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South Sudan Conflict: Sub-regional Funding Priorities



Sub-Regional Refugee Crisis South Sudan Conflict

Background

Since December 2013, the escalation of armed conflict in South Sudan has resulted in the death of thousands and displacement of more than a million people. Violence broke out in Juba on 15 December 2013 and quickly spread to other locations in South Sudan, particularly in Jonglei, Unity, and Upper Nile states. To date, more than one million people have been displaced within the country and more than 310,000 people have sought asylum in neighbouring countries.¹ The majority of the South Sudanese that have sought refuge in neighbouring countries are women and children amounting to 90% of the new refugees in Ethiopia, 87% in Uganda and 80% in Kenya.

Very high rates of malnutrition, especially among the recent arrivals, have been recorded in the countries of asylum. Among the refugees are a high proportion of unaccompanied and separated children – more than 8,500 across the region - requiring special protection and care. In addition to providing for the basic needs of women and children in health, water and sanitation and nutrition, scaling up of programmes to provide psychosocial support for those who have experienced trauma is required, as are education programmes that promote peace building. UNICEF will also continue to leverage its regular programmes to provide support to vulnerable refugee hosting communities.

Country Offices	January – December 2014 UNICEF Response to South Sudan Conflict Refugee Crisis	Funding Received (US\$)	Funding Gap (US\$)	% Funded
Uganda	\$32,400,000	\$4,345,744	\$28,054,256	13%
Ethiopia	\$18,540,000	\$1,832,676	\$16,707,324	10%
Kenya	6,248,146	\$718,312	\$5,521,688	11%
Sudan	\$14,562,799	\$2,219,512	\$12,343,287	15%
Total	\$71,750,945	\$9,116,244	\$62,626,555	13%

Since the beginning of the crisis, UNICEF has been working closely with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other partners to support refugee women and children in Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda. UNICEF has updated its response plans and financial requirements to address the escalating refugee crisis as part of the recent Inter-agency contingency planning process led by UNHCR.

Uganda

As of the 2 May, more than 100,000 refugees have been registered by government in Uganda. Women and children represent a larger than normal percentage of asylum seekers (87%). Relying on internal resources to mobilize the initial response, UNICEF dispatched WASH supplies and non-food items (NFIs) for 45,000 people. UNICEF conducted a mass vaccination campaign to protect children from polio and measles reaching more than 34,000 children. Findings from UNICEF's in-depth nutrition assessment found high levels of Global Acute Malnutrition (19.9%) and Severe Acute Malnutrition (4.5%) as well as a high percentage of underweight mothers (56.4%). Children are being treated for malnutrition through 17 outpatient treatment sites that have been newly established.

UNICEF has drilled 45 boreholes and rehabilitated an additional 20. Plans are in place to motorize high performing boreholes and distribute water through a piped system to maximize yield and impact. In response to reports of a large number of separated and unaccompanied minors, UNICEF rolled out a Rapid Family Tracing and Reunification system, established two child friendly spaces, with an additional 17 being set up. UNICEF's support to 23 schools in the three refugee affected districts is provided in close collaboration with central and local government as well as other agencies, such as UNHCR. UNICEF will continue to scale up its response in anticipation of a most likely scenario of 300,000 refugees by the end of 2014 based on inter-agency contingency planning.

Ethiopia

As of 14 May, Ethiopia has received more than 120,000 refugees, with a large scale influx since the beginning of May due to from intense conflict in Jonglei and Upper Nile states of South Sudan. MUAC nutrition screening at the refugee camps indicate proxy SAM rates varying from 3.2 to 12.1 per cent. There have been 441 suspected measles cases among refugee children. UNICEF has supported measles vaccination of 64,522 children between 6 months and 15 years of age. 42,682 children under 15 years old have received polio vaccination and 30,755 children from between 6 months and 5 years of age have received vitamin A. UNICEF has supported drilling of 11 boreholes and is providing safe drinking water, as per agreed standards, to more than

Ethiopia	
Based on 300,000 refugees planning figure	
Child Protection	\$2,000,000
WASH	\$2,110,000
Health	\$3,330,000
Nutrition	\$3,600,000
Education	\$7,500,000
Total	\$18,540,000
Funds received	\$1,832,676 (10%)

23,900 people. With a newly established network of community outreach workers, more than 9,000 children and 500 pregnant and lactating women were screened and referred to the nutrition services at the beginning of May.

