

UNHCR Emergency Operations

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Humanitarian Emergency



Any situation in which the life, rights or well-being of refugees and other persons of concern to UNHCR will be threatened unless **immediate and appropriate action** is taken; and which demands and **extraordinary response and exceptional measures**.

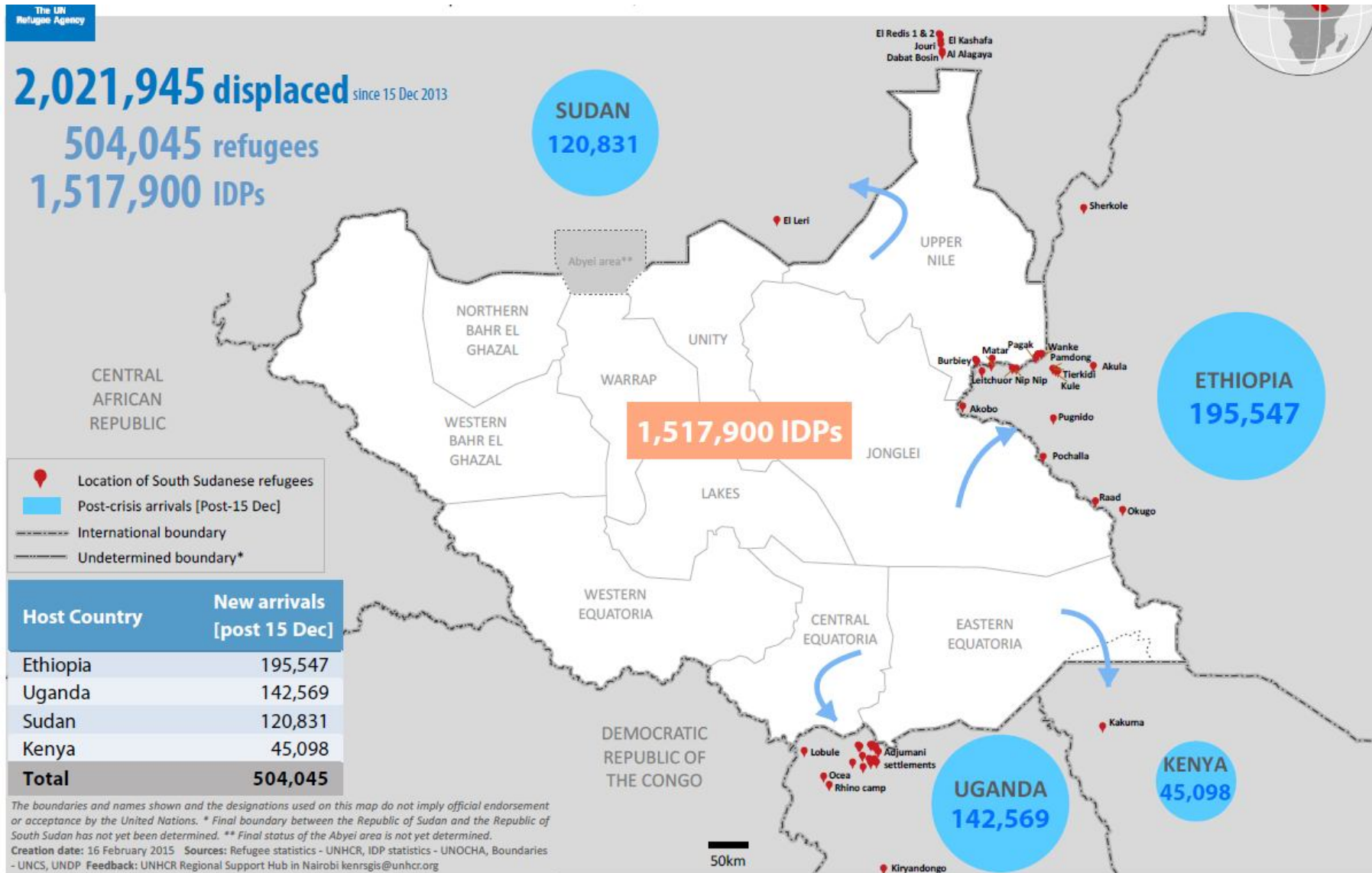
Unprecedented number of displacement crises last 2 years

