Ethiopia: South Sudanese Refugees’ Update

UNICEF’s Key Response with Partners

Planning figure: 120,000 refugees

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<td><strong>WASH:</strong> # of target population provided with access to water as per agreed standards</td>
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<td><strong>Health:</strong> # of children 6 months - 15 years vaccinated against measles</td>
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<td><strong>Education:</strong> # of children aged 3 to 14 years accessing learning and recreational materials</td>
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<td><strong>Child Protection:</strong> # of children 3 to 14 years who have access to psychological support informal education/recreation in child friendly spaces</td>
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**Highlights**

- Increasing number of South Sudanese asylum seekers continues to arrive in Gambella Region of Ethiopia. As of 22 May, UNHCR reports that 131,051 South Sudanese have sought asylum in Ethiopia through Pagak, Akobo, Burubei, Matar, Raad and Pugnido entry points.
- Since first week of May, more than 23,000 new asylum seekers have arrived in Burubei following clashes in Nasir, a border town in South Sudan. The daily arrival rate reported by UNHCR is 1,000 per day, most women and children.
- UNICEF has supported the deployment of three additional vaccination teams to Burubei to provide vaccination for the large number of new arrivals. UNICEF has also set up an additional emergency water treatment unit that can provide up to 30,000 litres of water per day.
- Under a pre-existing letter of understanding between UNICEF and UNHCR, UNICEF has continued to second four programme specialists with UNHCR to support sector coordination in WASH, Nutrition, Health and Child Protection.
- UNICEF Ethiopia Country Office (CO) is processing a request from UNICEF South Sudan CO for cross-border shipment of programme supplies.
- UNICEF Ethiopia CO is discussing with ECHO a proposal for funding emergency child protection response in Gambella.

**131,051** South Sudanese refugees arrived in Ethiopia since 15 December - 95% are women and children (UNHCR, 22 May 2014)

**74,402** children are vaccinated against measles

**53,481** children under 15 years have received oral polio vaccine

**US$36.08 million** – 2014 UNICEF Humanitarian Funding needs, US$4.8 million received
Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Increasing number of South Sudanese continues to arrive in Gambella Region, western part of Ethiopia. As of 22 May, 131,051 asylum seekers have arrived through Pagak, Akobo, Burubei, Matar, Raad and Pugnido entry points. From these 118,935 new arrivals, 88 per cent have been relocated to refugee camps. In Akobo over 9,000 and in Burubei over 17,000, and in Pagak, approximately 2,000 remain to be relocated. The refugees are staying in Leitchour (46,793), Kule (48,292), Okugu (1,543) and in Pugnido (1,495) refugee camps that are run by UNHCR and ARRA.

According to UNHCR, the recent Measuring of the Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening in Pagak, (717 children under five years old) reflects a Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) of 8 per cent, a Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) of 6 per cent and a Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) of 14 per cent, just under the emergency threshold of 15 per cent. Similar screening was undertaken in Burubei which reflected a MAM of 6.5 per cent and a GAM of 29.2 per cent, which indicates that new arrivals continue to enter Ethiopia in poor nutritional state.

With over 17,000 refugees waiting for relocation in Burubei entry, and with daily arrival rate of approximately 1,000 per day, the urgent humanitarian needs include shelter, food, safe drinking water, sanitation facilities, health and nutrition services and protection for the vulnerable groups, especially unaccompanied or separated children. Partners led by UNHCR are responding with array of interventions. UNICEF support, in addition to the seconded staff, is mainly in vaccination of the children, emergency health supplies, and provision of safe drinking water.

Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

In the South Sudanese emergency response in Gambella, UNICEF provides support to UNHCR as defined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies in 2013. UNICEF has seconded WASH, child protection, and nutrition specialists and a health/Expended Programme on Immunisation (EPI) officer to UNHCR to support the coordination of sectoral emergency response, to spearhead the programmes and to provide technical guidance to the Government and partners. Discussions are ongoing to second an education specialist.

Humanitarian Strategy: Prepositioning and Partnerships

UNICEF’s humanitarian strategy combines response to both vulnerable host communities and South Sudanese refugees. UNICEF through the partnership with the Gambella Regional Government continues to strengthen the provision of basic social services for the vulnerable host community residing at the border crossing points and vicinities of the refugee camps. UNICEF in partnership with NGOs and the Ethiopian Red Cross Society provides assistance to asylum seekers at the border crossing points and refugee camps.

