



KEY FIGURES

5,876

refugees relocated by IOM
from entry points to camps
from 1 -24 February 2017

1,726

HHs relocated by IOM from
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HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of 5,876 refugees / 1,726 households have received pre-medical screening and have been relocated from Pagak to Nguenyiel.
- The current rate of new arrivals in Pagak is 200/day in the past two weeks.
- Access to Matar and Akobo remains restricted for UN agencies due to in-security.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

IOM is responding to the continuing refugee influx from South Sudan into Gambella Region, Ethiopia. As of February a total of 61,838 refugees have received IOM's relocation assistance. Based on UNHCR's statistics, there are more than 330,000 South Sudanese refugees in Gambella. Despite attempted peace negotiations in South Sudan, the fighting continues and violence still affects people across the country. Conflict is an aggravating factor in a humanitarian crisis that sees South Sudan suffer from chronic food shortages, economic collapse, destruction of infrastructure and homes, and outbreaks of disease including malaria and cholera.

Many have been internally displaced with large numbers also seeking safety in neighboring countries. Ethiopia currently hosts the second largest number of South Sudanese refugees after Uganda, of which the vast majority are in Gambella. South Sudanese refugees in Gambella mainly originate from upper Nile and Jonglei States.

MEDICAL SCREENING

IOM conducts pre-departure medical screening to ensure refugees are fit for the journey to camps. Individuals who are found unfit to travel or require additional medical follow up on arrival in camp are referred to existing health services provided by ARRA, the Regional Health Bureau and MSF. All 5,876 refugees were medically screened and registered prior to their transport. During 1-23 February 2017, IOM identified 907 medical cases. The main medical conditions identified were respiratory illnesses, skin and eye infections, acute gastro enteritis, malaria and complications related to pregnancy.

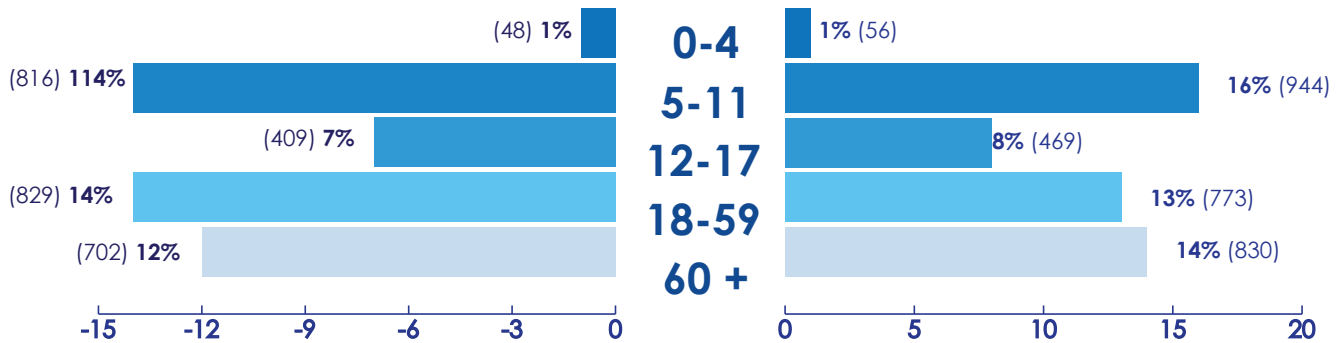


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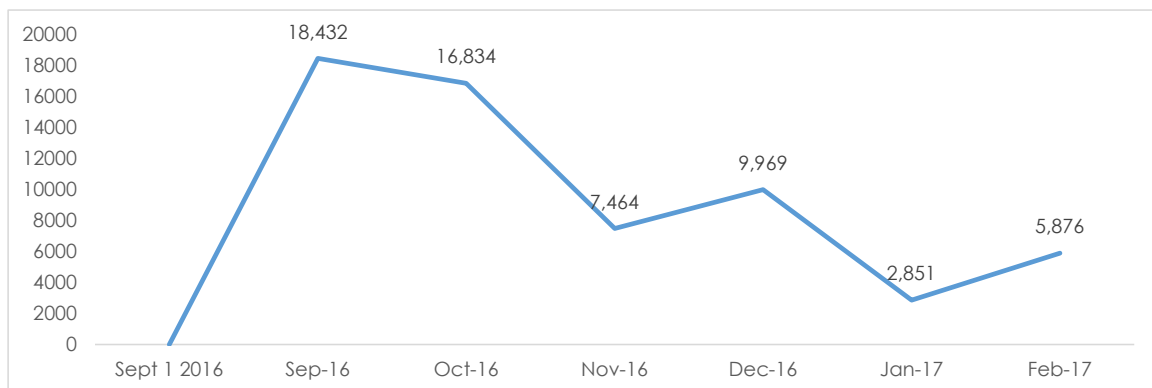
Total Number of Refugees Relocated

(2,804) 48% Male

Female 52% (3,072)



SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES ASSISTED BY IOM



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