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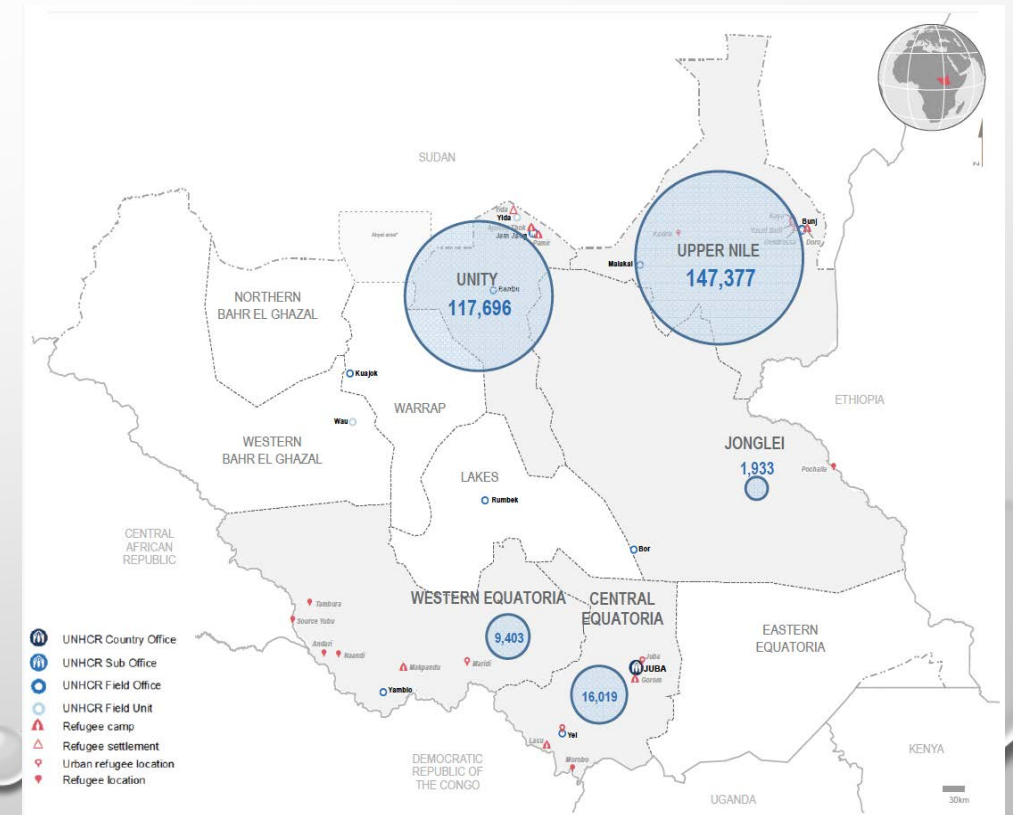


# BRIEFING ON REFUGEES SITUATION IN SOUTH SUDAN WITH FOCUS ON INTEGRATION

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# Refugees Populations in South Sudan

- South Sudan hosts 292,428 (67,178) as of January 2019.
- Spread in 21 different locations.
- 53% are females, while 83% are women and children.
- Sudanese makes up 93% of the refugee population.
- DRC 5%, Ethiopia 1%, CAR 1%.
- South Sudan also 2,577 asylum-seekers.



# Background to refugee situation in South Sudan

- **Settlements in former Unity State (20 Km)**

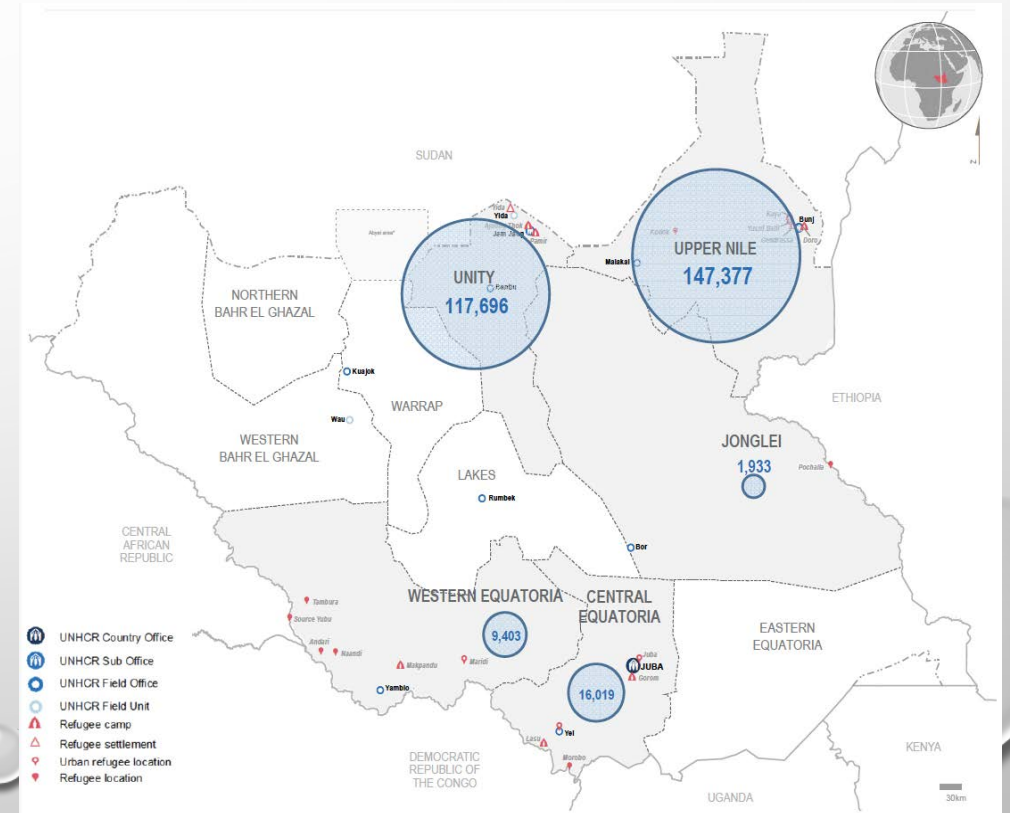
Yida settlement: established in July 2011 (20 km from border)

