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UPDATE FOR THE SOUTH SUDAN EMERGENCY

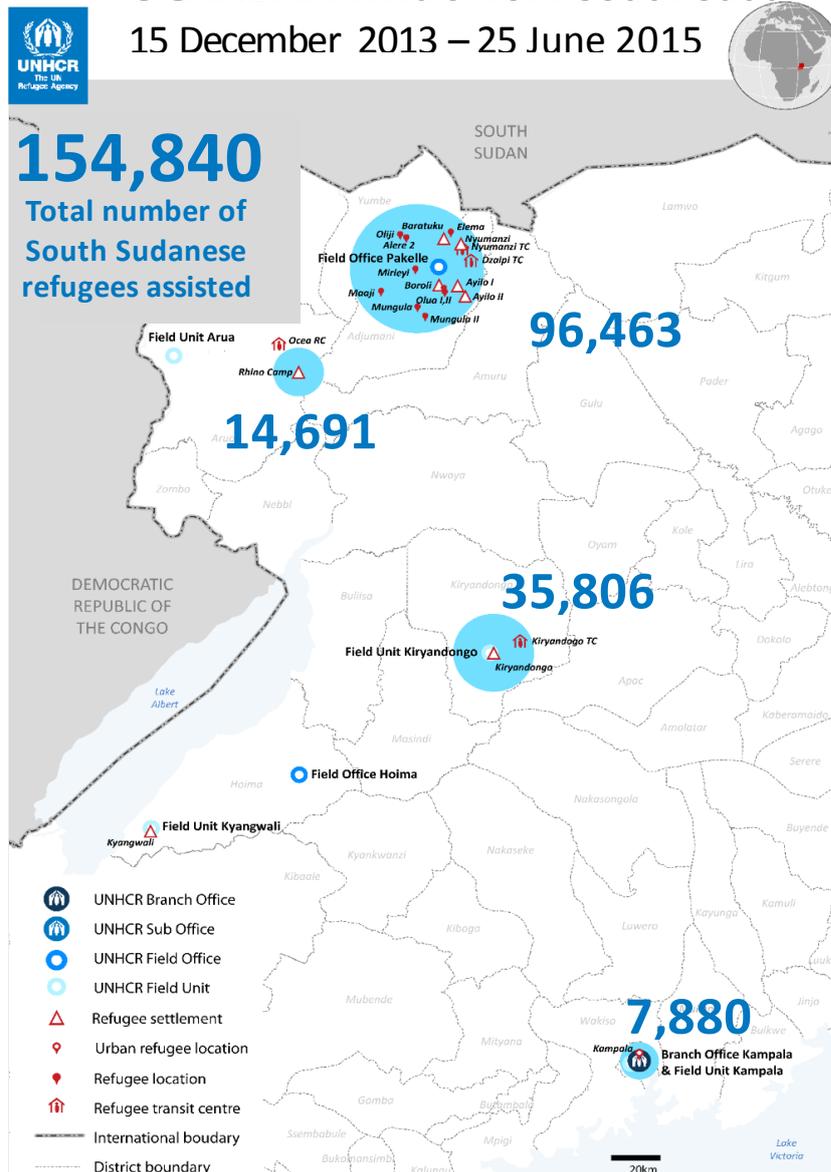
19-25 June 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of **154,840** South Sudanese refugees have been assisted in Uganda since the influx began in mid-December 2013, including **96,463** in Adjumani, **14,691** in Arua, **35,806** in Kiryandongo and **7,880** (as of 18 June) in Kampala.
- The World Refugee Day was celebrated on 20 June around the country. This year, the national event was in Adjumani. The theme of the year was “Refugees are regular people, get to know and support them”. The event was attended by government officials including the 2nd Deputy Prime Minister, the State Minister for Internal Affairs and the Office of the Prime Minister - Commissioner for Refugee. The event was also attended by the UNHCR Country Representative, a delegate from the Italian Embassy, various United Nations agencies and partners based in the West Nile Refugee operation. The Government and UNHCR in particular emphasised the continued provision of protection and assistance to refugees.

