

SOUTH SUDAN

FACTS AND FIGURES

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In 2024, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) delivered essential support to hundreds of thousands of individuals impacted by armed conflict and violence in South Sudan, as well as those who fled the conflict in Sudan. Our Protection and Assistance activities encompassed a wide range of services, including health care, emergency relief, physical rehabilitation for persons with disabilities, and the restoration of vital infrastructure, such as water supply systems.

We also worked to protect the lives and dignity of affected populations by helping rebuild livelihoods, reuniting separated families or putting them in contact, searching for missing persons, and improving the treatment and living conditions of detainees. Additionally, we engaged with various parties to mitigate risks and alleviate hardship for vulnerable communities.

Amid the ongoing conflict in Sudan, South Sudan has experienced a significant influx of people seeking refuge. In response, the ICRC, in partnership with the South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC), provided humanitarian aid to thousands of Sudanese refugees, South Sudanese returnees, and the host communities supporting them.

SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE



- Provided consultations for **50,204** people at ICRC-supported hospital in Akobo
- Carried out **3,180** surgical consultations at the ICRC-supported hospital in Akobo and **2,906** operations at **two** ICRC-supported hospitals in Juba and Akobo
- Treated **442** Weapon Wounded patients at the two ICRC-supported hospitals and transferred **259** patients
- Provided antenatal consultations for **5,391** women at ICRC-supported healthcare facilities
- Helped **736** pregnant women to deliver their babies safely
- A total of **12,777** people were vaccinated at an ICRC-supported health center. Additionally, the ICRC supported outreach activities, where MoH vaccinators went into the community to vaccinate people in conflict affected areas
- Gave first-aid training to **2,997** participants, including health personnel, SSRC volunteers, weapon bearers and members of local communities
- Provided training for **14** maternal and child health staff members on basic emergency obstetric and neonatal care, organized as part of our efforts to support access to quality sexual reproductive health at the primary-health-care centre (PHCC) and the community level
- Gave a refresher course for **45** traditional birth attendants in Kodok
- Trained **27** EPI Vaccinators at the ICRC-supported healthcare facilities in Kodok and Adong PHCC
- Facilitated direct mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) sessions with **3,595** people suffering from conflict-inflicted trauma
- Provided awareness-raising sessions to **12,680** people on MHPSS services at **three** ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centres and **two** hospitals
- Conducted awareness sessions on protecting health services and facilities to **3,290** community members and health and support staff working at ICRC-supported health-care facilities. These sessions, organized as part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's Health Care in Danger initiative, addressed violence against health workers, facilities, and vehicles, ensuring safe access to healthcare during conflicts and emergencies
- Helped improve the general health infrastructure and facilities at Juba Military Hospital through the renovation of the diagnostic ward and ad hoc repairs, and at Akobo County Hospital through routine maintenance

An ICRC medical staff member treats a weapon-wounded patient in Renk, Upper Nile State. Hundreds of people have sought safety and medical care after fleeing the fighting in neighboring Sudan.





Decades of conflict and violence in South Sudan have left many people living with disabilities. The ICRC provides vital support through prostheses, orthoses, wheelchairs, and other mobility aids.

HELPING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



- Provided **3,419** people with physical rehabilitation services, in partnership with the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare
- Held **20,793** physiotherapy sessions in three ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centres in Juba, Wau and Rumbek
- Delivered **842** prostheses and orthoses to persons with disabilities in these centres.
- Provided **2,356** mobility aids, wheelchairs and postural support devices to persons with disabilities
- Helped **14** children with disabilities to have access to education
- Ensured **87** persons with disabilities got access to microeconomic initiatives run by the Economic Security Unit
- Enabled **88** persons with disabilities to participate in sports and leisure activities and **seven** persons with disability to participate in vocational training
- Helped improve the general infrastructure and facilities at the **three** physical rehabilitation centres, through ad hoc repairs and routine maintenance

IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR DETAINEES



- Carried out **52** visits at **19** places of detention, holding a total of **6,231** detainees (including **502** minors) to help improve their treatment and living conditions
- Collected and distributed **107** Red Cross messages (brief messages containing family news) between the detainees and their families
- Facilitated **13,312** phone calls between detainees and their families to help them maintain contact
- Facilitated the transfer of **five** released detainees
- Cash assistance was provided to **11** detainees, enabling them to travel to their area of origin, reunite with their family, and cover basic needs such as food and clothing
- Improved living conditions, access to water, sanitation and better hygiene for **795** detainees in **six** places of detention by repairing or improving infrastructures, such as roofing, building, sanitation or water supply
- Improved living conditions for **4,330** detainees by donating essential household items and personal hygiene items
- Distributed food and nutrition products to **6,701** detainees in **seven** places of detention to prevent malnutrition
- Supported nutritional program in **two** places of detention where **5,653** detainees benefited from nutritional surveys and **188** of them enrolled for therapeutic feeding program for the management of acute malnutrition



- Supported **four** meetings of the Steering Committee on Judicial Guarantees at Juba National Prison, which gathered representatives from various relevant bodies. These meetings allowed them to jointly review pending cases/files of detainees leading, among other outcomes, to the release or bailing of **116** juveniles
- Conducted **nine** trainings on the Mandela Rules, detainee management, sexual violence, and health in detention, benefiting a total of **90** staff members from the SSPDF and the NPSSS
- Conducted a Health in Detention seminar for **24** prison staff working in civilian and military detention facilities to discuss ethical standards and best practices for addressing common health challenges
- Sponsored the participation of **two** high ranking SSPDF officers in the first African Conference on Health in Detention held in Nairobi, aimed at reinforcing their knowledge of African best practices
- **Eight** places of detention were supported to prevent a cholera outbreak by strengthening preventive measures. **3,525** detainees benefited from cholera awareness sessions, the distribution of hygiene kits and cleaning materials and access to safe water and sanitation

ADDRESSING SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



- Provided **5035** community members with awareness-raising sessions about sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), held in **nine** areas, in partnership with the SSRC
- Following awareness-raising activities, **41** victims/survivors of sexual and gender-based violence were referred to services by SSRC volunteers
- Gave training to **328 community influencers**, people, including religious and community leaders, health workers, police personnel, on how to conduct community outreach on sexual violence and appropriately handle cases of SGBV. After the training, **91%** of the participants felt comfortable or very comfortable addressing sexual violence within their community
- Organized street theatre performances and football games, as part of SGBV awareness-raising initiatives, for communities in Yei and Wonduruba
- **36** victims/survivors of sexual violence received direct support from ICRC, including protection documentation, mental health and psychological support, cash, and referral to other organizations
- Carried out capacity-building initiatives on SGBV for **240** SSRC staff members and volunteers
- **847** members from the armed forces, non-state armed groups and the South Sudan national Police Service (SSNPS) participated in training sessions on addressing sexual violence and IHL
- **50** staff members from the National Prison Service of South Sudan (NPSSS) attended a new ICRC training on addressing sexual violence in places of detentions, conducted over two sessions
- **37** medical staff from various health facilities in Upper Nile and Central Equatoria were trained on the clinical management of rape (CMR), and close collaboration with UNICEF was established to ensure availability of PEP kits
- **127** service providers from health facilities, physical rehabilitation centers, and mental health counselors were trained by the ICRC on the negative impact of stigma, the importance of upholding confidentiality, and the negative impact of forcing survivors of SGBV to fill out Form 8 as a precondition for medical treatment
- Carried out a review of services to address SGBV in **five** locations that receive refugees and returnees from Sudan
- Conducted **25** external engagements on the issue of Form 8 and the negative impact of mandatory reporting, to support and mobilize key representatives from the government, the police and the humanitarian community
- Enabled the director of the Special Protection Unit in the South Sudan National Police Service to take part as a panelist in the conference "Forced to report? Understanding the humanitarian impact of mandatory reporting", held on 19 June to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence; a related event was subsequently organized at the ICRC delegation in Juba