Syria

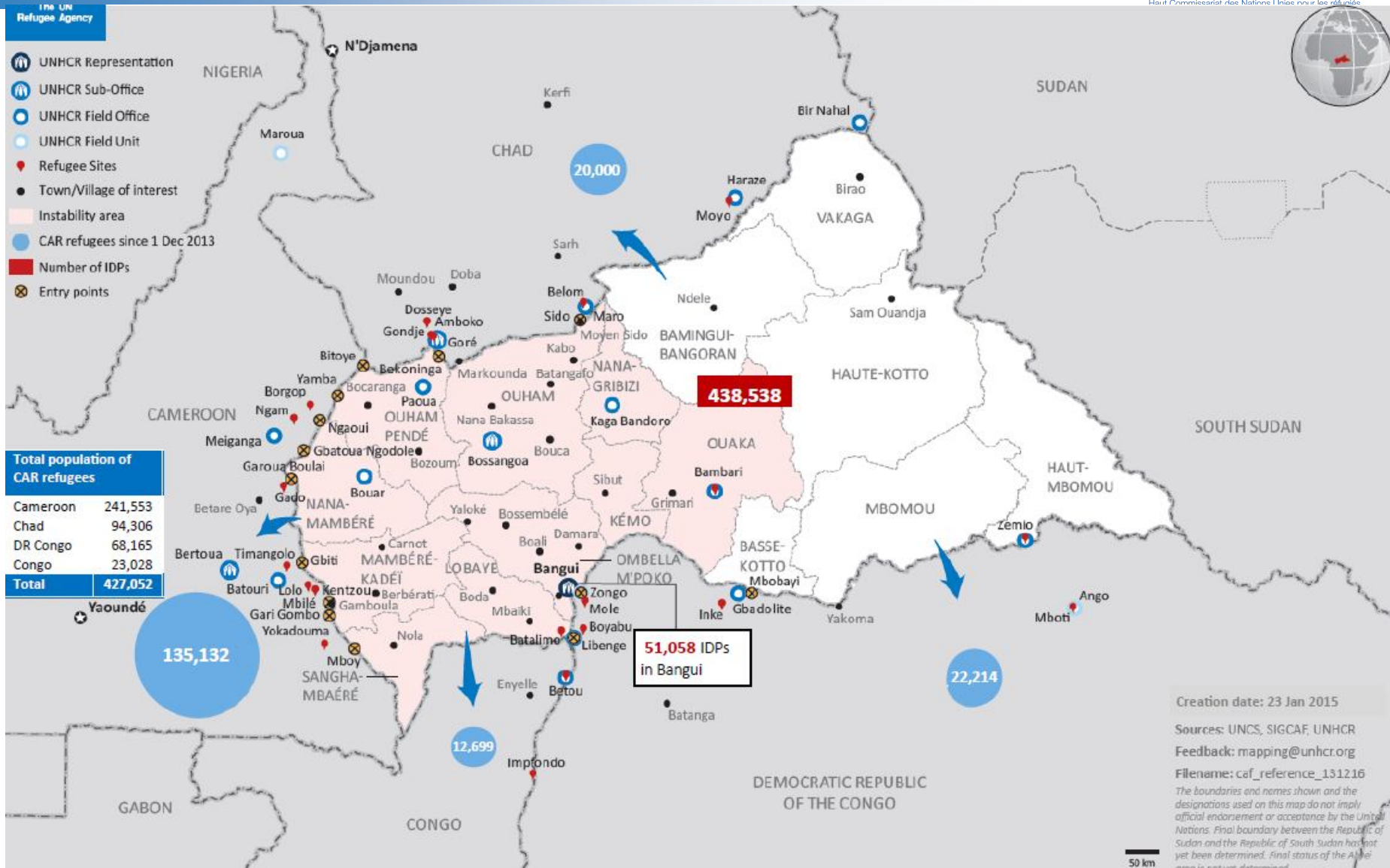
- 3.8 million Syrian refugees have fled to neighboring countries
- 7.6 million people displaced within Syria



Unprecedented number of displacement crises last 2 years: South Sudan situation



Unprecedented number of displacement crises last 2 years: CAR situation



Unprecedented number of displacement crises last 2 years: Iraq



And more.....



Nigeria Situation



Sources: UNCS, UNHCR
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Differences but also common characteristics

- Complex, evolving and potentially protracted nature of conflicts underpinning displacement
- Acute failure of protection, driving force behind humanitarian needs
- Politicization of humanitarian aid and reliance on aid to substitute for effective political action
- Proliferation of actors engaged in humanitarian action
- Operating in insecure volatile environments

UNHCR Emergency Preparedness & Response

UNHCR is prepared for sudden-onset, large-scale and simultaneous humanitarian emergencies, able to deliver an initial response within the first 72 hours of an emergency being declared, and for up to 750,000 persons of concern.



Emergency Preparedness and Response

- UNHCR and partners
- Inter-Agency partnerships and the Transformative Agenda
- UNHCR reconfigured Emergency Services in the Division of Emergency, Security and Supply

