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Facts and Figures

During the first half of 2026, civilians increasingly bore the brunt of the renewed escalation of conflict across South Sudan. Tens of thousands of people have been forced to flee their homes amid intense hostilities while hundreds of patients wounded in the fighting remained at risk due to the lack of timely and reliable access to life-saving medical care.

With protection at the core of its response, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) continued to carry out 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.

The ICRC continued to help people affected by conflict and violence by reuniting separated families or restoring disrupted family links, searching for missing persons, promoting the dignified management of the dead and helping improve the treatment and living conditions of detainees as well as act, whenever requested, as a neutral intermediary between parties to the conflict in the facilitation of release and transfer of detainees.

A wide range of services was provided, 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.

Following the continuous influx of people fleeing the conflict in Sudan, the ICRC continued 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



20,000 + benefited from

detention visits, phone calls, release and transfer, nutrition, food and non-food items, and access to water aimed at addressing vulnerabilities, reducing health risks and improving living conditions.

Improving conditions for detainees

- Visited **5,212 detainees** across **13 places** of detention contributing to improved treatment and living conditions in line with international standards.
- Facilitated **9,667 phone calls between detainees** and their families to help maintain family links.
- **Provided cash assistance** to **18 detainees** to cover return transportation, food and clothing costs upon release.
- **Improved living conditions** for **2,479 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.
- **Improved living conditions** for **1,590 detainees** by providing non-food items (NFIs) and assorted hygiene supplies to selected military prisons including, the Rumbek Central Prison, and Wau Central Prison.
- **Supported 1,235 people** through targeted nutrition interventions addressing acute vulnerabilities and reducing health risks.
- **As a neutral intermediary, facilitated the release and transfer of 13 detainees and the transport of one civilian**, in a safe, humane, and dignified manner.
- Supported the National Prison Services of South Sudan (NPSSS) to strengthen institutional capacity by:
 - Conducting one meeting of the Steering Committee on Judicial Guarantees at Juba National Prison.
 - Carried out one registration and sentence management training for **20 NPSSS personnel**.

Protection of family links

- Facilitated **10,678 successful phone calls** (out of which 3,085 were specifically linked to the conflict in Sudan), enabling families separated by conflict, violence and detention to restore and maintain contacts.
- Supported with internet connectivity in Gorom refugee camp, **facilitating the direct telecommunication** of over **243 refugee families** with their loved ones abroad on voice and chat using social media with their personal.
- **Collected 630** and delivered **326 Red Cross Messages (RCM)** to support restoring or maintaining family links and reconnecting relatives with no other available communication means.
- In partnership with the South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC) and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's restoring family links (RFL) network, **documented 184 new cases of missing persons** and **clarified the fate and whereabouts of 188 missing people**.
- Supported the **training of 162 SSRC volunteers** strengthening local response capacity, enhancing the delivery of effective and timely RFL services.
- Ran an extended **psychosocial support programme** for **60 members** of families of the missing and **10 accompaniers** in Juba and Bentiu, strengthening peer support and coping among families, as well as local capacity to provide community-based psychosocial support.



12,300 + benefited from

phone calls, Red Cross Messages (RCM), documentation of cases, clarification of fate and whereabouts of missing, and psychosocial programmes to support restoring or maintaining family links and reconnecting relatives.



A Sudanese refugee speaking to her family for the first time in months during an RFL phone call in Gorom Refugee Camp months after being separated.

Management of the dead

- Supported the capacity of duty bearers (weapon bearers and civilian authorities), and first responders to respond effectively to incidents involving the management of the dead (human remains), ensuring that minimal standards are upheld, to mitigate the risks of mismanagement, enhance accountability, and to increase chances of future identification, to provide answers and become closure to loved ones.
- Conducted five Management of the Dead trainings for **115 participants** including SSRC volunteers, health professionals, Criminal Investigation Department and Crimes Prevention (CID), Department of Police and SSPDF (South Sudan People's Defence Forces) officers, and members of the community, strengthening national capacity for the dignified recovery, transport and burial of the dead.
- Delivered three sessions on Management of the Dead during one Training of Trainers and two IHL dissemination workshops for **79 SSPDF officers**.
- Delivered one session on humanitarian forensics to **31 members** of CID.
- Organized **one roundtable discussion** with **11 members of the Advisory Steering Committee** on the Management of the Dead to support preparedness planning for mass fatalities during emergencies.
- Provided technical recommendations to enhance dignified and safe mortuary management to four mortuaries in Yei Civil Hospital, Bor Civil Hospital, Bentiu State Hospital and Malakal Teaching Hospital.
- Jointly with the SSRC, **donated 200 body bags** to the Ministry of Health and SSRC office in Jonglei to improve operational readiness during emergencies.



240 + benefited from

training, sessions, roundtable discussions and engagements on management of the dead activities.