MAINTAINING AND RESTORING FAMILY LINKS



- Documented **295** new cases of missing persons
 - Clarified the fate and whereabouts of **398** missing people, in close collaboration with the Movement's Restoring Family Links network
 - Facilitated **36,519** successful phone calls to help restore and maintain family contact., of which **12,962** were offered specifically to people fleeing the conflict in Sudan
 - Collected **957** Red Cross Messages and delivered **803** of them
 - Trained **120** SSRC volunteers in Aweil, Old Fangak, Malakal, Bentiu, Bor, Wau, Yambio, and Mundri, to strengthen their capacities to help people affected by conflict restore their family links
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A South Sudan returnee hears from her brother for the first time since being separated by the conflict in Sudan. The ICRC's PFL team and the SSRC volunteers help families separated by conflict and violence to restore and maintain contacts with their loved ones.

PROTECTING THE CIVILIAN POPULATION



- Continued to monitor the humanitarian situation and, whenever necessary, confidentially and bilaterally raised concerns with weapon bearers about their behavior to help prevent violations of international humanitarian law and abuse of people's rights
- Engaged with communities in various locations to better understand their concerns and identify ways of limiting the impact of armed conflict and other violence on them and to build community resilience
- Conducted interviews with Sudanese refugees and South Sudanese returnees affected by the violence in Sudan to contribute to our dialogue with the parties to the conflict in Sudan so as to ensure that civilians' rights are upheld in accordance with international humanitarian law and international human rights' law

ASSISTING COMMUNITIES



- Distributed food to **90,924** internally displaced people fleeing armed conflict in the Equatorias
- Trained **396** lead farmers in Leer in good agronomic practices through our food production and livelihood programmes
- Vaccinated and treated **212,011** livestock belonging to **4,533** households
- Trained **40** community animal health workers in basic animal health care
- Donated veterinary drugs and equipment to the Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries in Kuajok
- Provided **36,300** individuals coming from fishing communities with light and river fishing nets in Upper Nile
- Provided **33,918** displaced individuals in Central Equatoria with essential household items to improve their living conditions
- Enrolled **1,734** individuals, referred by the Protection and Health departments, in our microeconomic initiatives programme and provided them with cash grants to start new businesses or strengthen existing ones
- Provided **984** individuals, organized in **seven** groups in Central Equatoria and Upper Nile, cash grants through the income support programme to support their livelihoods
- Gave **528** farmers in Leer and Yei conditional cash grants as part of cash-for-work projects
- Trained **431** individuals in Leer, Yei, and Juba were trained on nutrition basics
- Trained **23** participants attended **one** health approach training in Leer
- Provided **three** institutions in Kuajok, Tonj East and Juba with veterinary drugs and equipment
- Constructed or repaired **91** handpumps and **seven** water yards, improving the water supply for **58,000** people in rural communities



The ICRC has constructed or renovated hand pumps, water yards, hafirs, and solar-powered water facilities to help improve access to clean water in rural communities affected by conflict or hosting those fleeing the conflict in Sudan.



- Installed and repaired **43** handpumps and trained **26** water management committee members and technicians, in Mundri West and Mambe (Maridi) in partnership with the SSRC, improving the water supply for **21,500** people

SUPPORTING REFUGEES AND RETURNEES FLEEING THE CONFLICT IN SUDAN



- Provided **125,766** refugees and returnees from Sudan in Upper Nile, Warap, Unity, and WBG with food (including sorghum, beans, oil, sugar and salt) or Survival Minimum Expenditures Basket (SMEB) cash assistance to meet their basic needs in areas of relocation
- Provided **55,566** returnees/refugees from Sudan with essential household, including tarpaulins, blankets, mats, buckets, mosquito nets, and kitchen sets to improve their living conditions in Western Bahr el Ghazal, Northern Bahr el Ghazal, and Upper Nile
- Distributed seeds and tools to **30,000** South Sudanese returnees in the states of the Upper Nile, Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Western Bahr el Ghazal
- Enabled **9,647** returnee households to have improved access to clean water by providing equipment to treat water at home, such as buckets, cloth filters, purification agents, and ceramic filters in Upper Nile and Jonglei

