

NEWSLETTER



"I WANTED TO SERVE MY PEOPLE"

South Sudanese nurse awarded Florence Nightingale Medal for 30 years of service to victims of war and violence.

Rosemary is busy.

From dawn to dusk she repeats the same moves, carefully, gently. She looks at her patients with compassion, speaks with a low and kind voice and takes care of them. She has been a nurse for almost 30 years.

"I started in 1991 in Kapoeta and joined the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Juba Military Hospital in 2013," Rosemary says. "I remember when the ICRC moved here, the ward was full of grass and soil. We had to dig to remove everything and clean the place up."

Today, the ward is clean and calm, but if it could talk, it would probably remember some of the worse moments of the war and the countless patients it hosted. "In 2016, when the conflict escalated, we were not enough nurses to cover the day and night shifts;" Rosemary says. "I committed myself because there was no one to take care of the patients at night, so I would work day and night."

On July 30, 2019, Rosemary received the Florence Nightingale Medal, the highest honour in nursing that is awarded to nurses or nursing aids for exceptional courage and devotion to victims of conflict or disaster. The medal was given to her by Salva Kiir, the President of South Sudan, in a ceremony in the capital Juba. It is a tribute not only to Rosemary, but to the more than 860 South Sudanese staff who are dedicating themselves to serving others.

Back in the ward, Rosemary cleans the leg of a patient as two interns follow her every move, as she explains to them how to keep a wound clean. "I wanted to become a nurse to serve my people," she says.

It is impossible to quantify the impact that Rosemary has had on lives across South Sudan, a country plagued by violence and war for decades. When asked to estimate how many people she has treated in her career, she answers with a smile, "I don't know—thousands. Only God knows."

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TO RESPOND TO PEOPLE'S URGENT NEEDS AND HELP THEM BUILD RESILIENCE, THE ICRC, TOGETHER WITH THE SOUTH SUDAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (SSRC):



Distributed more than 4,744 metric tonnes of food rations to 313,384 people.

Provided essential household items to 107,022 people, seeds and tools including community project to 59,710 and fishing tools to 66,660 people.



Vaccinated 415,472 heads of livestock and treated 153,654 animals, assisting 30,063 livestock keepers. Granted access to safe drinking water to more than 176,000 people.

Maintained two emergency surface water treatment unit, benefiting around 20,000 people and carried out other emergency supply initiatives for over 57,000 people.

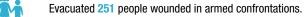
Carried out renovation and extension work in six primary health-care facilities and three hospitals. Improved living conditions for more than 1,300 detainees.



TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, THE ICRC:

Performed 1,667 surgeries and medical procedures.





Provided antenatal consultations for 21,897 women and vaccinated 39,531 women and children.

Helped 3,241 women with safe deliveries.

Helped 1,350 disabled people with mobility devices and physiotherapy.

Conducted First Aid training for communities and weapon-bearers to 1,860 individuals.

Conducted First Aid training and training of trainers courses to 820 South Sudan Red Cross volunteers who assisted, stabilized or treated up to 2,316 wounded and sick in South Sudan.



TO HELP IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR DETAINEES. THE ICRC:

Visited 4,391 detainees throughout the country.

Improved living conditions as well as access to health care, and implemented preventive and curative measures against malnutrition for more than 3,892 detainees.



TO HELP RECONNECT FAMILY MEMBERS SEPARATED BY THE CONFLICT, THE ICRC, TOGETHER WITH THE SOUTH SUDAN RED CROSS SOCIETY:



Facilitated 7,458 phone calls between family members separated by the conflict;

Helped exchange 1,450 Red Cross messages with family news;

Reunited 25 vulnerable persons, including children, with their families.



TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) AND THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (IHRL), THE ICRC:

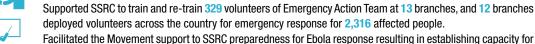


Trained over $2,\!200$ military personnel in IHL and nearly 700 police personnel in IHRL.

Raised awareness among over 6,950 people affected by armed conflict, community members and health-care staff on life-saving, useful and actionable information about the ICRC and its humanitarian services.



TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH SUDAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, THE ICRC:



social mobilization and safe & dignified burials in four branches through training 300 volunteers.



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