Protection of civilian population

- Continued monitoring the conduct of hostilities between parties and law enforcement operations and when required, engaged confidentially and bilaterally with duty bearers to share humanitarian concerns on compliance. This helped prevent and address violations of international humanitarian law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL).
- Engaged with communities affected by the conflict 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 and promoting respect for civilians' rights and dignity in accordance with IHL and IHRL.

Assisting victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence



28,000 + benefited from

surgical operations, physiotherapy sessions, patients transfer, First-Aid (FA) trainings, training to traditional birth attendants, children under five vaccinations, consultations in Mobile Health Units, and Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support (MHPSS).

Health care services

- Carried out **3,134 surgical operations** on **598 weapon-wounded patients** at the ICRC-supported hospitals in Juba Military Hospital (JMH) and Mobile Surgical Team (MST) deployed in Abyei, Akobo, Panyijar and Renk.
- Provided **11,921 physiotherapy sessions** benefiting a total of **955 patients** in JMH and via MSTs deployed in Abyei, Akobo, Panyijar and Renk.
- Facilitated transfer of **265 patients** to help access life-saving medical care.
- Jointly with SSRC, provided First-Aid (FA) **training to 5,488 participants**, including health personnel, weapon bearers and members of local communities.
- Delivered refresher training to **165 traditional birth attendants** in Malakal and Yei to strengthen maternal care.
- Supported Ministry of Health to vaccinate **20,926 children** under five in Yei and Malakal, to protect them against vaccine preventable diseases.
- Supported Ministry of Health to conduct **28,340 consultations** in Mobile Health Units in Yei and Malakal, providing basic healthcare to people affected by armed conflict.
- Facilitated **2,720 mental health** and **psychosocial support** (MHPSS) sessions through an ICRC-supported hospital and two mobile health units, benefiting **548 people affected by conflict-related trauma**.
- Helped improve water and power infrastructure at Juba Military Hospital and Panyijar County Hospital to ensure service quality and quantity of water and power supply..

Physical rehabilitation services

- In partnership with the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare, provided **1,784 people** with physical rehabilitation services, including **345 weapon-wounded** and **44 mine/ERW** (explosive-remnants-of-war) survivors, helping them to regain mobility and independence.
- Conducted **20,209 physiotherapy sessions** at ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centres in Juba, Wau and Rumbek.
- Delivered **382 prostheses** and **orthoses** to persons with disabilities in ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centres.
- Provided **1,406 mobility aids**, including **323 wheelchairs and postural support devices** to persons with disabilities, improving independence and mobility.
- Facilitated access to education for **12 children with disabilities**, supporting inclusion and long-term recovery.
- Supported **47 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.
- Provided MHPSS sessions to **600 people** in three ICRC-supported Physical Rehabilitation Centres and during outreach visits.



25,000 + benefited from

physical rehabilitation services, including physiotherapy sessions, prostheses and orthoses, mobility aids, and participation in sports and leisure activities for persons with disabilities.



A weapon- wounded patient being wheeled to the operating theater by ICRC health personnel at Juba Military Hospital.



19,000 + benefited from

ASV awareness-raising sessions, training, direct support and case documentation, cash assistance, and referral to other specialized services and organizations aimed at supporting victims/survivors.

Addressing sexual violence (SV)

- Reached **15,033 community members** through SV awareness-raising activities and engaged **122 community influencers** to support SV prevention and appropriate response.
- Trained **417 stakeholders** across communities, security actors, and health services, including community influencers, armed forces, non-state armed groups, SSNPS personnel, and medical staff, on SV prevention, response, and clinical management of rape.
- Referred **97 victims/survivors** of SV to appropriate services and provided direct support to **44 victims/survivors**, including protection documentation, cash assistance, and referrals.
- Engaged **12 media houses** in Juba on ethical communication on SV, strengthening understanding of survivor-centered and do-no-harm approaches.
- **Conducted public SV awareness** sessions during Emergency Relief responses, reaching over **3,300 individuals affected** by conflict in Mundri East.



168,000 + benefited from

food assistance, cash-for-food transfers, livestock treatment, provision of light fishing kits and agricultural inputs and essential household items, microeconomic initiatives and cash for livelihoods projects, training for communities in animal health care, milk hygiene and nutrition.