Ajuong Thok: March 2013

Pamiir: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

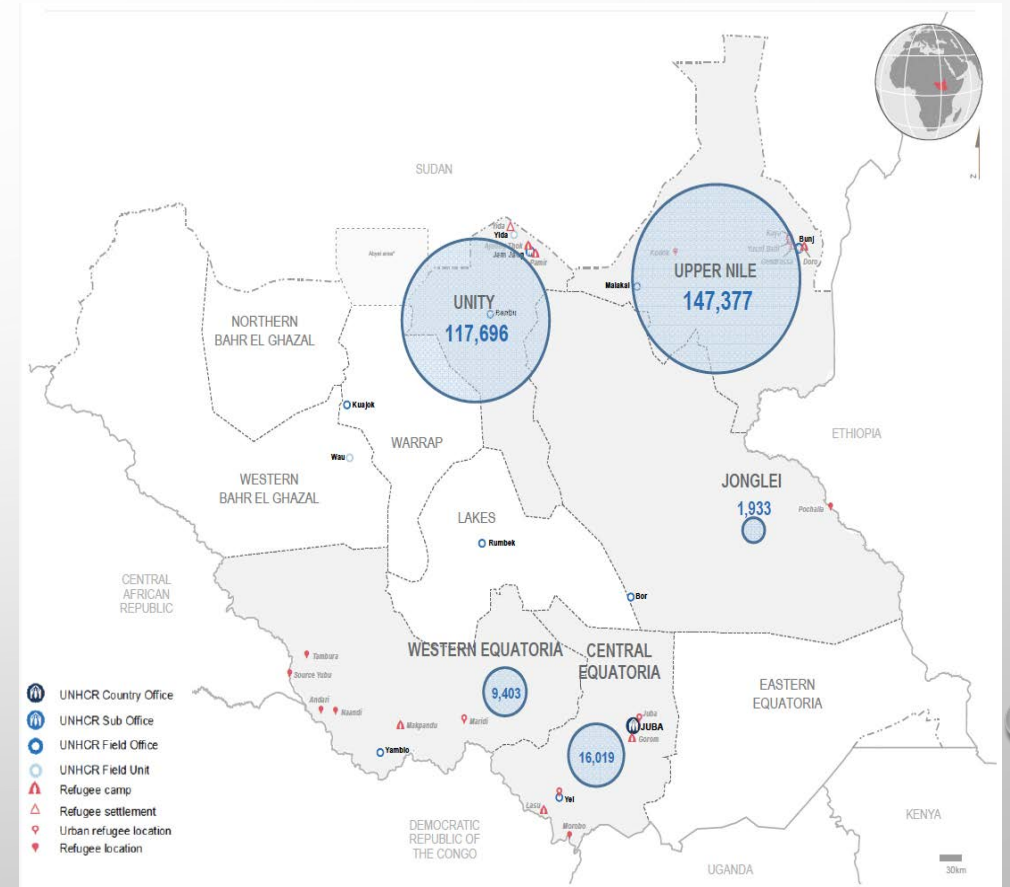
- **Settlements in former Upper Nile State (30 km from border): established in 2012.**

Four camps: Doro, Yusuf Batil, Gendrassa and Kaya.



