TIERKIDI REFUGEE CAMP

OVERVIEW

Tierkidi is the second oldest refugee camp in Gambella region next to Pugnido. Tierkidi camp hosts South Sudanese refugees who arrived in Gambella region following the outbreak of conflict in December 2013 in the country of origin.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- The family-size based general food distribution approach is changed to zone-block-community modality in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new modality involves home-to-home distribution of appointment ticket on the eve of every food distribution day in order to limit the number of refugees coming to food distribution points the next day.
- The number of general food distribution point is increased from one to three in response COVID-19 to ensure better crowd management and social distancing.
- Six water tankers (10,000 litre volume each) were installed by IRC at different sites and daily refilled through water trucking to augment the regular water supply system.
- Isolation centres for COVID-19 suspected cases are established in ARRA Health centre and MSF-H clinic.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

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

- Agency for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA)
- ZOA – Livelihoods.
- DCA - Fresh food vouchers and livelihood
- DICAC – Secondary education
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC) – Youth protection
- GOAL – Nutrition
- International Medical Corps (IMC) – Mental Health; SGBV, SRH (Youth) program
- IRC - WASH
- Medicins Sans Frontiers (MSF-H) – Health care
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) – Livelihood (YEP), VERA/ICLA project
- NRDEP: Environment conservation and Management
- RaDO - Support to persons with specific needs
- Save the Children — Child Protection; early childhood care and education (ECCE), youth program
- World Food Programme (WFP) – Food supply and transportation
- Ethiopian Red Cross Society – Restoring family links.
- Regional Water Bureau (RWB) - Support to Itang water scheme
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 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

- Refugees have access to 11.9 litres of potable water per person per day. Emergency water trucking activated to fill the gap.
- Management and monitoring of existing water systems, borehole drilling and support to the Itang Water Utility.
- Sanitation and Hygiene promotion with special focus to COVID-19 prevention, preparedness and response.
- Construction and maintenance of family latrines and refuse pits
- 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
- Education and livelihood for more self-reliance

SHELTER & SITE PLANNING

- Focus is on the maintenance of shelter infrastructure and roads. There is adequate infrastructure developed over time.
- Tierkidi camp is comprised of four zones (A, B, C, and D).

CORE RELIEF ITEMS

- Core Relief Items - sleeping mats, kitchen sets, soap, and sanitary materials - are distributed to refugees. Soap is distributed on a monthly basis with General Food Distribution (GFD).

EDUCATION

- Pre-primary school education, Primary education and secondary education is undertaken in the camp. DICAC secondary school runs up to grade 12 (pre-university). scholarships to university education have been extended to Refugees on a more competitive basis.

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 cereals (13.5 kg), corn soy blend (1.0 kg), pulse (1.0 kg) and vegetable oil (0.9 kg), Salt (0.15 kg).

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