UNICEF has prepositioned emergency supplies in Gambella and Benishangul-Gumuz regions to timely respond to the acute emergency needs of refugees and vulnerable host communities in WASH, nutrition, health, education and child protection sectors in partnership with regional governments, ARRA, UNHCR, and NGOs.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Health

UNICEF seconded Health Specialist continued to support the sector coordination leadership of UNHCR in the health response. This includes sector situation monitoring, reviewing and supporting implementing partners in implementing programmes according to agreed standards.

With UNICEF support, the Gambella Regional Health Bureau deployed three additional vaccination teams at Burubei entry point to respond to the needs of 23,000 new arrivals. To ensure that no child is missed out, all children are vaccinated on arrival while they are being registered. UNICEF conducted orientation sessions for the four teams (the three new and one old team) on vaccinating children under the age of 15 years old non-selectively.

The vaccination and vitamin A supplementation is ongoing in Burubei, Pagak and Akobo entry points and Kule-1, Kule-2 and Leitchor refugee camps. Since the start of the response in January 2014 and up to 20 May, 74,402 children between the ages of 6 months to 15 years have been vaccinated against measles and 53,481 children under 15 years have received oral polio vaccine.

WASH

UNICEF seconded WASH Specialist continued to support the sector coordination leadership of UNHCR in the WASH response. This includes sector situation monitoring, reviewing and supporting implementing partners in implementing programmes according to agreed standards.
On 16 May, UNICEF completed the installation of an emergency water treatment kit (EMWAT kit) in Burubei. The system has the capacity to treat 20,000 to 30,000 litres per day and is expected to improve the water supply at Burubei. In the meantime, LWF is trucking water for the asylum seekers at this entry point with over 17,000 people, mostly children.

**Nutrition**
UNICEF seconded Nutrition Specialist continued to support the sector coordination leadership of UNHCR in the nutrition response. This includes sector situation monitoring, reviewing and supporting implementing partners in implementing programmes according to agreed standards. UNICEF is also providing CMAM supplies to UNHCR to supply to partners.

The NGO Action Against Hunger (ACF) started outpatient therapeutic feeding programme and supplementary feeding programme at Burubei. Priority for relocation to camps is given to children with moderate and severe acute malnutrition.

Some 34,496 children between the ages of 6 months to 5 years received vitamin A supplementation at Pagak, Akobo and Burubei entry points and Leitchor and Kule refugee camps. This are being implemented by Regional Health Bureau (RHB) teams directly supported by UNICEF.

**Child Protection**
UNICEF seconded Child Protection Specialist continued to support the sector coordination leadership of UNHCR in response to protect the most vulnerable children. This includes sector situation monitoring, reviewing and supporting implementing partners in implementing programmes according to agreed standards.

With support of Save the Children International (SCI), Child Protection Committees have been formed in Kule to support the identification and referral of children who are experiencing trauma. Foster parents have been identified and a training was provided for 25 of them on good parenting skills and on how to protect their children from abuse and exploitation. 25 new social workers were recruited in Kule-1 and were provided training on child protection and child abuse prevention mechanisms. Similar training is ongoing for 12 social workers in Leitchour camp. In addition, five social workers have been trained in registration activities, child friendly spaces management and supervision and case management in Leitchour camp.

**Education**
Registration of school age children has been conducted in Lietchuor and Kule-1 and as of 10 May over 7,000 children (6,000 in Leitchour and 1,000 in Kule 1) have been registered. Currently, only 1,536 out of an estimated over 20,000 school age children in Leitchor Camp are attending school in a temporary learning centre established by SCI. SCI has also started construction of temporary structures in Kule 1 to be used as learning centres. Plan International is also seeking to start education interventions in Kule-2. UNICEF will second an education specialist to UNHCR starting June 2014.

**FUNDING:**
As of May 2014, UNICEF Ethiopia has received emergency funds from Government of Japan, CERF, HRF, Government of Finland and UK National Committee for UNICEF. Discussions ongoing with ECHO for child protection response.

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<td><strong>4,870,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>31,216,000</strong></td>
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