UGANDA: Arrivals from South Sudan

15 December 2013 – 25 June 2015



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UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context



Guest of honour 2nd Deputy Prime Minister (centre), State Minister for Internal Affairs (left) and the UNHCR Representative (right) during the World Refugee Day National Commemoration in Adjumani ©UNHCR/A. Tsujisawa

- In Adjumani, the national World Refugee Day celebrations were hosted at Dziapi. The theme of the year was “Refugees are regular people, get to know and support them”. The event was attended by government officials including the 2nd Deputy Prime Minister, the State Minister for Internal Affairs and the Office of the Prime Minister - Commissioner for Refugee. The event was also attended by the UNHCR Country Representative, a delegate from the Italian Embassy, various United Nations agencies and partners based in the West Nile Refugee operation. The Government and UNHCR in particular emphasised the continued provision of protection and assistance to refugees. Commemorations were also held in Ayilo I-II, Maaji, Mungula, Olua I-II and Boroli refugee settlements and villages.
- In Adjumani, Refugees reported attacks in Mayom County in Unity State on the night of 20th June 2015. Some people were abducted and animals were looted by the rebels. The new arrivals confirmed that hunger is another reason for their flight. Those who came from the United Nations Mission in South Sudan compound said the compound is very congested and lacks adequate basic services. Road conditions are deteriorating between Elegu Collection Point and Nyumanzi Transit Centre (TC) due to heavy rainfall. The registration shelter was destroyed by wind during the heavy rain. A temporary shelter construction is in plan.
- In Arua, UNHCR, OPM, partners, refugees, host community and commemorated World Refugee Day in Odobu village in Rhino camp settlement. More than 2,000 participants attended the celebration. Refugees were able to show their talents, debates, races, sport and folk activities. The Day of African Child was celebrated in Rhino camp Siripi village. Save the Children was the lead agency supported by Danish Refugee Council (DRC-DDG) to facilitate the occasion. The theme for the day was “25 years after adoption of the African Children’s charter, Accelerating efforts to end child Marriages in Africa.”
- In Arua, a meeting over the disputed land along Vurra Congo Border was again held at the border location, but no concrete resolution was reached. Each country believe there was a breach and requested for some time to make further consultations. Another meeting is scheduled, presumably with resolutions expected to be reached.

Ugandan authorities on their side have deployed UPDF and police along the other known porous routes leading to Congo. No goods are allowed to cross except physical persons with sound reasons. URA (Uganda Revenue Authority) is also monitoring the situation to collect revenue from businessmen and women. Information from media indicates that the two week dispute has triggered a high cost of essential goods in DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo) for ordinary persons due to shortages. Likewise Congolese who often access social services in Uganda have suffered severely especially those who cross to pick their ARVs (Anti-retroviral) medications.

- In Kiryandongo, World Refugee Day was celebrated on 22nd June. The Guest of Honour was the RDC Kiryandongo Major Matovu accompanied by the UNHCR Country Representative Ms. Neimah Warsame. The celebrations were marked by Music, Dance and Drama by different refugee groups, speeches, swearing in of Refugee Welfare Council (RWC) new leadership, and award ceremony of the football and netball winners, exhibitions (vocational skills, environment, livelihood, food and nutrition and various women groups' activities). The refugee community also turned up in big numbers to elect their RWC leaders. The overall Chairperson was a South Sudanese refugee who was sworn in among ululations from the community.

Protection

Achievements and Impacts

- In Adjumani, Lutheran World Federation (LWF) with funding from UNHCR furnished the protection house at Ayilo 1 base camp to be used by Persons of Concern. UNHCR held a meeting with a magistrate to develop a better working relationship and also to provide better access to the legal system for both refugees and nationals. The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), UNHCR, LWF and WFP continue to maintain daily presence at the border point to receive new arrivals at the Elegu collection point. The police are providing security and conducting luggage checks. WFP is distributing high energy biscuits to new arrivals upon registration. From 17 June 2015 to 23 June 2015, a total of 481 individuals, mostly women and children were received at Elegu collection point and transported to Nyumanzi Transit Centre.
- In Adjumani, one (1) hut was burnt down in Boroli settlement. The hut belonging to a foster parent of three children with a family size seven (7), and who has also been a cash grant beneficiary for those at risk of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV). The situation was been assessed and support is being provided in the form of non-food items since the household lost most of their items in the fire and their situation has worsened given their big family size.
- In Arua, according to records obtained from OPM Refugee Desk Office, a total of 52 families of 278 individual new arrivals from South Sudan were received at Ocea Reception Centre and Kuluba Collection Point. 41 families for 214 individuals were profiled and registered in RIMs and 11 families for 64 individuals are yet to be profiled.
- In Kiryandongo, 28 households of 51 individuals were biometrically registered in RIMS making a total of 8,897 households of 35,806 South Sudanese individuals biometrically registered in Kiryandongo since 15 December 2013. Of these 1,538 households of 5,576 individuals were registered in 2015. Over 280 PoCs were received but only manually registered during the reporting period. This is because the week was taken over by Refugee Welfare Council (RWC) elections and World Refugee Day preparations.

Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs)

- In Adjumani, LWF supported two persons with disabilities (01Female, 1Male) with mobility appliances (wheel chairs). One of the beneficiaries is the landlord of Nyumanzi settlement. In addition, one person with disability (female) from Ayilo 1 settlement was supported with material assistance of assorted items to enable her to attend school. She was also informed about Windle Trust Uganda's work in providing for educational support.

- In Arua, Danish Refugee council (DRC-DDG) Identified 05 female persons with specific needs (PSNs) with different vulnerabilities in 02 villages of Olujobo I and Tika II and supported them with latrine construction. Doors measurements were taken for 96 persons with specific needs, mainly female headed and elderly identified by DRC-DDG as living without doors in 06 villages of Ngurua, Agulupi, Katiku, Siripi, Ocea and Simbili. DRC-DDG conducted 136 home visits in 06 villages of Tika I, Tika IV, Simbili, Siripi and Ngurua to monitor the living conditions of persons with specific needs (PSNs). 09 newborns were identified as not yet registered, 06 female were found to be sick, 01 was admitted to Arua hospital. All the sick showed signs of malaria and were sent to Ocea and Olujobo health centres for treatment.

Child Protection

- In Adjumani, 37 separated children (22 male, 15 female) were identified at Elegu boarder. DRC-DDG conducted 7 Best Interest Assessments (BIA) and Best Interest Determinations (BID) for children at risk. The BIDs were initiated however they are yet to be reviewed by reviewing officer and the panel members. LWF conducted 10 BIA for separated children (3 female, 7 male). One was a child at risk in Ayilo 1 settlement who was referred to Medical Teams International for medical care. The needs identified were school fees, hut construction and clothes.
- In Adjumani, Danish Refugee Council conducted a meeting with 145 foster care parents in Olijj and Ayillo II settlements. The main challenge raised was with not being able to afford their children's school fees. An action plan of forming Voluntary Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) groups was put in place and sensitization about VSLA is now commencing. In addition, an awareness campaign was conducted with 47 foster care parents in Alere settlement on (VSLA) Village Savings and Loan Associations.
- In Arua, no new unaccompanied minor children (UAMs) were identified at Ocea reception centre.

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)

- In Arua, a defilement case was reported to DRC-DDG. The survivor was referred to MTI (Medical Team International), a health partner, for medical examination and treatment, and later to Yoro police for further investigations. A follow up visit to 01 SGBV pregnant survivor currently living in a safe house was conducted, counselling services were provided and supported with assorted food items. Save the Children (SCiU) conducted needs assessment for the same survivor to determine her additional needs in preparation additional support after child birth. DRC-DDG notified settlement Office of the Police and Prime Minister authorities about the disappearance of an GBV survivor, shared a case involving repeated physical assault on grounds of ethnic sentiment, followed up on the case an arson involving a refugee, closely followed police and legal proceedings involving 02 SGBV survivors and 02 child offenders currently under juvenile detention in the GILGIL remand home in Arua.
- In Kiryandongo, Inter Aid Uganda (IAU) initiated and launched SGBV clubs in schools. In line with this, a debate on early marriages was conducted at St. Bakhita.

Psychosocial Support

- In Adjumani, counselling sessions were held for groups totalling 47 people in Nyumanzi, Baratuku and Elema settlements. The sessions were aimed at finding out how people are coping from the time they joined the group and how they can build trust in each other. Psychosocial therapy group sessions continued in nine (9) schools of operations. The sessions were attended by 78 pupils. Four (4) psychosocial education training sessions were conducted for 60 community members by Lutheran World Foundation.