Assistance support to communities

- **Provided food assistance** to **48,804 people** who had fled their homes due to the conflict in Central Equatoria and Western Equatoria.
- Provided **cash transfers** to **16,756 conflict affected people** in Central Equatoria, Jonglei, Unity, Upper Nile, and Western Equatoria supporting vulnerable households in meeting their immediate food and essential needs.
- Provided **light fishing kits** to **2,976 people** from displaced fishing communities in Upper Nile state, helping them re-establish a key source of food and income following conflict and displacement.
- Delivered **agricultural inputs**, including cassava cuttings, vegetable seeds, cereals, and hand tools, benefiting **18,000 people**, to resume food production disrupted by conflict in Central Equatoria.
- Distributed **essential household items**, including blankets, kitchen sets, mosquito nets and tarpaulins to **57,684 IDPs**, improving living conditions in displacement sites in Central Equatoria, Jonglei, Northern Bahr el Ghazal, and Western Equatoria.
- Enrolled **1,102 individuals** in **microeconomic initiatives and cash for livelihood projects** to start or restore their existing small businesses in Central Equatoria, Northern Bahr el Ghazal, Unity, Western Bahr el Ghazal, and Western Equatoria.
- Supported community animal health workers to treat **52,880 livestock** in Unity State, helping **7,434 people** protect essential livestock assets where conflict had disrupted access to animal health services..
- Trained **40 community animal health workers** in animal health care, supplemented with basic First Aid and business skills modules to enhance emergency preparedness and maintain essential animal health services in communities affected by conflict in Upper Nile and Unity.
- Provided Milk Hygiene and Nutrition training for **20 IDP women milk vendors**, equipping them with practical skills in hygienic handling, quality control, and safe milk sales to reduce public health risks and economic losses in Malakal town, in Upper Nile.
- Provided One Health training to **27 key stakeholders** from various ministries and institutions, strengthening multisectoral collaboration and enhancing their capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to public health threats at the human-animal-environmental interface in Upper Nile State.
- Enabled access to clean water for **90,000 people** through construction, repair or rehabilitation of **115 handpumps**, five spring catchments and distribution of household water treatment items.
- Trained **58 SSRC volunteers** on handpump repair and community mobilization.



90,00 + benefited from

access to water supply through training and construction, repair or rehabilitation of handpumps, spring catchments and distribution of household water treatment items.



A young lady waiting for a carrier to transport her aid ration home in Kpangu, Western Equatoria State.

Support for refugees and returnees fleeing the conflict in Sudan



39,000 + benefited from

various assistance items to help refugees and returnees affected by the conflict in Sudan.

- Distributed food rations to **5,910 returnees** and **30 refugees** in Northern Bahr el Ghazal.
- **Provided cash assistance** to **15,494 returnees** in Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Unity, helping them to meet their basic needs.
- Provided vegetable seeds and agricultural tools to **12,000 returnees** in Northern Bahr el Ghazal, strengthening their food production.
- **Distributed** essential household items to **5,940 returnees** in Northern Bahr el Ghazal to improve their living conditions.
- Enrolled **62 individuals** in microeconomic initiatives and cash for livelihoods projects in Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Unity aimed at strengthening income-generating activities.
- Provided clinical consultation to **117 refugees** with disabilities and delivered **73 new assistive devices**.



A group of internally displaced people handing in their ration clearance cards before receiving humanitarian assistance.

Promoting international humanitarian law (IHL)

- Conducted **interactive awareness sessions** on international humanitarian law (IHL) and international human rights law (IHRL) for **1,161 military personnel** and **members of armed groups**, as well as for **296 police officers** and joint force members, designed to enhance humanitarian access by expanding the ICRC's mission, mandate, and core principles, and stressing their obligations to respect the rights of individuals protected under these legal frameworks.
- Organized an IHL workshop for **39 advocates** members of the South Sudan Bar Association (SSBA), strengthening national legal expertise.
- Conducted one workshop for **45 parliamentarians** and members of the executive from Upper Nile State, supporting informed decision-making on IHL obligations.
- Facilitated the participation of one official from government institutions in a regional IHL event, strengthening South Sudan's engagement in global humanitarian dialogue.
- Promoted IHL and Principles of Humanity messages through **158 radio broadcasts** and **51 social media posts**, expanding public awareness and outreach.



1,500 + benefited from

IHL awareness sessions workshops, and promotion of IHL and Principles of Humanity.

Partnering with the South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC)

- Worked alongside **708 SSRC volunteers** in various ICRC and joint SSRC-ICRC operations to provide assistance and protection response to affected communities.
- Renewed nine Operation Cooperation Agreements with the SSRC to strengthen its capacity for emergency preparedness and response to affected communities.
- Supported the SSRC to assist **2,523 households** with Essential Household Items (EHIs) in Juba, Bentiu and Nagero Counties.
- Prepositioned **2,300 EHIs** in Wau, Rumbek and Yirol to strengthen SSRC's response capacities.
- Supported SSRC to develop Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) preparedness and response plan.
- Trained **335 SSRC volunteers** on EVD risk communication and community engagement and safe and dignified burial.

Strengthening accountability to affected people through community engagement



600 + benefited from

Community engagement outreach.

- Reached out to over **600 community members** through focus group discussions, community meetings, and monitoring visits, ensuring that humanitarian action is informed by affected people's priorities, concerns, and perspectives.
- **Documented detailed feedback** from **329 individuals** across multiple locations during EcoSec assistance registration. The feedback helped the ICRC adapt response and take corrective measures, for example by including beneficiaries who had been excluded by mistake, identifying people who had lost contact with their families and providing relevant services, referral of SV survivors to needed services, and support to people with disabilities received assistive devices.
- Trained **10 SSRC volunteers** on feedback management, complaint handling, and digital data collection.