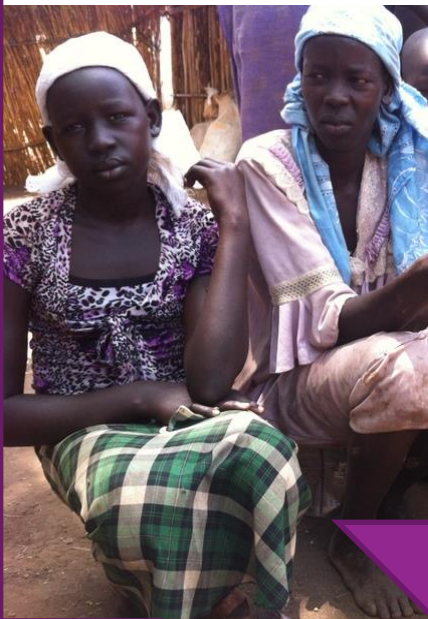


"Reaching out to the hearts and minds of children in exile: UNICEF's response to South Sudan Refugees in Gambella, Ethiopia"

Over 150,000 South Sudanese Refugees cross Ethiopian border in 2013

Current estimate 200,000 with over 94% women and children



Breakdown of stability, life changing refugee situation, and fear of persecution
High levels of risk perception among adolescent girls for sexual abuse, large number of children who were associated with armed groups



-Specialist hired to assess the capacities and train the social/community workers
-Created Child Friendly spaces (reaching over 35,000 children), the first point of contact with children to normalize their days in the camp

A model of holistic and culturally adjusted psychosocial interventions with added elements of sports

"Individual Assessment of Psychosocial distress" was created and it is being translated in Nuer.

Simon is a social worker from Sudan and "a story teller in Kule Camp". He performs tradition and folklore, songs and storytelling in the child friendly spaces of Kule



Thiol Nhial is a child protection officer of Save the Children in Terkiri and does supervision of all the child friendly spaces and psychosocial activities.

He translated "Individual Assessment of Psychosocial Distress Form" into Nuer language.

"My dream is for our children to have a better future and hopefully return home one day to a peaceful South Sudan," noted Bigoa Kuong, a 24 year old social worker who then quickly added with a broad smile, "and also a basketball court"

Fear of the unknown; lack of interest in day to day activities, uncertainty about future, fearing possible call back to join the armed groups



