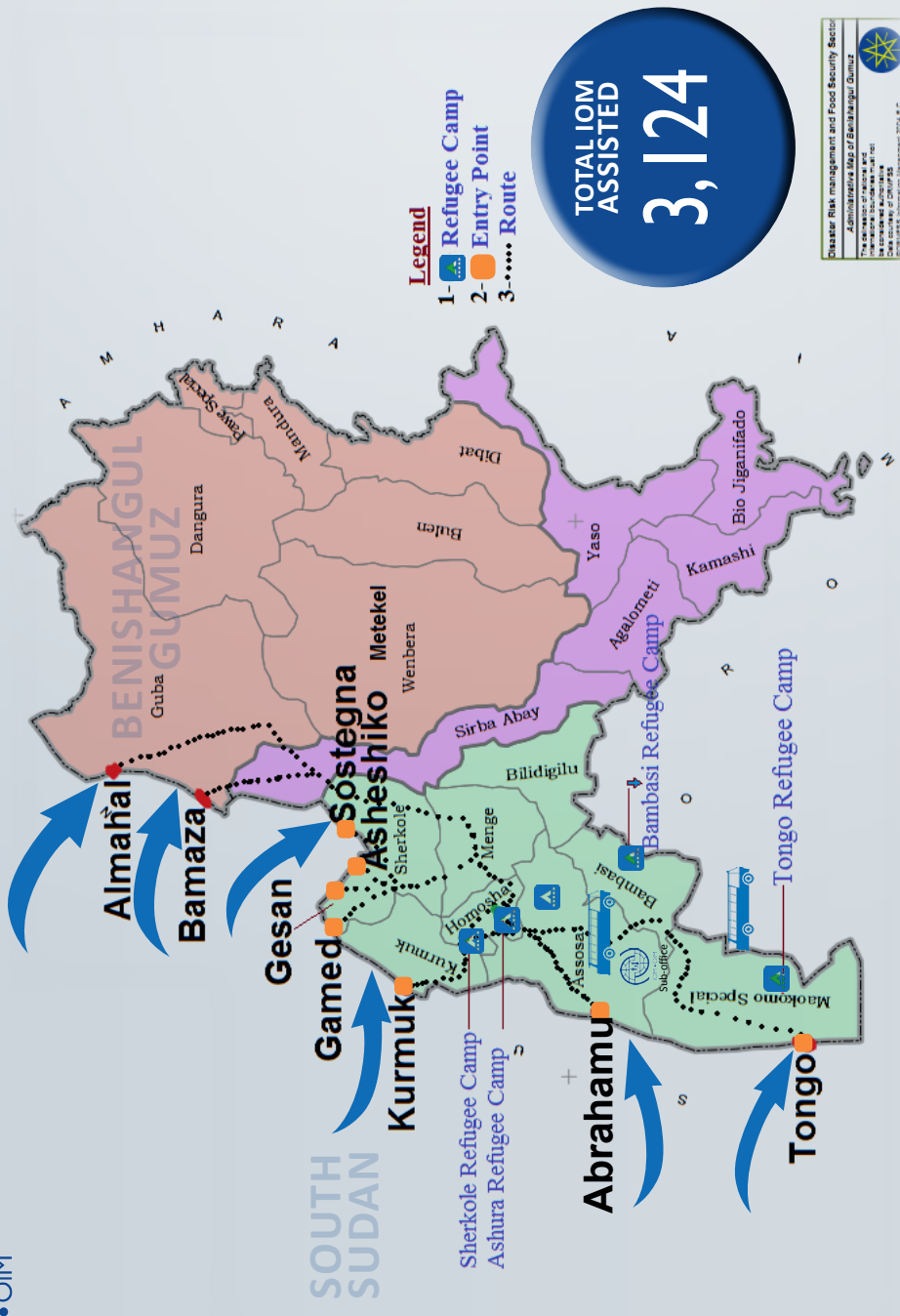


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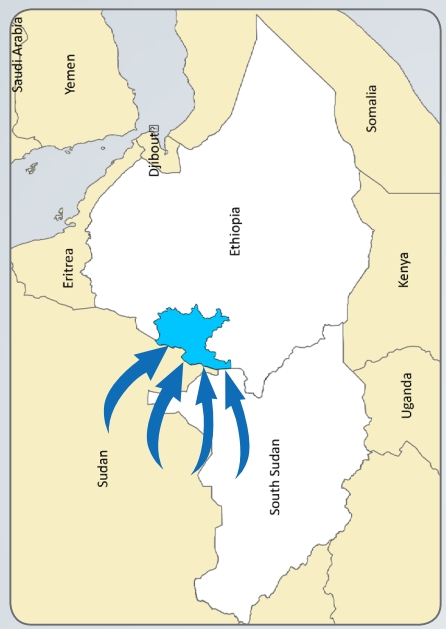
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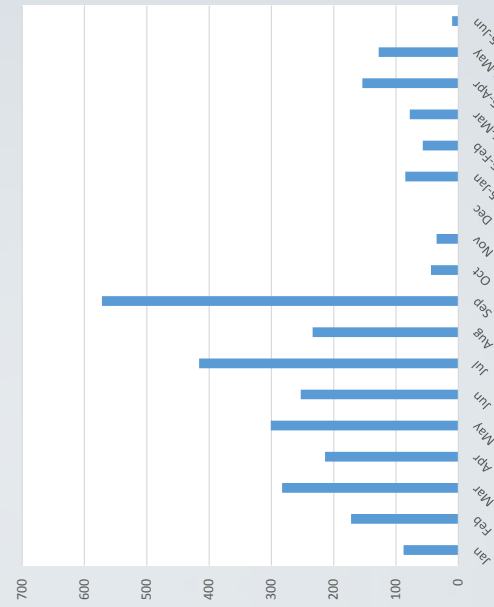
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Jan	17		64		7										88
Feb	54				32	51	89								172
Mar					65	39	52	73							283
Apr					11			11	15		177				214
May					253	48			48			54	18		301
Jun					158				23						253
Jul					388				28						416
Aug					229				5						234
Sep					572										572
Oct					44										44
Nov					35										35
Dec															0
Jan-15					3			29					53		85
Feb-15					27			19					11		57
Mar-15					23			70					8		78
Apr-15					108			80	50				1		154
May 15					10			19							128
June 15															10
Total 2014/15	71		64		1,965	90	141	282	188	177	54	74	18		3,124

