



IOM is currently providing transportation assistance to the refugees and deployed additional staff to offer the much needed humanitarian assistance.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

On 15 December, infighting within the presidential guard units in Juba triggered conflict that spread to a wider part of the country including the Greater Upper Nile and Greater Equatoria regions. The armed combat between government and opposition forces have resulted in the internal displacement of an estimated 413,000 individuals including 66,500 that are seeking refuge in UNMISS bases across South Sudan, while another 74,300 people have fled to neighbouring countries (OCHA as of 13 January). The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates that 9,150 of these migrants arrived at the border post of Nadapal as of 17 January.

Humanitarian actors in Kenya have positioned themselves at the border to provide life-saving assistance for the arriving refugees. Efforts are underway to scale up the response as the numbers continue to surge and IOM is preparing to provide transportation assistance to the camps.

Media reports indicate that hundreds of vulnerable migrants are held at the border as the Kenyan Government works to screen them. Over the weekend, a groups of 15 Southern Sudanese were captured by police at Lanet on the way to Nakuru (in the Rift Valley), to stay with a relative. They had entered Kenya through unspecified entry point, as processes of screening was taking too long at Nadapal.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ 9,150 asylum seekers have been received at the Kakuma Refugee Camp, increasing the Camp population to 137,880 (UNHCR).
- ◆ Transportation a challenge as refugees stay overnight as the border.
- ◆ Measles case refugees isolated at Lokichoggio

Latest media reports indicate that more than 20 South Sudanese have been admitted to Lokichoggio sub-county hospital with signs of measles. 18 of them are in isolation ward. One patient died of yellow fever at Nadapal.

Humanitarian Response

The UNHCR in collaboration with the government is leading the reception efforts at Nadapal, as follows:

Information Management: DTM, registration—UNHCR is conducting registration and providing tokens.

Camp Management—The Department of Refugee Affairs (DRA) has established registration systems in conjunction with WFP to ensure that biometrics are used for ID cards.

Emergency Shelter/NFIs—NCK has constructed temporary tents at Kakuma 4 which as they plan for permanent structures while Lutheran World Foundation are drilling and managing water pipelines.

Transport/movement—UNHCR is the focal point for transportation. They have secured four trucks one bus, while NCKK is providing drivers for UNHCR vehicles.

Health—MSF and IRC are lead in screening and giving vaccination to the refugees at the border while NRC are carrying out hygiene promotion.

To accommodate the arriving migrants, UNHCR is currently renovating a Transit Centre in Lokichoggio. Two sites have been identified for use as new camps. There are ten functional boreholes in the Camps to address the acute water shortage.

Existing Gaps

- **Water:** - There are inadequate portable water storage capacity; inadequate chlorine tablets for water treatment and increase labour cost of trenching.
- **Health:** - There are fears that the existing health facilities may not be able to cope with the surging number of new arrivals. The existing health facilities are dilapidated, with some of the satellite clinics requiring renovation and expansion to cater for the needs of the refugees. There also is a shortage of health workers and erratic supply of vaccines. Outbreak of diarrheal and respiratory tract diseases seems to be eminent due to the overcrowding in the reception centres coupled with poor hygiene practices.
- **Shelter:** - The arriving refugees are already overstressing the available temporary shelters which are too small for the big households.
- **Transportation:** - Due to large number of arrivals, not all refugees are able to receive transportation to the camp. Some remain overnight to await transportation next day. This calls for increase in the number of vehicles.



Kakuma 4: These temporary shelters are filling up fast as refugees continue to arrive in Nadapal.