

SOUTH SUDAN

# FACTS AND FIGURES

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In 2025, escalating armed conflict and violence across South Sudan reached alarming levels, further deepening an already protracted humanitarian crisis. As hostilities intensified across multiple regions, more than 540,000 people were forced to flee their homes, many sustaining life-threatening injuries or losing contact with loved ones. With protection at the core of its response, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) significantly scaled up its emergency interventions, prioritizing life-saving surgical care for weapon-wounded patients while working to preserve human dignity, restore family links, and protect civilians affected by conflict and violence.

The ICRC continued to help people affected by conflict and violence by reuniting separated families or restoring broken family links, searching for missing persons, and improving the treatment and living conditions of detainees. Throughout 2025, the ICRC provided 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.

Conflict affected communities and individuals were informed about available services and criteria, had access to critical, actionable information, and available mechanisms to provide feedback.

Meanwhile, the ICRC continued dialogue with the parties to the conflict to remind them of their obligations under international humanitarian law (IHL), and to promote respect for principles of humanity among all actors involved in armed violence.

In response to a significant influx of people fleeing the conflict in Sudan, the ICRC scaled up its humanitarian response providing life-saving assistance to thousands of Sudanese refugees and South Sudanese returnees.

Most of the ICRC operations in South Sudan are conducted in close partnership with the South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC) strengthening local capacity and ensuring sustained humanitarian impact.

## PROTECTING THE LIVES AND DIGNITY OF VICTIMS OF ARMED CONFLICT AND OTHER SITUATIONS OF VIOLENCE



### IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR DETAINEES

- Visited **5,574** detainees across **15** places of detention contributing to improved treatment and living conditions in line with international standards.
- Facilitated **16,453** phone calls between detainees and their families to help maintain family links.
- Provided cash assistance to **138** detainees to cover return transportation, food and clothing costs upon release.
- Improved living conditions for **6,919** detainees through enhanced access to water, sanitation, and hygiene services including infrastructure renovation or emergency interventions, and donation of essential household items and personal hygiene items.
- Supported **3,038** people through targeted nutrition interventions addressing acute vulnerabilities and reducing health risks.
- Supported National Prison Services of South Sudan (NPSSS) to strengthen institutional capacity through:
  - **Two** technical working sessions on nutrition survey, data analysis and reporting
  - **11** meetings of the Steering Committee on Judicial Guarantees at Juba National Prison
  - **Three** registration and sentence management training for **60** NPSSS personnel
  - Participation of **three** NPSSS staff members in the 7th Biennial Conference of the African Correctional Services Association (ACSA) in Morocco.



### PROTECTION OF FAMILY LINKS

- Facilitated **37,866** successful phone calls, enabling families separated by conflict, violence and detention to restore and maintain contacts.
- Collected **873** Red Cross Messages and delivered **441** to support family tracing efforts, helping reconnect relatives where other means of communication were unavailable.
- Documented **541** new cases of missing persons and through close collaboration with the Red Cross Movement's restoring family links (RFL) network, clarified the fate and whereabouts of **340** missing people.
- Facilitated the reunifications of **27** particularly vulnerable individuals with their families in partnership with SSRC
- Supported the training of **266** SSRC volunteers to strengthen local response capacity, including in Abyei, enhancing the delivery of effective and timely RFL services.



### MANAGEMENT OF THE DEAD

- Conducted **three** Management of the Dead trainings for **61** participants including SSRC volunteers, health professionals, CID (Criminal Investigation Department) Forensic Department of Police and SSPDF (South Sudan People's Defence Forces) officers, strengthening national capacity for the dignified recovery transport and burial of the dead.
- Donated specialized management of the dead equipment and materials to **five** medical facilities, **two** SSRC offices and CID Forensic Department of Police headquarters, improving operational readiness during emergencies.
- Assessed **two** mortuaries in Wau (Kuajok hospital and Wau Teaching Hospital) with technical recommendations to enhance dignified and safe mortuary management.
- Organized a roundtable discussion with **13** members of the Advisory Steering Committee on the Management of the Dead to support preparedness planning for mass fatalities during emergency.
- Supported the renovation of Malakal and Juba Teaching Hospital mortuaries contributing to safer and more dignified handling of human remains.



### PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN POPULATION

- Continued monitoring the humanitarian situation and, when required, engaged confidentially and bilaterally with weapon bearers to share humanitarian concerns about their conduct, helping prevent violations of international humanitarian law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL).
- Engaged with communities to better understand their concerns, identify measures to reduce the impact of armed conflict and violence and strengthen community resilience through regular community engagement in various locations.
- Conducted interviews with Sudanese refugees and South Sudanese returnees affected by the conflict in Sudan contributing to dialogue with the parties to the conflict in Sudan to promote respect for civilians' rights and dignity in accordance with IHL and IHRL.