Education

Achievements and Impacts

- In Adjumani, Windle Trust Uganda, through UNHCR, delivered 96 desks to Dzaipi and Ayilo 1C Primary Schools. School activities at Alere primary school were monitored after reports of disruption. This will be resolved in a Parent Teacher Association meeting scheduled to take place on 24th June 2015 to ensure school progress. An assessment of teaching and learning processes at Nyumanzi primary school was carried out to identify key challenges and offer support to the school. 169 teachers were recruited to address the issue of overcrowding in classrooms in the 24 UNHCR/WTU supported primary schools.
- In Kiryandongo, UNHCR carried out education activities in partnership with Windle Trust Uganda. Nine male students reported to Kiryadongo Technical Institute for formal training in Technical Skills on 20th June 2015 as follows: 4 for Motor Vehicle Technician, 4 for Block Laying and Concrete Practice and 1 for Electrical Installation. Primary School attendance from Week 4 to Week 5 increased by 529 children.

Health

Achievements and Impacts

- In Adjumani, MSF-France donated 300 pieces of malaria Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits (RDT) to Ayilo 2 Health Centre II. A suspected case of cholera was reported on 22nd June at 16:40 hours at Nyumanzi Health Centre. Medical Teams International and UNHCR have begun investigations, including the collection of stool samples for testing to confirm the suspicion and take appropriate action. Contact tracing started the same day.
- In Kiryandongo, outpatients consultation was at 867, broken down as follows:
 - Under 5 years old: Refugees - 54 male, 48 female; Nationals - 22 male, 31 female
 - Over 5 years old: Refugees – 203 male, 370 female; Nationals – 57 male, 52 female
- In Kiryandongo, UNHCR, through KDLG, RMF and IRC, and with funding from UNFPA/ Stichting Vluchteling (SV), 42 women (26 nationals, 16 refugees) were admitted for maternity consultations at Panyadoli Health Centre III. 03 national mothers were referred to Kiryandongo Referral Hospital due to complications. 22 deliveries were recorded (16 Nationals, 6 Refugees). No delivery was reported out of the health centre.
- In Arua, MTI, GRI and DHO carried out 2,308 consultations (663 refugees, 1,645 nationals). To-date since the beginning of the year, total of 48,370 (17,497 refugees, 30,873 nationals) consultations were conducted by MTI, GRI and DHO Arua health staff at the 04 health centers in Rhino Settlement accounting for 36.2 % refugee consultations compared to 63.8 % nationals. Disease prevalence: 1,327 (375 refugees, 952 nationals) cases of malaria, followed by 502 (125 refugees, 377 nationals) cases of Upper Respiratory Tract Infections (URTI), 244 (32 refugees, 212 nationals) cases of Intestinal Worms, 93 (34 refugees, 59 nationals) skin infections and 51 diarrhoea (08 refugee, 43 nationals).

Food Security and Nutrition

- In Adjumani, there were 39 new admissions in the supplementary feeding program while 79 were discharged. Health and nutrition education was provided to 559 caretakers of children, who attended the blanket supplementary feeding program. Cumulatively in Adjumani, 843 children aged 6 to 24 months received 3 kilograms of super cereal plus from WFP. A total 6,180kg of nutritional supplement (Corn Soya Blend CSB++) was transported by Medical Teams International to different settlements.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impacts

- In Adjumani, 84 households in Baratuku, Nyumanzi and Boroli were supported with tippy taps installation in the settlement. In Baratuku, 10 tippy taps were distributed and installed, 60 in Nyumanzi and 14 in Boroli. This was done in order to promote hand washing practices and prevent diseases.
- In Arua, UNHCR and DRC-DDG carried out water quality monitoring of boreholes in low-lying areas to monitor effects of rainfall. Four boreholes were found to have 50+ count of faecal coliform contaminated bore holes located in low lying areas of Ocea village. These were closed off since there is an alternative water supply from the motorized system set up by UNHCR and Oxfam.
- IOM in coordination with UNHCR, OPM and Arua District Local Government completed the drilling of two boreholes in Ngurua and Wanyange villages.

