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Feeding South Sudanese Refugees

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- Since December 2013, conflict in South Sudan has displaced approximately 1.6 million people inside South Sudan, and has sent another 786,000 fleeing as refugees into neighboring countries. In total, over 920,000 South Sudanese refugees live around the region, primarily in Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, and Uganda. For the first time, however, South Sudanese refugees have also sought asylum in Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of Congo as food insecurity and violence spread to new areas of the country.

- July and August 2016 marked a swift increase in the number of South Sudanese arriving in nearby countries, especially Uganda. A renewal of violence in the Equatoria region, and in Juba in July has sent over 121,000 refuges fleeing into neighboring countries since July 8, 2016.

- Some 70 percent of South Sudanese refugees are under the age of 18, and 80 percent of refugee households are headed by women.

- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) has contributed more than $229.5 million to partners, including the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), to provide emergency food assistance to refugees in Ethiopia, Sudan, Kenya, and Uganda, including South Sudanese refugees who have recently arrived. FFP funding to WFP supports general food distributions to those in need as well as targeted food assistance to vulnerable groups, such as pregnant and lactating women and young children.

- FFP has also provided UNICEF with $1.8 million for the purchase of 280 metric tons of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF), to treat severe acute malnutrition in children in Sudan, a portion of which will be used for South Sudanese refugees.

South Sudanese refugees around the region

CAR	DRC	Ethiopia	Kenya	Sudan	Uganda
4,223*	27,250*	281,944	87,912	247,317	358,064

Data: UNHCR (http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/regional.php), September 24, 2016
*Number as per UNHCR's South Sudan Situation, Regional Emergency Update, August 28, 2016

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