A weapon-wounded patient in the company of an ICRC mental health specialist during a recreational session at the Juba Military Hospital.

## ASSISTING VICTIMS OF ARMED CONFLICT AND OTHER SITUATIONS OF VIOLENCE

### HEALTH CARE SERVICES



- Carried out **4,513** surgical operations on weapon-wounded patients at the ICRC-supported hospitals in Renk, Juba, Akobo and Malakal.
- Treated **971** wounded patients at the ICRC-supported hospitals and facilitated the transfer of **585** patients in order to help access to life-saving medical care.
- Provided First-Aid training to **5,488** participants, including health personnel, SSRC volunteers, weapon bearers and members of local communities with ICRC technical support.
- Delivered refresher training to **463** traditional birth attendants in Malakal and Yei to strengthen maternal care.
- Facilitated direct mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services through ICRC supported programs reaching **2,870** people affected by conflict-related trauma.
- Provided MHPSS awareness-raising sessions reaching **7,262** people at three ICRC-supported Physical Rehabilitation Centers, one hospital, two mobile health units and families of the missing program.
- Conducted awareness sessions on the protection of health services and facilities reaching **7,413** community members as part of ICRC efforts to promote respect for health care in conflict.
- Helped improve water and power infrastructure at Juba Military Hospital and Akobo County Hospital to ensure service quality and quantity of water and power supply.
- Supported the Ministry of Health on the vaccination campaign reaching **37,317** people, contributing to disease prevention and outbreak control.

### PHYSICAL REHABILITATION SERVICES



- Provided **4,403** people with physical rehabilitation services helping them to regain mobility and independence, in partnership with the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare.
- Conducted **37,753** physiotherapy sessions at ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centers in Juba, Wau and Rumbek.
- Delivered **944** prostheses and orthoses to persons with disabilities in ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centers.
- Provided **3,388** mobility aids, including wheelchairs and postural support devices to persons with disabilities improving independence and mobility.
- Facilitated access to education for **17** children with disabilities, supporting inclusion and long-term recovery.
- Supported **70** persons with disabilities to participate in sports and leisure activities, promoting social inclusion and well-being.
- Supported maintenance and repair of infrastructure and facilities at ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centres to ensure continuity and quality of services.



## ADDRESSING SEXUAL VIOLENCE (SV)

- Conducted awareness-raising sessions to **28,445** community members to protect, prevent, and respond to incidents of SV.
- Referred **224** victims/survivors of SV to appropriate services in collaboration with SSRC volunteers.
- Gave training to **816** community influencers, including religious and community leaders, health workers, and police personnel to conduct community outreach and respond appropriately to SV cases.
- Provided direct support to **87** victims/survivors of SV, including protection documentation, mental health and psychological support, cash, and referral to other specialized services and organizations.
- Carried out capacity-building initiatives on SV for **297** SSRC staff members and volunteers, strengthening community-based response mechanisms.
- Organized training sessions on prevention and addressing SV for **130** members of the armed forces, non-state armed groups, and South Sudan National Police Service (SSNPS).
- Trained **107** medical staff from various health facilities on the clinical management of rape (CMR).
- Provided specialized training on addressing SV to **126** service providers including health personnel from physical rehabilitation staff and mental health counselors.
- Conducted a school debate in Malakal for **438** students as part of the community outreach efforts to prevent SV in conflict.
- Conducted **two** training of trainers' sessions on addressing stigma faced by victims/survivors of SV for **28** participants from national and international organizations, the UN, and the South Sudan Police Service.
- Conducted a presentation for **250** participants during the 4th National Health Summit raising national level awareness on SV prevention and response.



## ASSISTANCE SUPPORT TO COMMUNITIES

- Distributed food assistance to **49,596** internally displaced people (IDPs) fleeing armed conflict in Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria, and Western Bahr el Ghazal.
- Provided cash for food to **57,594** IDPs affected by armed conflict in Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria, Unity, Upper Nile, Jonglei, Northern Bahr el Ghazal, and Western Bahr el Ghazal.
- Provided support to the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries through delivery of PPR (Peste des Petits Ruminants) vaccine and diluent enabling the vaccinate of **490,000** animals.
- Donated **161** cold boxes and **43** vaccine carriers to support the national PPR vaccination campaign.
- Trained **159** lead farmers in Yei on good agronomic practices and provided with maize foundation seeds.
- Treated **253,881** animals belonging to **8,130** households in Unity and Upper Nile States protecting livestock-based livelihoods.
- Provided **29,322** individuals from fishing communities with light and river fishing nets in Upper Nile and Jonglei states.



An ICRC staff sharing light moments with a group of women and a girl during a cash distribution activity for refugees and returnees from Sudan.



