IOM Kenya’s Assistance to Refugees from South Sudan

EXTERNAL SITUATION REPORT I - 8 MAY 2014

OVERVIEW
The security situation remains highly volatile and unpredictable across South Sudan. On 4 May, heavy fighting broke out in Bentiu town and tension remains high. Due to the tension in South Sudan, Kenya is 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. Heavy rains in Juba and at the border continue to present a challenge in the transportation process, as flash floods and muddy terrain sometimes hinder movement. The average number of refugees arriving at Nadapal border point daily, this reporting period, stands at 22 per day. As of May 2, UNHCR has registered 34,772 refugees since the beginning of the crisis, in Dec 2013 (Source: UN OCHA).

Meanwhile, four top South Sudan leaders freed after their trial for treason was stopped have arrived in Nairobi. A statement sent to the media from the Office of President said the detainees were released last month and handed to the president on Thursday. This described their release as a first step towards reconciliation. The four included the former secretary-general of the ruling party Pagan Amum, ex-national security minister Oyai Deng Ajak, former ambassador to the US Ezekiel Lol Gatkuoth, and ex-deputy defence minister Majak D’Agoot.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Kenya Receives freed South Sudan leaders
• Transportation assistance for South Sudan Refugees continues in Nadapal

Refugees transported by IOM from 22 Jan to 8 May

FUNDING INFORMATION
Target Beneficiaries: 50,000

| Overall Funding Required | USD 45,765,108 |
| IOM Funding Requested    | USD 926,400   |
| Funding Received         | USD 363,714   |

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