IOM Kenya’s Assistance to Refugees from South Sudan

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HIGHLIGHTS
• South Sudanese refugees continue to trickle in to Kenya as efforts to bring back peace in the young nation continue.

OVERVIEW

The security situation in South Sudan remains unpredictable and volatile. Incidents of random shooting and sporadic clashes continue to be reported in Bor, Jonglei State and in areas around Renk County, Upper Nile State.

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

IOM continues to provide transportation assistance to South Sudanese refugees arriving at the Nadapal border point to Kakuma Refugee Camp. During the reporting period, IOM assisted 302 refugees to reach the camp. Since the onset of the crisis, 38,323 South Sudanese refugees have entered the country (Source: UNHCR portal, 12 June).

Heavy rains in South Sudanese towns of Juba, Jonglei, Kapoeta and Torit coupled with lack of funds continue to hinder the onward movement of refugees to the border point. The new transit centre at the Nadapal border point constructed by Norwegian Refugee Council is 95 per cent complete and will have a holding capacity of 400 refugees.

Cases of separated families due to the ongoing South Sudan Conflict are numerous and 18 year old Alice Nasenyana** is no different. Once fighting broke out in Bor, she was separated from her father who was her only living relative. After a fruitless and desperate attempt to trace him that bore no fruits, she decided to embark on a journey to Kenya to trace her aunt who had fled earlier at the height of the conflict. Her aunt arrived in Kakuma refugee camp in February with her two children that were three months old and one year. After days of travel from Bor, Alice finally arrived in Nadapal on 13 June and IOM transported her together with other refugees to Kakuma Refugee Camp, where she was finally reunited with her aunt. Alice is optimistic she will continue with her secondary school studies at the Kakuma Refugee Camp.

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I’m so happy I have reunited with my aunt. My biggest regret is that I got separated from my dad. I hope he is alive and well.
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** Name has been changed to protect her identity.