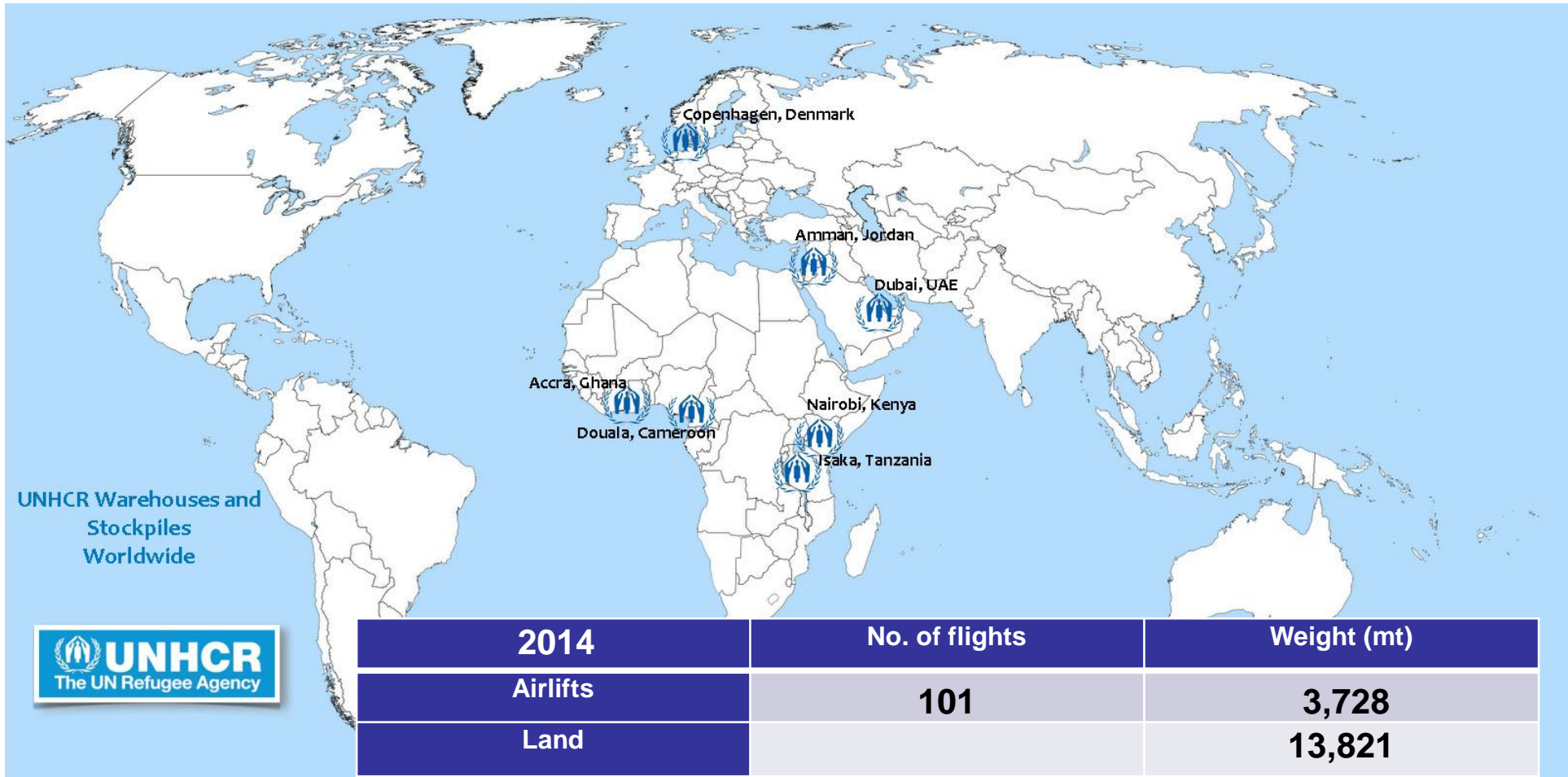


Operational support: Core Relief Items

- Blankets
- Plastic tarpaulin & plastic sheeting
- Tents
- Solar lanterns
- Jerry cans & buckets
- Mosquito nets
- Sleeping mats
- Kitchen sets
- Warehouses - generators
- Vehicles



UNHCR Global Stockpiles



Human Resources

- Emergency Services Standby Teams
- Internal Standby Rosters; and training for roster members
- Functional Rosters; specific training
- Standby Partnerships



Overview of 2014- Emergency Deployments

- 411 mission in 2014
- UNHCR and Standby Partner deployments



Standby Partnerships

- Canadem (Canada)
- CDC
- DRC (Denmark)
- DSB (Norway)
- DFID (UK)
- Emergency.lu (Luxemburg)
- IHP
- Irish Aid
- MSB
- NRC
- REdR Australia
- Save the Children Norway
- SDC/SHA
- THW Germany
- Veolia Environment Foundation
- White Helmets Commission
- Turkish Red Crescent



- Policy
- Tools



Key Priorities

- Strengthened focus on analysis, early warning and preparedness
- Protection and accountability to affected populations at the centre of UNHCR and broader humanitarian response
- Balance between rapidity, automaticity and volume of response
- Effective delivery of UNHCR's responsibilities in relation to leadership and coordination
- Fostering new and innovative approach

Key Challenges

A crucial priority:

- Rights, dignity and welfare of people affected by crisis at the centre of emergency operations.
- Centrality of Protection
- Age, Gender and Diversity Approach, and Participatory Assessments



Key Challenges continued

- Ways to remain in proximity to communities and to deliver emergency operations in insecure environments
- Managing expectations of what humanitarian action can achieve



Thank you!