- Provided agricultural inputs (vegetable, cereals, and agricultural tools) to **3,660** individuals in Central Equatoria strengthening food production.
- Provided cassava cuttings to **4,674** individuals in Central Equatoria.
- Provided essential household items (EHIs) to **66,452** IDPs in Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria, Upper Nile, and Western Bahr el Ghazal improving their living conditions.
- Enrolled **2,420** individuals in microeconomic initiatives and cash for livelihoods programs receiving grants to start or strengthen their existing small businesses.
- Improved water supply for **54,500** people through the construction or rehabilitation of **84** handpumps, five spring catchments and three water yards in rural communities, benefitting **54,500** people.
- Repaired **72** handpumps in cooperation with the SSRC, restoring access to water for **36,000** IDPs and distributed water filters to **6,340** households.
- Completed and handed over to authorities the multi-year Gumbo water project in Rajaf Payam, Juba, providing safe drinking water to **100,000** people.
- Restored safe drinking water access for **10,000** people by repairing **20** handpumps in cholera affected areas of Juba.

### SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES AND RETURNEES FLEEING THE CONFLICT IN SUDAN



- Distributed food to **19,800** returnees in Western Bahr el Ghazal, and Northern Bahr el Ghazal.
- Provided cash for food to **82,926** returnees in Unity, Upper Nile, Jonglei, and Northern Bahr el Ghazal.
- Enrolled 504 individuals in Northern Bahr el Ghazal in cash-for-livelihoods program and provided them with grants to start or strengthen income-generating activities.
- Distributed EHIs to **19,800** returnees in Western Bahr El Ghazal and Northern Bahr el Ghazal to improve their living conditions.
- Distributed vegetable seed and agricultural tools to **9,696** South Sudanese returnees to support food security.
- Expanded a surface water treatment unit in Renk, reducing the risk of cholera for **6,000** returnees.
- Provided cholera prevention measures to **58,169** refugees in Malakal, Fashoda, Wechnori and New Fangak.
- Deployed a Mobile Surgical Team in Renk, providing treatment to **230** weapon-wounded patients through **170** surgical interventions.
- Facilitated **21,475** phone calls to help restore and maintain family contact for people fleeing the conflict in Sudan.
- Provided clinical consultation to **856** refugees with disabilities and delivered **377** new assistive devices.



A South Sudanese returnee boards ICRC aircraft destined for Mankien, Unity State.

Alex Majoni/Magnum

## STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED PEOPLE THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



- Reached **16,670** people with vital information, through community meetings, and focus group discussions.
- Collected and documented feedback from **1,799** individuals across multiple sites strengthening accountability and responsiveness.
- Principle of “information as aid”, on the occasions of World Mental Health Day, International day of the Disappeared and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
- Trained **55** SSRC volunteers on feedback handling and digital data collection strengthening community engagement mechanism.

## PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)



- Provided information sessions on IHL and IHRL to **670** members of the military and non-state armed groups as well as **762** members of the police and security forces.
- Organized an IHL workshop for **30** legal counsels from the Ministry of Justice strengthening national legal expertise.
- Introduced key concepts of IHL and humanitarian diplomacy to **110** diplomats from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.
- Conducted 03 workshops for **180** parliamentarians and members of the executive from Western Bahar El Gazal State, Northern Bahar El Gazal State and Upper Nile State, supporting informed decision-making on IHL obligations.
- Organized the annual IHL Moot Court Competition with participation of University of Juba and Starford International University alongside public lectures on IHL for **100** university students.
- Facilitated the participation of **five** officials from government institutions and academia in regional and international IHL workshops or events, strengthening South Sudan’s engagement in global humanitarian dialogue.
- Broadcasted IHL and Principles of Humanity messages through radio stations nationwide, expanding public awareness and outreach.



Participants of the 2025 Annual Moot Court Competition pose for a group photo following the mooting contest.

Junior Ali/ICRC

## PARTNERING WITH THE SOUTH SUDAN RED CROSS (SSRC)



- Renewed **nine** Operation Cooperation Agreement for **2026** with the SSRC to strengthen collaborative efforts in meeting the needs of conflict-affected communities, while enhancing the SSRC's capacity for emergency preparedness and effective response.
- Donated to SSRC **2,950** EHLs to strengthen emergency preparedness and response.
- Enhanced the operational readiness of the SSRC by supporting **175** volunteers and first-aiders with logistical, financial, and technical resources for emergency preparedness and response training.
- Empowered **153** volunteers and staff with critical knowledge on safety, security, and the Movement's Fundamental Principles, ensuring principled, safe, and effective humanitarian action.
- Equipped SSRC with **130** first aid kits, **178** stretchers, and vital supplies to support timely and effective humanitarian response.
- Supported financially and logistically the training of hundreds of SSRC volunteers to ensure an effective, principled response to the cholera outbreak.