Shelter / Infrastructure

- In Adjumani, on 19 June 2015, the Senior Settlement Officer of the Office of the Prime Minister Kampala presided at the commissioning of newly constructed buildings and infrastructure: a water network built by Oxfam in Baratuku settlement, a Health Centre, Primary School and the Basecamp constructed in Ayilo I settlement by Lutheran World Federation through UNHCR. The official opening of the facilities was also attended by Adjumani Resident District Commissioner, Refugee Desk Officer and Chief Administrative Officer.
- In Adjumani, the Lutheran World Federation completed the installation and plumbing works of the Elema motorized system, including a 500L water storage tank and its accessories. The extension of a 400M new pipeline to 2 blocks in Ayilo 2 that were not previously receiving water was completed.
- In Adjumani, design drawings of the Adjumani Airstrip rehabilitation project that UNHCR assigned to Lutheran World Federation have been sent through to Adjumani District Local Government and to the Civil Aviation Authority in Entebbe for approval. In Maaji new site, Ayiri Health Centre's roof, recently blown off by a storm, is being reinstated by Danish Refugee Council and is to be finalized by next week.
- In Arua, UNHCR continued to monitor the construction of the infrastructure projects to ensure good quality works. All works at 41 sites are finishing stages. Final documentation have been finalized and the projects are due for commissioning. UNHCR Arua and Adjumani have shared with Kampala three sample designs for visibility on shelter and infrastructure activities, sign boards will be placed on constructed buildings upon completion.

Community Empowerment, Self-reliance and Environment

Achievements and Impacts

- In Adjumani, Lutheran World Federation with UNHCR, supported 2 groups of 10 refugees each in Ayilo I and Baratuku settlements with grain millers. Group members were trained on how to use and maintain grinding mills. The group in Boroli settlement supported with a grinding mill has raised UGX 146,000 in 4 days and has procured a weighing scale for weighing grain. 10 fields belonging to 10 farmers were verified. Field-making and lining is being carried out in Ayilo1, Lewa and Melijo villages ready for woodlot planting. 56 farmers were visited and trained on pruning, staking of the tomatoes (to enhance quality fruits production), prevention of pest disease, importance of good spacing and timely weeding. A group of 10 women in Baratuku settlement were supported with 1 bakery oven for income generation for their households. 30 goat farmers were advised on good livestock management practices.

- In Adjumani, Danish Refugee Council with UNHCR, distributed cassava cuttings to 8 groups and 2 individual farmers in Mungula I, Maaji, Ayilo II, Mirieyi, Olijj and Ofua Settlements and villages. 3 demonstration sites were established in Mirieyi and Mungula 1 & 2 by farmer groups, comprising of maize, cassava, beans and rice. Eight groups composed of 195 beneficiaries (36 female, 28 male nationals and 103 female, 36 male refugees) have been trained on Income Generating Activities (IGA) selection, planning and management in Mungula, Mirieyi and Olijj settlements. Start-up kits have been provided to IGA groups in Mirieyi, Olijj and Mungula as follows: 2 groups have been supported for starting a phone-charging business, 1 group for a small bakery, 2 groups for knitting and 1 group for a poultry. 1 tailoring start-up kit has been delivered to an individual with a hearing impairment. The Amamaa bulk crop production group from Mungula has been being supported with training in financial literacy. 30 beneficiaries have been provided with start-up kits for apiary farming. 3 youths have been supported with training in carpentry and joinery in Mungula II: they are actively running a carpentry work shop and have been hired to roof the poultry house in Mungula II.
- In Adjumani, Lutheran World Federation mobilized 104 host community members to plant trees in Maiaciku village, in order to enhance environmental protection through tree planting and generate income in future with sustainable poles production. Lutheran World Federation distributed 7,500 teak tree seedlings to five individuals in the areas of Elema and Miniki in order to establish 5 woodlots. Danish Refugee Council conducted 4 sensitization meetings in 4 blocks in Mungula I and II settlement for environmental protection, and facilitated the formation of 6 Local Environmental Committees in Maaji (old site), Alere, Olijj, Mungula I, Mungula II and Mireyi settlements. Danish Refugee Council also reinforced forest extension support through the recruitment of additional field staff and the provision of support to District forest extension staff involved in the technical follow-up of DRC-DDG environment projects.
- In Kiryandongo, the youth received a team of 10 youth from Nakivale refugee settlement. The ten individuals, part of the Entrepreneur 20 attached to the Nakivale Community Technology Access (CTA) Centre took part in a one-week sponsored exchange visit aimed at improving refugee youth engagement for positive behaviour change. Alongside, a video recording of number of youth and community based protection activities was carried out. The youth organised an introductory training on photography to a group of 20 refugee youth. They shall produce two DVDs one on what different partners do in Kiryandongo that shall be used as part of the briefing pack and a subsequent DVD depicting the life of refugees in Kiryandongo from their point of view. The collaboration with team of Nakivale CTA E20 is one of the ways to expand youth engagement in Kiryandongo.
- In Arua, Danish Refugee Council continued with follow up and supervisory activities of 04 vegetable nursery beds in 04 villages of Tika I, Olujobu, Tika II, Ariwa and Katiku. The beneficiary farmers were sensitized on the importance of hardening off of the nursery bed covers aimed at preparing the seedlings to fit well in the hostile environment after transplanting in regards to strong wind, sunshine, heavy rains and advised it is time reducing the frequency of watering and shading. Further, beneficiary selection was finalised for small bakery and rabbit rearing enterprise. 10 beneficiaries were selected (05 females) in Yoro Village for bakery and 05 refugee farmers (02 m, 03 f) for rabbit rearing in Ngurua Village.