BACKGROUND

IOM has facilitated refugee movement in the Regional State of Benishangul-Gumuz. Requested by Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA), since January 2014 IOM has facilitated transportation for 3,124 refugees from South Sudan in the Region. Since the beginning of the South Sudan crisis, there has been an influx of refugees through nine entry points, namely: Kurmuk, Gesan, Gamed, Asheshiko, Tongo, Al-Mahal, Abrahamu, Sostegna camp and Bamaza. IOM is also providing pre-departure medical screening to identify refugees who may need medical attention and/or referral on arrival at the camp.



TOTAL ARRIVALS/ REGISTERED/ RELOCATED





IOM registration Akobo, Gambella. © IOM 2015 (Photo: Alemayehu Seifeselesie)

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Since the conflict broke out in December 2013, the total number of South Sudanese refugees crossing into neighbouring countries has surpassed 559,468 individuals. Ethiopia has received the highest number of refugees with a total of over 208,700 individuals according to UNHCR (205,565 in Gambella and 3,135 in the Benishangul-Gumuz Region). The Ethiopian borders still remain open to asylum seekers.

Including the camp-to-camp relocation, IOM has assisted a total of 241,409 refugees: 238,285 in Gambella and 3,124 in Benishangul-Gumuz since the conflict broke out.

Since the last update, IOM has evacuated and relocated a total of 1,881 refugees; 1,846 in Gambella and 35 in Benishangul-Gumuz Region.

HIGHLIGHTS

- IOM has assisted a total of 241,409 refugees: 238,285 in Gambella and 3,124 in Benishangul-Gumuz since the conflict broke out.
- 1,846 refugees from Gambella and 35 in Benishangul-Gumuz have been relocated since the last update.
- More than 6,000 refugees are awaiting relocation from Pagak to camps in Gambella.
- IOM has successfully completed the relocation of 47,085 refugees from Leitchour and Nip-Nip to Jewii camp.



Shelter construction at Kule, Gambella. ©IOM 2015 (Photo: Almajub Ahimed)

The relocation of South Sudanese refugees from the flooded camps of Leitchuor and Nip Nip to Jewii was successfully completed. On this operation, which started on 08 May 2015, a total of 47,085 refugees, 44,859 from Leitchour and 2,226 from Nip Nip were relocated to Jewii camp.

From this total 612 were vulnerable refugees airlifted from Leitchour by a helicopter supplied by UNHCR with IOM medical escort on board. 523 of the refugees were airlifted between

Between eight and 31 May while the remaining 89 were relocated between the first and third June.

A large convoy of 70 busses and 10 trucks were deployed by IOM for the operation which relocated 47,085 refugees in 27 days.

In the mean time, a large number of refugees continue to cross the border into Pagak entry point. After the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) conducted a count, it was identified that there are 6,100 refugees; 4,600 in Pagak and 1,500 in Akobo awaiting relocation to safe camps.

IOM is closely following up with ARRA and UNHCR on the extension of the Pugnido camp. Once the preparation is finalised, IOM will resume the evacuation assistance from the entry points.

IOM will resume the relocation from the Pagak

and Akobo entry points to Pugnido after consultation with ARRA and UNHCR that the extension of the camp is completed. Currently Pugnido is hosting 43,000 refugees and when the extension is complete, an additional 20,000 will be accommodated.

In addition to the border evacuation and relocation, IOM has also continued the construction of shelters to assist 24,000 refugees (4,000 households) in Kule refugee camp in Gambella to enhance protection from harsh weather conditions and environments. 650 Shelters have already been handed over to beneficiaries and 1,811 are under construction.

Partnerships and Coordination

IOM closely collaborates with the Government of Ethiopia's ARRA, UNHCR and humanitarian partners on the ground to respond to this emergency. IOM is also coordinating health referrals and care with the Ministry of Health, WHO, UNHCR, UNFPA, IFRC, UNICEF, WFP, IMC, ARRA, ACF, MSF-F as well as regional hospitals.

Challenges

- Security threats continue to challenge access to some camps in Benishangul- Gumuz.
- Refugees' concerns about relocation to different refugee camps.
- Limited funding.

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