



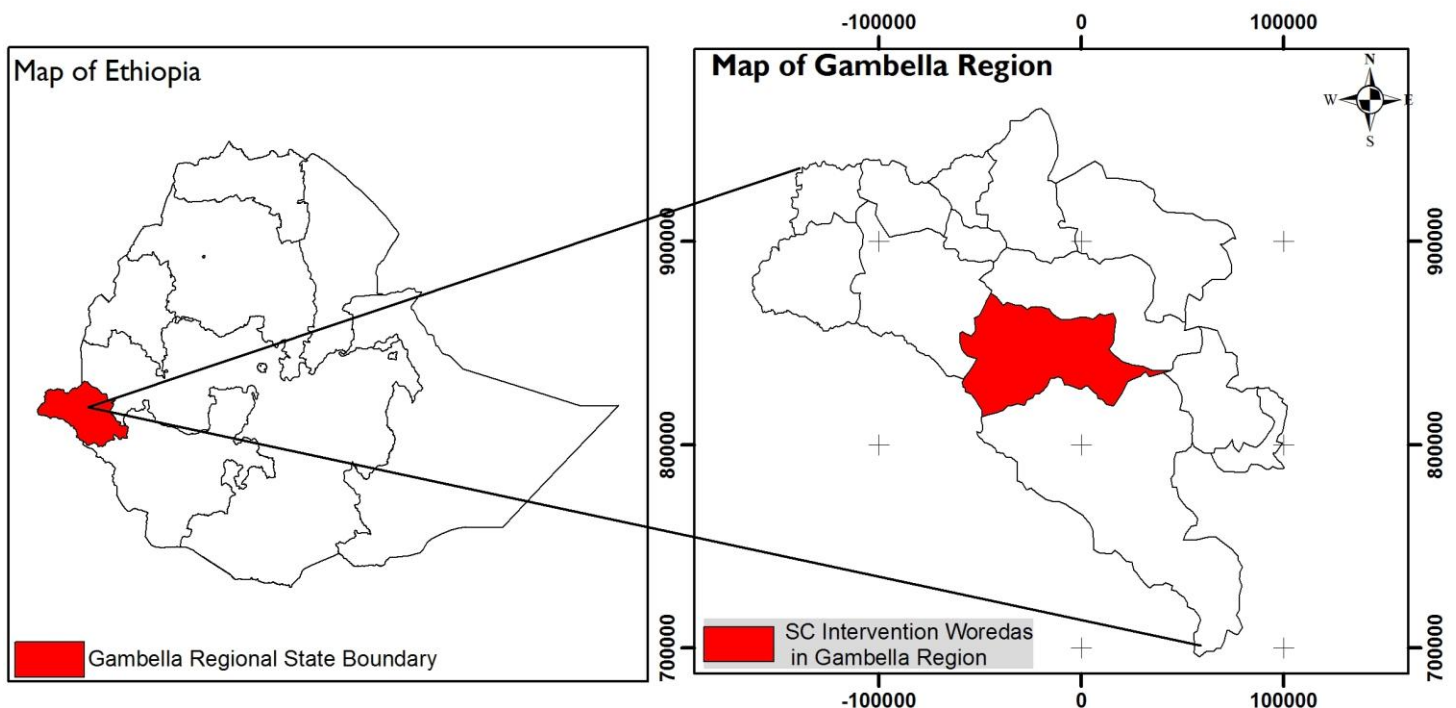
Regional Overview

Gambella Peoples' region is one of the nine regional states of Ethiopia. This region is located at the western edge of the country bordering South Sudan. The capital of the region, Gambella, is 766km from Addis Ababa. This region has an estimated density of 10 people per square kilometre. The main ethnicities of the region are the Nuer (46.66%), the Anuak 21.16%), Amhara (8.42%), Kafficho (5.04%), Oromo (4.83%), Mezhenger (4%), Shakacho (2.27%), Kambata (1.44%), Tigrean (1.32%) and other ethnic groups predominantly from southern Ethiopia 4.86%. Children below the age of 18 years accounts for 66.5% (27,974) of the refugee population. Female (women and girls) significantly outnumber male (adult & young men) due to the fact that sizable number of adult and young men died during the 21 years of liberation struggle.

Currently there are three refugee camps in Gambella region namely Pugnido, Leite Chore and Okugo which host about 68,000 refugees from South Sudan. Pugnido, 876 kilometres from Addis Ababa to the south west is the oldest refugee camp, which is hosting 42,044 refugees and has existed since 1992 while Okugo, which hosts 5,927 refugees, was established in mid 2013 following interethnic clash between Nuer and Murle people. Leite Chore refugee camp, which is under establishment, will host 20,000 South Sudanese asylum seekers displaced from their homeland due to the countrywide deadly armed conflict that erupted in December, 2013 between the supporters of President Salva Kir and the former vice president Dr. Reik Machar.

Pugnido refugee camp assures refugees are settled at three distinct sites namely Anuak, Nuer and Village 12 sites based on their ethnic identity. The Anuak site is inhabited by refugees belonging to the Anuak ethnic group, Nuer site is hosting refugees belonging to Nuer, Denka and shuluk, while Village 12 site is totally occupied by Nuer people. A reasonable distance of 4-6km is maintained between each site in order to avoid the possibility of inter-ethnic conflict.

Location Map



Location of the area office

Pugnido Project Office is located at a distance of 876km to the south west of Addis Ababa.

Programs implemented in Gambella

Save the Children is one of the implementing partners working in Pugnido refugee camp, since we began our intervention in October 2012. The Leite Chore started operation in January 2014. Save the Children is rendering services to the refugee community in general and to children in particular on Child protection, Child friendly spaces and youth related activities. Major activities include provision of preschool education for 6000 pre-school age refugee children, provision of material and psychosocial support for unaccompanied and separated refugee children, construction of blocks for ECCD center, youth center and child friendly space, provision of capacity building training for 85 refugee staff, equipping ECCD centres, Youth centers and Child Friendly spaces with necessary materials.

Thematic Areas: Emergency Response.

- Emergency Response: Ensure maximum protection of vulnerable refugee children (UNHCR funded)

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