

SOUTH SUDAN CRISIS IOM REGIONAL RESPONSE



Highlights

IOM staff checking tags of refugees for pre-departure registration at Pagak © IOM 2015 (Photo:Se

- ETHIOPIA: In July, IOM relocated a total of 8,058 refugees; 6,083 in Gambella and 1,975 in Benishangul-Gumuz Region.
- KENYA: Discussions are ongoing between IOM and UNHCR on the future of jointly moving refugees from the Nadapal border point to Kakuma Refugee Camp.
- SUDAN: IOM has tracked displacement and has registered 80,120 people as of 26 July.

Situation Overview

Approximately 1.6 million people remain internally displaced within South Sudan, including many who are seeking shelter in remote rural areas, and another 160,400 people sheltering in Protection of Civilian sites (PoCs) in UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) bases across the country. As of 22 July, 622,122 South Sudanese refugees have fled to neighbouring countries, including to Kenya (46,314), Ethiopia (218,026), Sudan (198,657), and Uganda (159,125) (Source: UNHCR, 22 July 2015).

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Ethiopia

South Sudanese refugees still make up the largest number of refugees in Ethiopia with 218,026 refugees. The Ethiopian borders still remain open to asylum seekers. Camp-to-camp relocation by IOM which commenced on 8 May is ongoing with 46,473 refugees relocated from Nip Nip and Leitchour to Jewii camp. The refugees are being relocated from two flood-prone camps near the border of South Sudan. Jewii Camp which has a capacity to hold 50,000 refugees is on the higher ground and less prone to flooding.

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IOM, UNHCR and Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) plan to relocate more than 20,000 South Sudanese refugees from Matar and Pagak Transit Centres where they are temporarily accommodated awaiting transportation to Pugnido 2. Identification of over 13,000 refugees already living in the two transit camps has been carried out by ARRA and the relocation is scheduled to continue in August and September.

IOM has relocated a total of 249,467 refugees: 244,368 in Gambella and 5,099 in Benishangul Gumuz since the conflict broke out.

Discussions are ongoing between IOM and UNHCR on the future of jointly moving refugees from the Nadapal border point to Kakuma Refugee Camp. Currently, UNHCR is solely transporting refugees after IOM stopped offering transportation assistance on 13 June due to financial constraints. As of 24 July, 46,314 South Sudanese refugees have arrived in Kenya.

Sudan

Since 15 December 2013, 198,657 South Sudanese refugees have entered Sudan. IOM has tracked their displacement and has registered 80,120 people as of 26 July.

Kenya