From the beginning of March until the end of April more than 8,000 children were enrolled in nutrition programmes in the refugee camps. UNICEF is also supporting identification, documentation, tracing and registration of unaccompanied and separated children. To date, UNHCR, UNICEF and partners have identified 3,202 unaccompanied minors. Recognizing the high number of school age children, UNICEF is developing partnerships for the establishment of emergency education and will provide supplies, teacher training and second technical support to UNHCR.

Emergency supplies have been prepositioned in Gambella and Benishangul Gumuz regions to respond to the acute emergency needs of refugees and host community in WASH, nutrition, health, education and child protection. This will be done in partnership with UNHCR, Administration for Returnees and Refugees Affairs and non-governmental organizations.

UNICEF has seconded WASH, Child Protection, Nutrition Specialists and Health/EPI officer to UNHCR, so as to support the coordination of a sectoral emergency response, spearhead the programs and provide technical guidance to the government and partners. UNICEF's continued scaling up of its response will focus on life-saving emergency interventions in health, nutrition, water and sanitation, child protection and education for an estimated 300,000 refugees in 2014 based on recently updated contingency planning process.

Kenya

As of 2 May, Kenya has received more than 34,000 refugees from South Sudan, with women and children representing 80 per cent of those registered. Thus far, UNICEF has supported the vaccination of 75,000 children aged 9-15 years from the refugee and host community against measles. Access to safe water for 20,000 people has been supported through the provision of water treatment and storage supplies; while 2,500 children with moderate acute malnutrition have been admitted to UNICEF supported integrated nutrition programmes. To date more than 500 unaccompanied and 4,300 separated children have been identified with support provided to scale up case management.

To support the resumption of education for refugee children, 14 school tents and learning materials for more than 2,500 children have been provided. The construction of 22 semi-permanent classrooms has commenced. UNICEF will continue to scale up its programme response in anticipation of up to 100,000 refugees, based on the recent inter-agency contingency planning project.

Uganda	
Based on 300,000 planning figure	
Protection	5,500,000
WASH	7,500,000
Public health	4,500,000
Nutrition	6,500,000
Education	6,000,000
Operations mgt	2,400,000
Total	32,400,000
Funds received	\$4,345,744 (13%)

Kenya	
Based on 100,000 refugees planning figure	
Nutrition	1,577,963
Child Protection	801,472
WASH	790,541
Education	1,181,665
Health	1,896,505
Total	6,248,146
Funds received	\$718,312 (11%)

Sudan

As of 2 May, more than 67,000 refugees have arrived in Sudan. To date, UNICEF has provided health supplies sufficient to address the needs of 40,000 people and, in collaboration with the Government of Sudan, established water supplies in the settlements in collaboration. Child Friendly Spaces have been provided for 2,000 children and psychosocial support provided to 3,000 children. Systems for Family Tracing and Reunification are in place and education materials have been provided for 5,000 children. UNICEF will further scale up its support for up to 100,000 refugees who may arrive by the end of 2014, based on the recent inter-agency contingency planning process.

Regional Planning figures

Refugee planning figures (most likely scenario) for the Sub-Region:

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Country	2 May 2014	2014 year end*	% Change
Kenya	34,770	100,000	288%
Uganda	102,698	300,000	292%
Ethiopia	120,946	300,000	248%
Sudan	67,401	100,000	148%
Total	325,815	800,000	Region avg 244%

UNHCR Figures used.

** Estimated year end planning figures based on UNHCR-led inter-agency planning*

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The Sub-regional Funding Priorities document is based on the most likely planning figures from the inter-agency contingency planning process led by UNHCR and highlights the key aspects of UNICEF's humanitarian response to the needs of refugee children and women in Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and Sudan to the end of 2014.

ⁱ UNOCHA, South Sudan Crisis, Situation Report No. 32, 9 May 2014

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Sudan	
Based on 100,000 planning figure	
Child Protection	3,150,000
Education	2,215,800
Health	1,596,999
Nutrition	1,200,000
WASH	6,400,000
Total	\$14,562,799
Funds received	\$2,219,512 (15%)