

Kenya Red Cross Society assists 796 Kenyans returning from Juba

Tuesday, 19 July 2016, Nairobi: A total of 796 Kenyans have so far been evacuated from Juba, South Sudan, by the Government of Kenya, and assisted by the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) as they passed through a reception center manned by a team of 24 volunteers and staff at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA).

Seven chartered flights arrived JKIA from Juba as follows:

- 16 July 2016 – 3 flights with 296 Kenyans
- 17 July 2016 – 2 flights with 200 Kenyans
- 18 July 2016 – 2 flights with 200 Kenyans
- 19 July 2016 – 1 flight with 100 Kenyans

“We are operating a Tracing Desk to support families searching for their loved ones, as well as provided psychosocial support to 132 clients and served refreshments to all returnees upon arrival at the JKIA,” said Venant Ndighila, Emergency Operations/Security Manager, KRCS.

In addition, KRCS also assisted in making 113 calls to family members through the Tracing Desk, through which a hotline number - +254 715 820 219 - was provided to the public.

The Emergency Medical Ambulance (E-Plus) of the KRCS handled a total of 37 patients, of whom 3 were ferried to the Kenyatta National Hospital for further medical attention.

“We shall continue to assist Kenyans returning from South Sudan for as long as our services are needed,” said Ndighila.

KRCS has been working in collaboration with the National Disaster Operation Centre, the government line ministries, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Devolution and Planning, State Department of Special Programmes.

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