Ethiopia:

Refugee Operation:
Influx from South Sudan

Highlights

- According to UNHCR as of 4 September about 188,700 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.
- WFP Ethiopia has so far moved over 21,490 mt of food commodities to South Sudan by air, road and river through the cross-border operation.

Situation Update

- Four new camps have been established since January 2014 to host the new arrivals from South Sudan (188,700 as of 4 September) : 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 Okugo camp (over 500 kms away). However, relocations from the flooded camps to Okugo is currently not possible by road due to the flooded roads.
- Road to Matar Transit Center is currently flooded creating access challenges for food movement.

WFP Response

Food Assistance

- Delivery of September GFD food is completed in Tierkidi and Kule camps as well, and distributions are expected to start in these camps in the coming days.
- WFP continues to provide High Energy Biscuits at the reception centers and upon relocation to camps.
- In Pagak, Matar 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.

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.

In numbers

188,700 South Sudanese refugees arrived since mid December 2013 (250,650 South Sudanese overall as at 31 August - UNHCR Population of Concern report 31 July 2014)

635,950 Total refugee in Ethiopia as at 31 August 2014. (UNHCR Population of Concern report 31 August 2014)

15,580 mt food dispatched to South Sudan refugees in Gambella in Ethiopia since December 2013

21,490 mt food dispatched (cross-border) to South Sudan

Funding Update

US$61 million Shortfall until March 2015 for entire Refugee operation

US$30 million required for 300,000 South Sudan refugees until December 2014
As of 2 September a total of 41,100 children 6 to 59 months (32,200) and Pregnant and Lactating Women (8,900) received Blanket Supplementary Feeding assistance in all Gambella camps and transit centers and in Pagak reception center.

Logistics

Cross border operation

WFP’s cross-border operation to transship food to South Sudan commenced in March 2014. The operation uses air, river and road as mode of transport. As of 10 September a total of 21,490 mt was dispatched. Over 75 percent of the dispatch was carried out through the air operation that has three bases – in Gambella, Assosa and Jimma. The total daily airdrop/airlift capacity from Ethiopia is 10,750mt per month (based on daily 5 airdrops from Gambella, 6 airlifts from Assossa, and 5 airdrops from Jimma).

As of 10 September, cross-border dispatches by mode of transport was completed as follows:

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<td>Air</td>
<td>15,940</td>
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<td>River</td>
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<td>20,263</td>
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Resourcing Update

Until 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. Unless additional contributions are received soon, there will be shortfalls for most commodities beginning November.

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

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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.

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