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South Sudan Crisis Cross-Border Impact

Highlights

- People from South Sudan continue to cross the border into neighbouring countries and more than 220,000 have arrived in Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and Sudan since mid-December.
- The alarming nutritional status of children is of serious concern. WFP is strengthening its nutritional assistance but further contributions are required to sustain critical food support to children, pregnant and breastfeeding women and other vulnerable new arrivals.
- WFP requires USD 62 million for the next six months to meet the needs of all refugees in Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and Sudan.

Situation Update

Uganda. More than 85,000 refugees from South Sudan have entered Uganda since mid-December. WFP continues to provide hot meals at reception centres and family rations to those who have resettled. High energy biscuits are provided at the border for immediate relief.

WFP supports approximately 270,000 refugees in Uganda. UNHCR projects that new arrivals from South Sudan may rise to 100,000 by the end of the year.

Kenya. The number of new arrivals from South Sudan since mid-December has reached 28,000. Nutritional screening in the first half of March shows that malnutrition levels among children are deteriorating. WFP will strengthen its nutritional support and plans to include specialized nutritious food in the rations for families with younger children and extend the number of days for supplementary feeding. WFP already provides nutritional support to all children between 6 and 23 months of age at reception centres.

WFP supports approximately 490,000 refugees in Kenya. UNHCR projects that new arrivals from South Sudan may rise to 50,000 by the end of the year.

Ethiopia. Over 70,000 refugees have arrived from South Sudan since mid-December. The nutritional situation of new arrivals continues to be of serious concern. WFP has undertaken to strengthen its nutritional support and children under the age of five and pregnant and breastfeeding women receive high energy biscuits at the border point and specialized nutritious food in camps. During the week, WFP and UNHCR hosted a local donor mission to the Pagak entry point and Kule refugee camp in Gambella to witness food and nutrition distributions.

WFP supports approximately 480,000 refugees in Ethiopia. UNHCR projects that new arrivals from South Sudan may rise to 140,000 by the end of the year.

Sudan. The number of South Sudanese arriving since mid-December has reached 45,000. Recent mid upper arm circumference screening in Kilo 10 and Alagaya camps indicates that the nutritional status among new arrivals is of serious concern with global acute malnutrition at 20 percent. To prevent the deterioration of new arrivals' nutritional status, WFP plans to provide 12,500 children under the age of five and pregnant and breastfeeding women with a one-off transit ration of ready to use supplementary food covering one month's food requirements.

UNHCR projects that new arrivals from South Sudan may rise to 50,000 by the end of the year.

In numbers

>220,000 displaced across borders

>2,000 new arrivals daily

\$62 million needed for 6 months

Resourcing		
	6-month Shortfall US\$	6-month Shortfall %
Ethiopia Refugee PRRO	\$21m	35%
Kenya Refugee PRRO	\$16.5m	26%
Uganda Refugee PRRO	\$12.5m	36%
Sudan EMOP*	\$12m	N/A

* Needs for South Sudanese new arrivals only until the end of 2014.

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