# BACKGROUND TO REFUGEE SITUATION IN SOUTH SUDAN

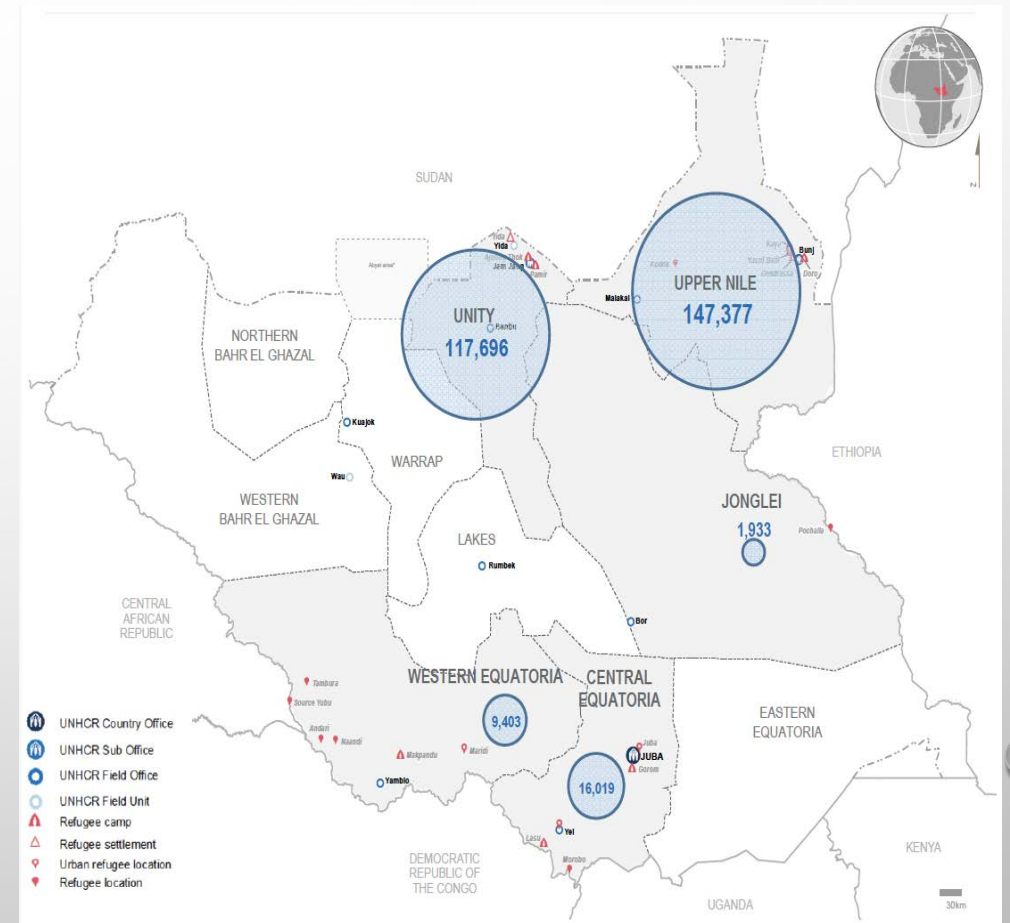
- **Central Equatoria (Yei River State – Lasu settlement)**
  - Established since 2009 and are staying in community with access to farming land.
  - The refugee population is predominantly Congolese with few from Sudan and CAR.
  - The Congolese that arrived prior to 2009 (i.e. in the 1960s) have been integrated.
- **Central Equatoria (Gorom Settlement – near Juba)**
  - The Settlement host Ethiopian Anuaks from Gambella Region. Arrived in Pochalla in 2003. A few had been repatriated in 2014.



# BACKGROUND TO REFUGEE SITUATION IN SOUTH SUDAN

## ○ Western Equatoria (Makponda and Ezo settlements)

- Makponda established since 2009. Refugees are staying in community with access to farming land.
- Home to most CAR refugees.



# DURABLE SOLUTIONS: INTEGRATION

## ○ COMMITMENTS:

- Nairobi Declaration on finding durable solutions to Somali refugees.
- IGAD - Djibouti Declaration on mainstreaming of Refugees education.
- Active participant in developing EAC refugee management policy that harmonize standards adopts good practices.
- As part of the Great Lakes Region, South Sudan is committed to working and cooperating in finding durable solutions to populations affected by forced displacement.

# DURABLE SOLUTIONS: INTEGRATION

## ○ LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- The Refugee Act 2012 gives refugees full rights (employments, access to social services, freedom of movement, birth registration, access to justice, etc.
- South Sudan acceded to 1969 OAU and recently acceded to 1951 Convention and its 1967 Protocol.
- The Nationality and Passport Act 2011 allows for naturalisation.

# DURABLE SOLUTIONS: INTEGRATION

## ○ POLICY AND MANAGEMENT OF REFUGEES

- South Sudan is not a CRRF focus country but applying some elements of the framework.
- We have an open-door policy and non-encampment policy towards refugees. Refugees allowed to live in the host communities areas.
- Mainstreaming refugees and their needs into national plans (Education – refugees enroll in schools as nationals, inspection of refugees school to ensure standards are maintained, etc.).
- Provision of substantial land for both resident and farming in rural areas.



# DURABLE SOLUTIONS: REPATRIATION!

- **SOME ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO RETURN HOME**
  - Ethiopian Anuaks in Pochalla and Gorom settlements
  - Commission of Refugees Affairs and UNHCR-South Sudan planning to conduct survey

# DURABLE SOLUTIONS: RESETTLEMENT!

- RESTRICTED TO MEDICAL AND OTHER CATEGORY IN NEED OF PROTECTION.
- HAS BEEN IN DECLINE SINCE THE CHANGE OF POLICY IN THE USA.

**THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**