According to UNHCR as of 26 August about 187,900 refugees had arrived to Ethiopia from South Sudan since mid-December 2013. The main entry points are Pagak, Burubiey and Akobo Tergole. About 157,500 have been relocated to camps.

Leitchuor and Nip Nip camps affected by severe floods can no longer host refugees. The refugees are currently sheltered on dry grounds in the area or mixed with the host community.

The Refugee Operation’s (overall) food pipeline break will commence in October 2014 and will escalate in the following months to a 92 percent pipeline break in January 2015. WFP has taken internal loans to mitigate the breaks in September and October – in light of donor pledges – however WFP remains with a shortfall of US$40 million to cover needs until January 2015 (6 months requirement).

Scaling up the cross-border operation, WFP launched an air base positioning two aircrafts (Ilyushin 76) in Jimma on 25 August. This is the third base in addition to Gambella and Assosa.

WFP Ethiopia has so far moved over 19,000 mt of food commodities to South Sudan by air, road and river through the cross-border operation.

Since the conflict erupted in South Sudan in December 2013, an estimated 187,900 refugees have crossed the border into Ethiopia as of 26 August. Four new camps have been established since January 2014 to host these new refugees: Leitchuor, Tierkidi (formerly known as Kule 1), Kule (formerly known as Kule 2), and Nip Nip. However, severe flooding in Leitchuor and Nip Nip camps due to recent rains has displaced refugees. Leitchuor and Nip Nip camps can no longer serve refugees. Administration for Refugees and Returnees Affairs (ARRA) is considering to move these refugees to Okugu camp. A decision has not been made yet. WFP will supply maize for a hot meal to the refugees on their journey if they are to be moved as it’s a two day trip to Okugu.

Flooding and stagnant water as a result of recent rains has also seriously affected refugees in Pagak reception center and Mathar Transit Center as well, causing displacements and submersion of tents.

Despite the Gambella Inter-Agency Task Force decision to move refugees from Pagak reception center to Okugu camp, relocations have not begun as refugees did not consent to move to Okugu which is about 580 kms away from Pagak.

As of 19 August UNHCR reported that about 157,500 were relocated to camps from transit centers and that around 18,000 were awaiting relocations to camps. About 12,400 were said to be missing or unwilling to relocate to camps during relocations after undergoing first level registrations.

In numbers

- **187,900** South Sudanese refugees arrived since mid December 2013
- **629,720** Total refugee in Ethiopia as at end July 2014.
- **14,763 mt** food dispatched to South Sudan refugees in Gambella in Ethiopia since December 2013
- **19,000 mt** food dispatched (cross-border) to South Sudan

**Funding Update**

- US$67 million requirements August 2014 -January 2015 for entire Refugee operation
- US$30 million required for 300,000 South Sudan refugees until December 2014
- US$40 million shortfall until January 2015 for entire Refugee operation
Nutrition

WFP together with implementing partners ARRA, Action Against Hunger (ACF), GOAL, and Concern Worldwide is providing Blanket Supplementary Feeding (BSF) and Targeted Supplementary Feeding (TSF) assistance to refugees in Leitchuor, Tierkidi, Kule, and Nip Nip camps. Access to refugees has become a challenge in Leitchuor and Nip Nip due to the displacements caused by the flooding in these camps.

WFP Response

Food Assistance

- The August General Food Distribution (GFD) is completed in almost all camps except in Leitchuor.
- Access to refugees has become a challenge due to the flooding in camps that has displaced refugees.
- Delivery of the September GFD is ongoing to camps and distributions are planned to begin first week of September.
- WFP continues to provide High Energy Biscuits at the reception centers and upon relocation to camps.
- In Pagak, Mathar and Akobo Tergole entry points until refugees are relocated to camps a two-weeks relocation ration is provided to the refugees at the transit center after registration.
- As of end July a total of 16,181 Children aged 6 to 59 months were provided with BSF support and 6,359 children aged 6 to 59 months were provided with TSF support. In addition, close to 4,000 Pregnant and Lactating Women received BSF.

Logistics

Cross border operation

- With the commencement of the airdrop operation from Jimma through the positioning of two new aircrafts in Jimma on 25 August, the total daily airdrop/airlift capacity from Ethiopia increased from 270 mt/day or 6,500 mt/month to roughly 440MT/day or 10,750mt per month (based on 5 airdrops ex Gambella, 6 airlifts ex Assossa, and 5 airdrops ex Jimma).
- As of 26 August a total of 19,000 mt was dispatched to South Sudan through air, river and road as follows:
  - Airdropped from Gambella: 10,360 mt through a total of 307 rotations,
  - Airlifted from Assossa: 3,890 mt through 246 rotations,
  - Transported by river: 2,722 mt.
  - Transported by road: 1,982 mt.

Partnerships

For the current South Sudanese refugee influx response, WFP partners with the Government’s Refugee Agency: the Administration for Refugees and Returnees Affairs (ARRA), with UNHCR, and with NGOs ACF, GOAL and Concern Worldwide for the nutritional support.

Resourcing Update

From August 2014 to January 2015 the Refugee Operation requires an estimated US$67 million this includes US$2.4 million for cash assistance. During this same period, shortfalls are currently estimated at US$40 million. The food pipeline will begin to break in September and WFP has no resources to cover needs from October onwards.

2014 donors to the refugee operation as of mid-August 2014:

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