

SOUTH SUDAN CRISIS

NAEPF HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN

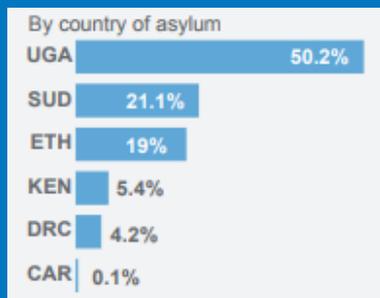
KEY FIGURES

4.1 MILLION

Total Population of Concern (South Sudanese refugees, South Sudanese IDPs and refugees inside South Sudan)*

2 MILLION

South Sudanese Refugees in the region*



1.9 MILLION

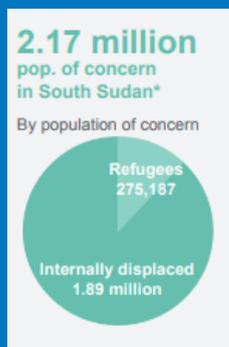
Internally Displaced Persons*

275.187

Refugees in South Sudan *

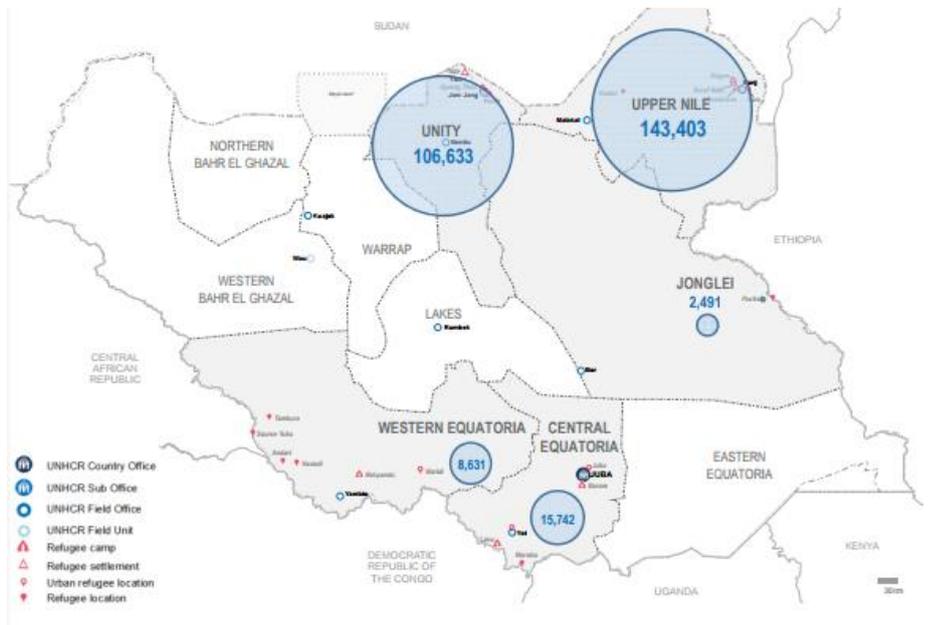
82%

Of refugees are women and children*



* As of 15th of August 2017

OPERATIONAL CONTEST



- With the peace process faltering and the conflict now entering its fourth year, **the South Sudan situation is Africa's largest displacement crisis today.**
- The violence has generated a **major humanitarian crisis** and caused internal displacement on a monumental scale, with nearly **1.9 million people displaced** from their homes and in dire need of assistance, of whom 75 per cent live in Unity, Upper Nile and Jonglei states, the three hardest-hit conflict areas.
- Despite the ongoing challenges in South Sudan, the country maintains an open door policy for **refugees**, hosting some 270.000, the majority of which are from Sudan, and continues to receive new arrivals.
- The needs of refugees and internally displaced remain acute as they continue to face a range of **serious protection risks** including threat to physical safety, serious human rights abuses such as torture, extra-judicial killing, disappearance, arbitrary arrest and detention, limited freedom of movement, forced recruitment, child recruitment, family separation, SGBV, as well as destruction of properties and livelihoods. Children face additional risks of separation, abduction, recruitment and SGBV, in addition to risks faced by adults.
- UNHCR aims to assist a total of 350.000 individuals / 70.000 households amongst the most vulnerable individuals in the country, during the 2017-2018 period.



UNHCR'S PROTECTION RESPONSE

UNHCR's role is to lead and to coordinate the overall humanitarian response plan and to provide protection-centered interventions for internally displaced persons and refugees.

■ Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Response

Operational priorities will be given to the **identification of persons with specific needs** and targeted assistance will be based on the identified needs in the place of displacement. This will be done through the involvement of the communities in designing and sustaining psychosocial interventions for persons with specific needs, and through the deployment of rapid response mobile teams in order to improve access and outreach of IDPs also in the hard to reach areas.

UNHCR will also support community-based activities designed to foster **peaceful coexistence between IDP and host communities**.

■ Refugee Response

UNHCR will enhance the protection environment and promote the full enjoyment of the rights of refugees in conformity with asylum law. Efforts will continue to ensure that **70% of the refugee population are provided with IDs**.

Child protection is a core component of the refugee program and will be fully prioritized. An integrated approach will be adopted to ensure mainstreaming the protection of children, adolescent's youth, and children with disabilities in all sectors. Continuous efforts will be made to **improve access to and quality of education** and programming for youth as an essential part of the child/youth protection strategy. **Community Centers and Child Friendly Spaces** will be expanded and fitted out with age/gender appropriate equipment including recreational, information communications Technology, musical instruments etc.

Unfortunately, women and girls continue to be exposed to **Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)**, including domestic violence, early and/or forced marriage, rape, denial of opportunities and resources to women and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). UNHCR will support SGBV survivors to receive legal assistance and psychosocial counselling, and will undertake prevention/response activities working with communities and the government.

- UNHCR will support **persons at risk of statelessness** to have access to documentation and assist national institutional development.

ABOUT UNHCR

The High Commissioner for Refugees is mandated by the United Nations to lead and coordinate international action for the worldwide protection of refugees and the resolution of refugee problems.

UNHCR's primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. In its efforts to achieve this objective, the Office strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, and to return home voluntarily. By assisting refugees to return to their own country or to settle permanently in another country, UNHCR also seeks lasting solutions to their plight.

UNHCR's Executive Committee and the UN General Assembly have authorized involvement with other groups. These include former refugees who have returned to their homeland; internally displaced people; and people who are stateless or whose nationality is disputed.

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