

# FACTS AND FIGURES



# ICRC HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN SOUTH SUDAN - 2011 TO 2021

Since the birth of South Sudan on the 9 July 2011, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has adapted its humanitarian response to the evolution of needs in communities affected by conflict and armed violence in the world's newest country. Soon after independence, we helped to support the recognition of the South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC) and its establishment across the country. We supported the efforts of the national authorities to adopt key international humanitarian law (IHL) treaties into South Sudanese law that strengthen protection of civilians and limit human suffering.

Cycles of conflict and armed violence have repeatedly displaced families and reduced their ability to meet their daily needs. These has created long-term needs for humanitarian assistance to help families build their resilience to survive these shocks. Together with the SSRC, we have met emergency needs, helped restore the dignity and livelihoods of families

Despite the steps made towards peace, hundreds of thousands of families today continue to

suffer from lack of access to food, water, health care and other basic services. We remain committed to reaching and supporting the most vulnerable South Sudanese in remote and isolated communities, and engaging authorities and weapon bearers to improve protection and respect of those most in need.

This is a summary of the humanitarian assistance we have provided to South Sudanese families and communities over the past 10 years.



### TO HELP FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY CONFLICT AND ARMED VIOLENCE, REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS, AND STRENGTHEN THEIR RESILIENCE, THE ICRC TOGETHER WITH THE SSRC:



Distributed seeds (cereals and vegetables) and agricultural tools to over **3.1 million** people (host communities, displaced persons and returnees) across South Sudan.

Distributed food to over 3.3 million people across South Sudan.



Vaccinated and/or treated over **5.2 million** heads of livestock benefitting over **1.8 million** people and trained over **1,160** community animal health workers.



A woman carries a set of farming tools that are going to be shared with some other families. 2019, Dulamaya, South Sudan.



Joseph received a seeds and tools kit during a distribution organized by the ICRC in Dulamaya. 2019, South Sudan.



May 2014, Leer County. Sorghum being collected by two community members after a successful airdrop of food by the ICRC.



April 2014. Waat, Jonglei State. Heavy rains made it harder to reach isolated communities displaced by the conflict. The ICRC began airdrops of food to help ensure emergency needs of families could be met.



ICRC staff members distribute vaccines for cattle and small ruminants.







#### TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, THE ICRC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HEALTH AUTHORITIES:

Provided over **1.5 million** consultations at different primary health care centres and hospitals we supported over the past decade.

Assisted over **27,000** people living with physical disabilities at ICRC supported physical rehabilitation centres to restore their mobility.

Treated over 9,000 weapon-wounded patients at ICRC supported surgical units.



South Sudan, 2020. The ICRC surgical teams in Akobo, Ganyliel and Juba have treated more than 110 wounded with gunshot injuries between med-February and early March 2020. Surgeon Anne Morrison operates a patient who was shot in the leg.



South Sudan Red Cross volunteers carry a patient back to the ward after a surgery. South Sudan, 2020



The ICRC started supporting the physical rehabilitation centre in Rumbek, Lakes State in 2013 with equipment, training and a new dormintory for patients. The ICRC supported three physical rehabilitation centres across South Sudan in Juba, Rumbek and Wau from 2011 to 2021 which assisted over 27,000 people living with disabilities



#### TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER ACROSS SOUTH SUDAN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITIES, WE:

Constructed or renovated hundreds of water points, including boreholes, ponds and water kiosks benefiting over 2.75 million people.



Started the construction of an urban water network including a pumping station, water treatment station, distribution pipeline and water kiosks, which will eventually benefit over **200,000** people in Juba through the Gumbo Water Supply Project.



July 2014. Upper Nile State, Lul Cholera Treatment Center. Women collect clean water from a water treatment plant.



2015. The ICRC built 6 solar water yards in Juba to increase access to water. Each benefits on average 2,500 people.



2018, Rumbek, Lakes State. An increase in armed violence resulted in communities fleeing the rural areas to Rumbek town where they felt safer. This increased pressure on on existing infrastructure, especially water pumps, which had not been increased to match the population growth. For this reason, the ICRC have renovated the Akuach water yard, designed to provide water to 15,000 people.



### TO MONITOR TREATMENT AND HELP IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR DETAINEES, THE ICRC:

Visited over **43,700** detainees at more than **50** places of detention across South Sudan, through a total of nearly **1,000** visits.

Facilitated the release 336 persons deprived of their liberty in our role as a neutral intermediary.



On 28 January 2018, 11 detainees were released and flown by the ICRC to Juba. The ICRC facilitated the release of these detainees in its capacity as a neutral intermediary.



2020, Juba, South Sudan. COVID-19 preventive measures prevented detainees from receiving visits from their families from 2020. To support detainees and their families to maintain contact with their loved ones, we provided mobile telephones and credit to the prison authorities to help detainees maintain contact with their loved ones.





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

Facilitated more than 135,000 phone calls between family members separated by conflict.

Helped exchange over **25,000** Red Cross Messages between loved ones separated by conflict to enable them to share family news.

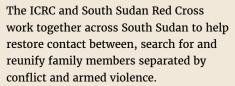


Reunited over 650 people separated from families by conflict.



January 2018, Juba, South Sudan. Victor (12) was separated from his family in his village on the 28th of August 2016. He was reunited with his father Federiko after more than one year apart by the ICRC and South Sudan Red Cross.







A person separated from his family in a displacement camp in Juba speaking with his family on a phone provided by the ICRC and South Sudan Red Cross.



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



Trained over 26,500 military personnel in IHL and over 4,390 police personnel in IHRL.





Over the past 10 years, the ICRC has engaged the military, non-state armed groups and police across South Sudan and to increase knowledge and respect of International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law.

2020. Jane Kajo in stands in front of the shop she established with ICRC support to help increase her income and the living standards of her family. We support people living with physical disabilities through training on how to run small businesses so that they can improve their livelihoods.





2021. A mother and child during a meeting with the community by ICRC teams to assess their humanitarian needs and understand their situation in Mundri, Western Equatoria, South Sudan. The Equatoria Region of South Sudan continue to be affected by conflict causing communities to flee their homes, seek refuge in the bush with limited food, shelter, water or access to health care. Based on its access to the conflict affected communities, the ICRC carries out assessments of the needs of the community to understand their situation and provide the emergency assistance they need.



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