South Sudan Country Refugee Response Plan

January - December 2025

AT A GLANCE

South Sudan grapples with ongoing conflict, inter-communal violence, and extreme food insecurity while hosting 1.8 million internally displaced persons and facing increasing returns. Amid these challenges, the country has also seen its refugee population almost doubled since the onset of the Sudan crisis, hosting 506,198 refugees and asylum-seekers as of November 2024, with a further 150,000 new arrivals projected in 2025.

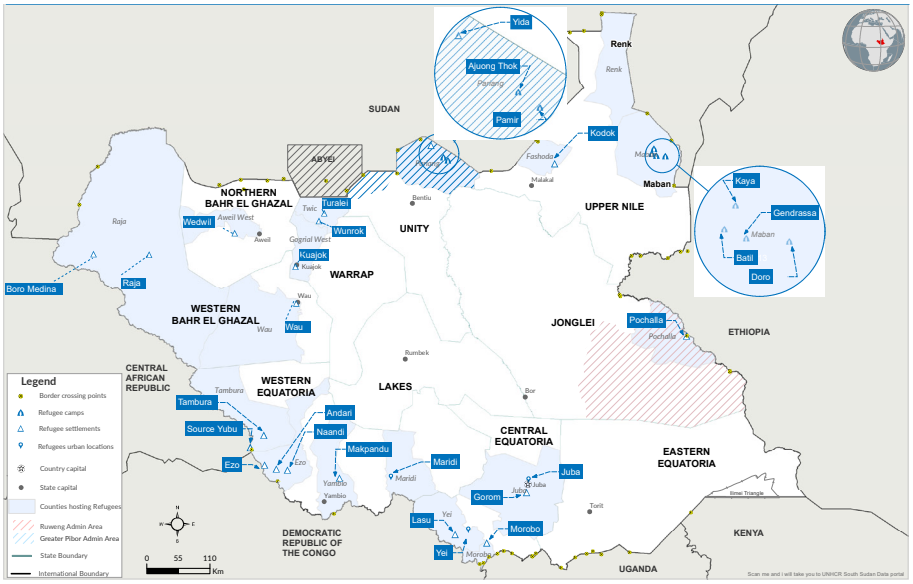
The 2025 South Sudan Country Refugee Response Plan (RRP) addresses the complex humanitarian needs of these refugees and asylum-seekers alongside host communities across key refugee-hosting areas in South Sudan. With a total financial requirement of USD 467.8 million, the plan mobilises the efforts of 48 partners, including UN agencies, international NGOs, and national NGOs, to deliver critical protection, assistance, and solutions. This coordinated response underscores the ongoing commitment to ensuring the dignity, safety, and resilience of refugees and their host communities.

2025 SOUTH SUDAN PLANNED RESPONSE

680,000
PROJECTED REFUGEE POPULATION

US$ 468 M
FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

48
PARTNERS



The 2025 RRP adopts a humanitarian-development-peace nexus approach, integrating emergency relief with resilience-building and development-oriented strategies. It includes comprehensive interventions across nine sectors: protection, education, health, food security, livelihoods, WASH, shelter, and basic needs. Cross-cutting priorities such as age, gender, diversity inclusion, and climate action are central to the response strategy.

Grounded in collaboration with the South Sudanese government and guided by the Refugee Coordination Model, the RRP aligns with national systems and broader frameworks like the National Development Strategy and the Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework. This inclusive approach aims to strengthen social cohesion, address root causes of vulnerability, and create pathways for solutions. Recognizing the evolving realities of displacement, the plan introduces a stronger focus on urban refugee programmes to meet the growing demand. As increasing numbers of refugees settle in urban areas, they require tailored support and integration efforts.

OBJECTIVES

- Support South Sudan authorities to ensure access to territory and asylum for all individuals in need of international protection, in compliance with principles and standards, including the principle of non-refoulement and the civilian and humanitarian character of asylum;
- Support South Sudan authorities to provide timely and life-saving protection services and humanitarian assistance for all refugees and asylum-seekers, with a specific focus on the most vulnerable and most at risk ;
- Support South Sudan to build the capacity and resilience of refugees and asylum-seekers, supporting long-term prospects for sustainable development, peace and security, and the attainment of human rights.

PROJECTED POPULATION PLANNING FIGURES

Population	Estimated Population as of End of 2024	Projected New Arrivals in 2025	Planned Population as of End of 2025
Refugees from Sudan[1]	497,264	144,103	641,367
Refugees of other nationalities	32,736	5,897	38,633
TOTAL REFUGEES	**530,000**	**150,000**	**680,000**
Third Country Nationals	1,760	1,000	1,000
Returnees from Sudan[2]	590,000	192,000	461,000
Returnees from CAR, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda[3]	290,000	85,000	202,000
Host Community	90,000	-	67,000
TOTAL			**748,000**

The full 2025 South Sudan Country Refugee Response Plan RRP can be accessed online from the South Sudan Data Portal

[1] *Refugees from Sudan are included in the Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan.*
[2,3] *Financial requirements for returnees are included in the 2025 South Sudan Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan.*

2025 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

SECTOR	REFUGEES FROM SUDAN	REFUGEES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES	TOTAL US$
Protection	$33,758,351	$11,628,264	45,386,615
Child Protection	$16,838,051	$3,748,645	20,586,696
Gender-Based Violence	$14,671,358	$2,485,680	17,157,038
Education	$20,499,894	$2,132,760	22,632,654
Food Security	$166,388,513	$10,322,983	176,711,496
Public Health	$38,705,035	$3,242,322	41,947,357
Nutrition	$18,267,424	$735,841	19,003,265
Livelihoods and economic inclusion	$15,645,214	$9,676,377	25,321,591
Logistics, supply and telecommunications	$19,350,000	$1,100,000	20,450,000
Settlement, shelter and housing	$20,551,065	$1,362,090	21,913,155
WASH	$29,302,986	$4,105,000	33,407,986
Basic Needs	$21,808,054	$1,426,000	23,234,054
GRAND TOTAL US$	**415,785,945**	**51,965,962**	**467,751,907**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

South Sudan Operational Data Portal - https://data.unhcr.org/en/country/ssd

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PARTNERS

- ACROSS
- Adventist Development and Relief Agency
- Africa Development Aid
- Africa Humanitarian Action
- African Community Agency for Development and Relief
- African Initiative For Relief And Development
- Agency for Child Relief Aid
- Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development
- Alight
- Concern Worldwide
- Danish Refugee Council
- Dialogue and Research Institute
- Episcopal Development Aid
- Food Against Hunger
- Food and Agriculture Organization
- GOAL
- Greater Upper Nile Organization
- Healthcare Foundation Organization
- Humane-Aid for Community Organization
- Humanitarian and Development Consortium
- Humanity and Inclusion
- INKOMOKO
- Integrated Humanitarian Aid
- International Organisation for Migration
- International Rescue Committee
- Lutheran World Federation
- Medicair
- Norwegian Refugee Council
- OXFAM International - GB
- Peace and Education Development Programme
- Plan International
- **Refugee Development Organisation**
- **Relief International**
- **Samaritains Purse**
- **Save the Children Internatonal**
- **Solidarités International**
- **South Sudan Women United**
- **United Nations Children's Fund**
- **United Nations Development Programme**
- **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**
- **United Nations Population Fund**
- **War Child Holland**
- **Welthungerhilfe**
- **Women Agency for Resilience and Transformation**
- **World Food Programme**
- **World Health Organization**
- **World Vision International**
- **Youth Relief Organisation**