South Sudanese returnees and Sudanese refugees in Boro Medina, in Northern Bahr El Ghazal State, where the ICRC distributed food and non-food items to returnees and refugees who fled the ongoing conflict in Sudan.





- Repaired/installed **40** handpumps to improve water supply in Boro Medina, (Raja), Aweil North, Kuajok (Gogrial West), New Fangak (Fangak), Adong (Baliat) and Diel (Pigi) benefitting **20,000** people
- Built **three** water yards to ensure adequate quantity of potable water for the population of Gok Machar (Aweil North), Aweil (Aweil Centre) and Diel (Pigi), benefitting **6,500** individuals
- Installed and repaired **31** handpumps and trained **16** water management committee members and technicians, in Wau and Jur River Counties, in partnership with the SSRC, improving the water supply for **15,500** people
- A Mobile Surgical Team was deployed to Renk in December, treating **230** weapon-wounded through **170** surgical interventions
- Facilitated **12,962** phone calls to help restore and maintain family contact for people fleeing the conflict in Sudan
- The SSRC RFL volunteers in Renk were amongst the first to respond to the sudden surge of returnees and refugees crossing into South Sudan at the end of November. They facilitated close to **500** calls for the wounded at the hospital and the new arrivals in the transit centers
- Facilitated a sensitization session for **27** members of the Immigration Police, Border Police, Criminal Investigation Department, and Professional Standards Unit in Joda, focusing on police responsibilities to protect and assist individuals fleeing conflict in Sudan
- Provided clinical consultation to **856** refugees with disabilities in camps in Aweil town, Gok Machar, Wedweil, Ajuongthok, Raja, Renk, Pamir, Yida, Maban and Malakal, repaired **94** old assistive devices and delivered **377** new devices to them
- Supported **131** persons with disabilities referred from PRP with SMEB Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket

PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW



- Provided **38** training sessions on international humanitarian law and international human rights law to **594** members of the military and non-state armed groups and **928** members of the police and security forces
- Held **two** sessions with **70** community members and local government representatives in Yei and Morobo
- Organized an IHL workshop for **15** Legal Counsels from the Ministry of Justice and South Sudan Bar Association
- Provided a platform, in the form of an academic roundtable, for **20** researchers and practitioners to present their research on the contemporary challenges to IHL
- Facilitated the participation of the SSNPS to an international experts roundtable on accountability of law enforcement officials and agencies

COMMUNICATING AND ENGAGING WITH COMMUNITIES



- Held **seven** operational communication sessions and **13** community engagement sessions across South Sudan for more than **12,300** participants, including community leaders, local authorities, persons with disability, the elderly, women, young people, and patients
- Set up help desks during food, seeds, tools, and cash distributions reaching a total of **936** individuals to gather feedback and complaints
- Formed **two** community feedback committees in Morobo and Wudabi, to ensure ongoing community engagement
- Trained **24** staff from the Akobo County Health Department on managing feedback and implementing feedback mechanisms