Working in partnership

OPM and UNHCR are being supported by partners on the ground:

Kiryandongo refugee settlement

Government partners: OPM, Kiryandongo District Local Government (KDLG) and the Uganda Police Force.

Humanitarian partners: Action Contre la Faim (ACF), Concern Worldwide (CWW), African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), Inter-Aid Uganda (IAU), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Real Medicine Foundation (RMF), Samaritan's Purse (SP), Transcultural Psychosocial Organization Uganda (TPO), UNICEF, UNWFP, Save the Children

International (SCIU), Feed the Hungry, Windle Trust Uganda (WTU), Danish Refugee Council (DRC-DDG), Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS), Africa Development Corps (ADC) and War Child Canada (WCC).

West Nile

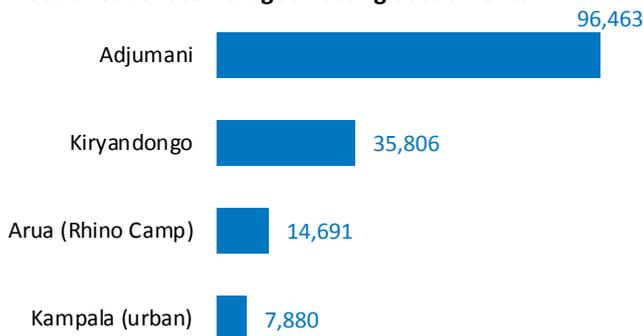
Government partners in all locations: OPM, Adjumani, Arua and Koboko DLG authorities, various technical departments, and Uganda Police Force.

Adjumani humanitarian partners: Africa Action Help Uganda (AAH-U), Action contre la faim (ACF), Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD), Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA), American Refugee Committee (ARC), Help Age International, African Development Corps (ADC), Welt Hunger Hilfe (WHH), Concern Worldwide (CWW), Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD), CARITAS, DRC-DDG, Lutheran World Federation (LWF), MSF-F, Medical Teams International (MTI), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), OXFAM, PLAN, Save the Children in Uganda (SCIU), UNFPA, UNICEF, URCS/ICRC, TPO, Tutapona, DACE, War Child Canada (WCC), WFP, WHO, UN Women, WTU and WVI.

Arua humanitarian partners: ADRA, AIRD, Care International, Caritas, International Aid Services (IAS), DRC-DDG, Global Refuge International (GRI), Humedica, Malteser international, MTI, Oxfam, Rural Initiative for Community Empowerment (RICE), Arua District local government (ArDLG), SCiU, ZOA, UNFPA, UNICEF, URCS/ICRC and WFP, WTU, Touch Africa

BASIC DATA VISUALIZATION:

South Sudanese refugee hosting settlements

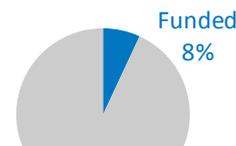


2015 Interagency South Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan - Uganda needs: USD 220,607,768

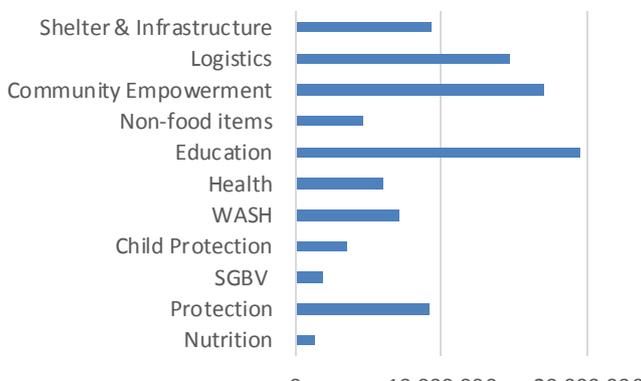


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