Old Nuer Site and Anyuak Site; each has its own refugee leader’s structures. Moreover, the camp also comprised of twenty-eight zones. Old Nuer site has five zones; New Site has six zones; Village12 has five zones and Anyuak site has 12 zones.

CORE RELIEF ITEMS
- Core Relief Items – Sanitary materials (underwear, soap, and napkin) are often distributed on a quarterly basis to women and girls of age 12 to 49. Others CRIs in the stock such as cooking utensil and jerry cans remain insignificant to be distributed.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH PROGRAM
- Early Childhood Development and Child Protection: SCI runs 11 ECCDs providing educational services to 5,721 (M=3,058, & F=2,663) of the refugee children of ages 3 to 6 and CFSs also provide recreational and case management services to 1,510 (M=815 & F=695) UASC, OVC and other children.
- Youth Programs: SCI runs 3 youth centers engaging youths in different games and recreational activities; the centers also provide library services to the youths.
- Primary Education (Grade 1-8): ARRA runs five schools providing education services to 8,077 (M=5,689, F=4,403) of the refugee children.
- Secondary Education (Grade 9-12): DICAC provides secondary education from grade 9-12 to 1428 (M=1157 & F=271) refugees students.
- Functional Adult Literacy education is facilitated by DICAC in seven centers to provide education services to 320 (F=310, M=10).
- The program is run by refugee volunteers/incentive teachers and adult learners who are not part of the regular classes.
- All school in the camps are closed including Government’s schools as a preventive measure to the spread of the COVID-19.

ENVIRONMENT
UNHCR and partner/NRDP seek to reduce adverse environmental impact in the area hosting refugees through:
- Environmental protection and reforestation programmes.

FOOD AND LIVELIHOODS
- General Food Distribution – Monthly food basket per person comprise of cereals (13.5 kg), pulse (1.5 kg), CSB+ (1 kg), vegetable oil (0.9 kg) and Salt (0.15kg). Both refugees and host communities engaged in diverse livelihood activities such as small ruminants rearing, beekeeping, pilot crop production.
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