PARTNERING WITH THE SOUTH SUDAN RED CROSS



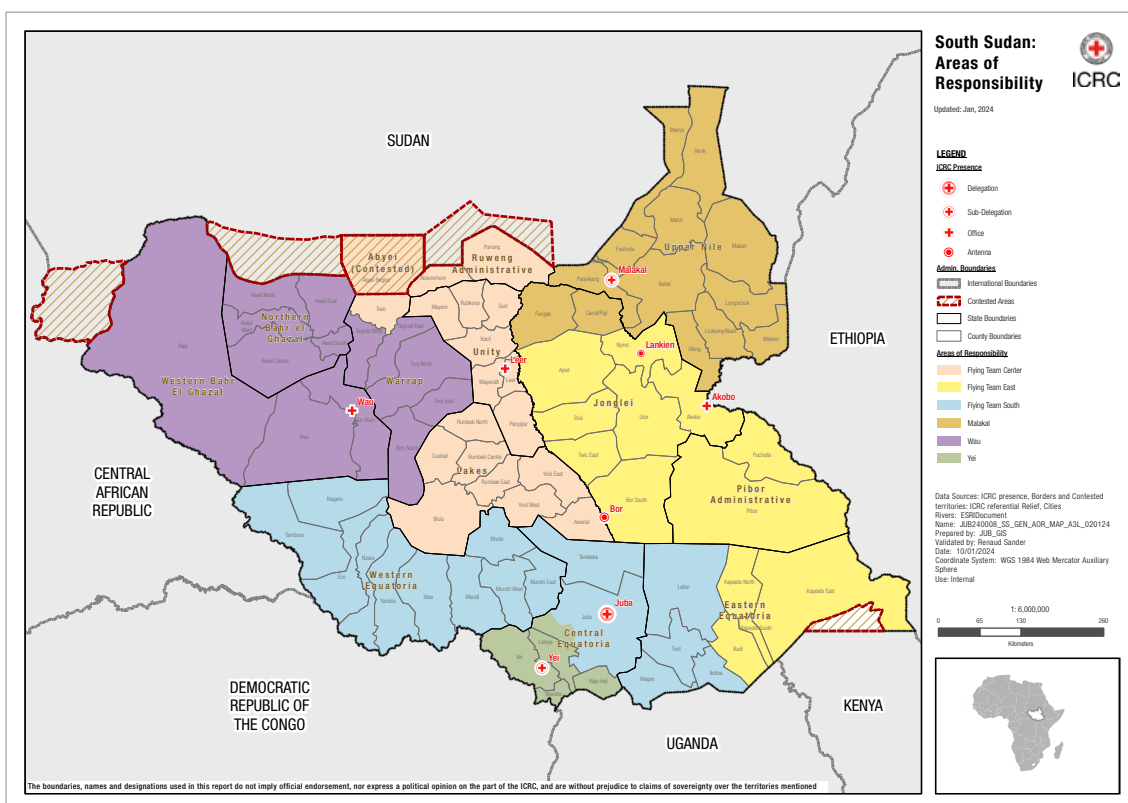
- Renewed our cooperation operational agreements for 2024 with the SSRC to continue addressing the needs of affected people and to enhance the SSRC's emergency preparedness and response capacities
- Donated **1,730** essential household items to the SSRC to respond to emergencies
- Provided **39** volunteers and first-aiders with logistical, financial, and technical support to attend training sessions in emergency preparedness and response, and trained **120** volunteers and staff members on safety, security, and respect for the Movement's Fundamental Principles
- Donated **two** vehicles (a Land Cruiser and a truck) to support the SSRC's operational response
- Conducted a **six**-day training on WASH in emergencies for **nine** SSRC volunteers with the support the SweRC
- Donated **two** offices to SSRC branches in Leer and Morobo to ensure adequate working structures



Volunteers of the South Sudan Red Cross Juba Branch participated at the 2024 Red Cross National First Aid Competition. The ICRC works in close partnership with the SSRC to carry out a range of activities to help people affected by conflict and other emergencies.



- Supported the renovation of SSRC Raja branch guest house, solar systems in SSRC Kuajok and Tonj branches
- Donated **120** First Aid kits to the SSRC HQ and the unit in Abyei for emergency response
- Supported financially and logistically the training of hundreds of SSRC to volunteers to respond to cholera outbreak



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Essential household items and water filters are provided to returnees in New Fangak. Many returnees affected by the conflict in Sudan get food and essential items from the ICRC.