Together with the SSRC, the ICRC provided communities affected by conflict with food and essential household items in Yambio.



David Gadaige/SSRC

## SUPPORT SERVICES



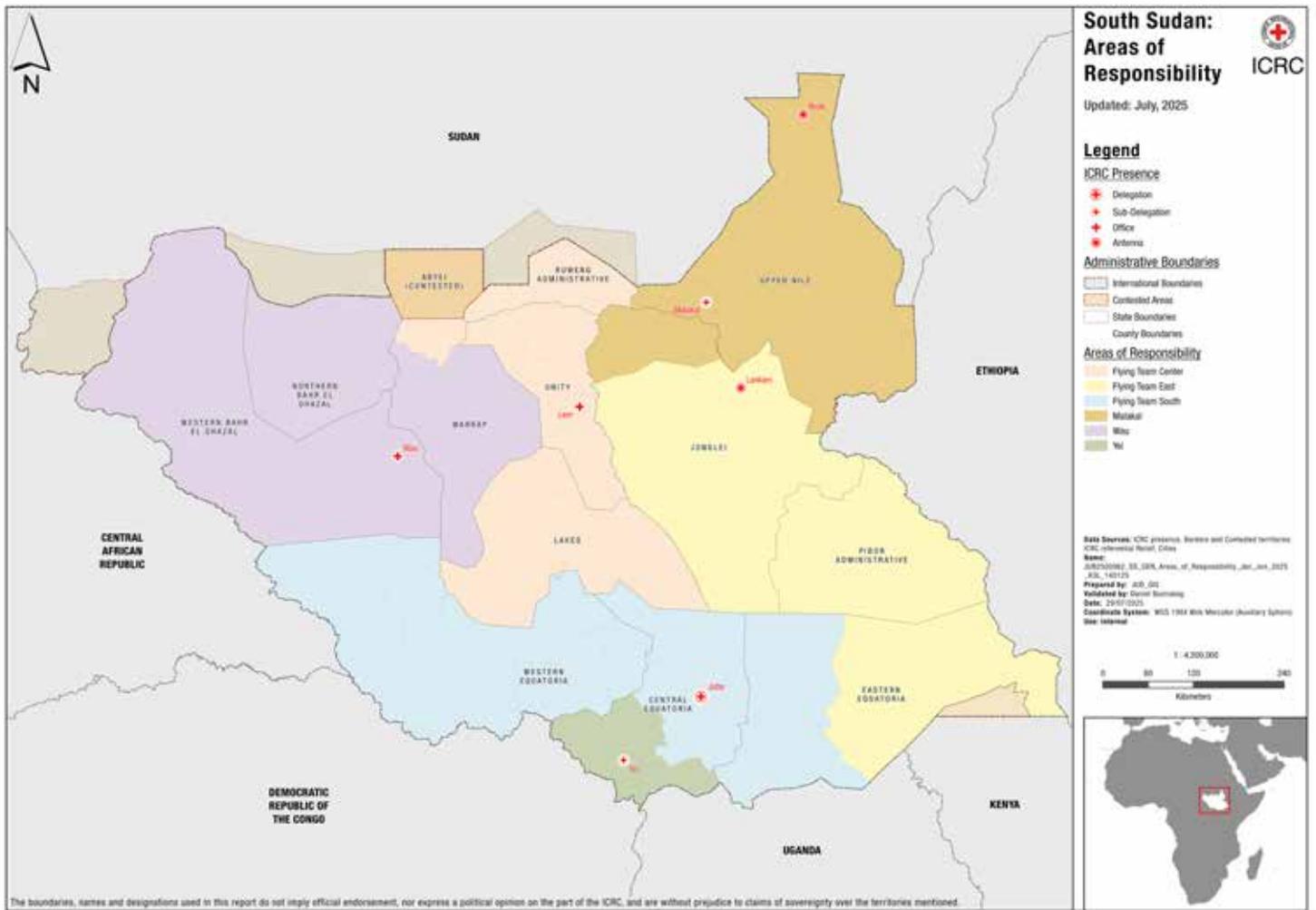
- **540** staff (residents and mobiles)
- **981,147** km driven with ICRC Land Cruisers and Trucks
- **3,904** people transported on ICRC aircrafts



- **1,268** UNHAS tickets paid
- **116,878** Kgs transported by air, mainly medical items.
- **Two** solar projects completed



- **146** staff trained on security, awareness and field experience
- **157** staff trained on basic First Aid



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A group of women carrying rations during a distribution of food and essential household items in Gok-Machar, Northern Bahr el Ghazal State, South Sudan.