IOM Kenya’s Assistance to Refugees from South Sudan

EXTERNAL SITUATION REPORT 9 - 16 MAY 2014

The number of arriving refugees at the Nadapal, the Kenya-South Sudan border drops further due to heavy rains. © IOM 2014 (Photo: Joseph Kabiru)

OVERVIEW

South Sudan’s army and rebel forces have blamed each other for violating a ceasefire signed on 9 May that aimed to end the five-month conflict. The agreement was signed under immense international pressure on both sides to put an end to the conflict marked by widespread human rights abuses, a major humanitarian crisis, one of Africa’s worst famines since the 1980s, and fears that the country was on the brink of genocide. As a result of the conflict, Kenya is still experiencing a continuous flow of refugees entering through Nadapal border point, in Turkana County.

IOM Kenya continues to provide transportation assistance to the South Sudanese refugees who are arriving at the Kenya - South Sudan border. However, during this reporting period, heavy rains in both countries have led to a drop in the number of arriving refugees daily with an average of 91 registered compared to last reporting period of 106 refugees.

The rains in Juba and at the border point continue to pose a challenge in the transportation process as muddy terrains hinder movement.

Hundreds of refugees coming from Juba to Kakuma are reportedly held up in South Sudan’s towns of Kapoeta and Torit. Since December 2013, UNHCR has registered 36,450 refugees as of 16 May 2014. (OCHA).

HIGHLIGHTS

- Number of refugees arriving in Kenya drops further due to heavy rains.

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