

SOUTH SUDAN

# OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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## A NEW BEGINNING FOR SOUTH SUDAN

ICRC started 2020 with facilitating the release of 23 people, including 11 children. It was a moment of joy and relief, and a unique occasion for them to start a new year and decade with their relatives.

All South Sudanese deserve a similar fresh start, marked by peace and opportunity, by stability and prosperity. The peace agreement signed in September 2018 has brought some positive changes to South Sudan. Humanitarian access has increased; in some areas food insecurity has reduced slightly and families are slowly returning home, while certain parts of the country are enjoying sustained stability.

But the peace is fragile and throughout 2019, ICRC continued to treat large numbers of people with injuries stemming from violence. For ICRC medical team, every patient admitted into one of our hospitals with a gunshot wound is one too many.

Peace is not only about war. It is rooted in human interactions and relationships. To move on, once the guns have silenced, communities have to rebuild bonds. And this is only possible when one

is at peace with the past, when one finally knows the fate of his or her missing relatives. Our work to trace missing people has helped thousands of South Sudanese reunite with their loved ones, but much more needs to still be done.

South Sudan has been for many years a priority for the ICRC and we will continue to serve the most affected communities in 2020. We take this occasion to commend the outstanding work of the ICRC and South Sudan Red Cross colleagues in South Sudan. With a will to shift from emergency to sustainability, they have continued to serve the most affected communities, delivering food, medicine, water, livelihood support and much more.

South Sudan was born amid great celebration in 2011. Let's hope 2020 be the start of a new decade of stability and peace for the country.

## WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED IN 2019

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### TO RESPOND TO PEOPLE'S URGENT NEEDS AND HELP REBUILD LIVELIHOODS, THE ICRC, TOGETHER WITH THE SOUTH SUDAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (SSRC):

Distributed more than **6,380** metric tonnes of food to **267,791** people.



Provided essential household items to **180,740** people, assisted **420,204** people with seeds & tools program while **7,993** families benefited from community projects and provided fishing tools to **172,512** people.



Vaccinated **787,033** heads of livestock and treated **328,401** animals, assisting **50,062** livestock-keepers and trained **132** Community Animal Health Workers assisting the animal health campaign.



Made safe drinking water available for more than **266,874** people.

Maintained **2** emergency surface water treatment unit, benefiting around **11,400** people and carried out other emergency supply initiatives for over **64,200** people.



Repaired and expanded **10** primary health-care facilities, **three** hospitals, and rehabilitated **one** morgue.

Improved living conditions for more than **2,076** detainees.

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### TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, THE ICRC:

Performed **3,308** surgeries and medical procedures.

Provided more than **458,987** outpatient consultations and treated **4,028** in-patients.



Evacuated **361** people wounded in armed confrontations.

Provided antenatal consultations for **14,118** women and vaccinated **94,913** women and children.



Helped **7,106** women with safe deliveries.

Supported **3,390** disabled people with mobility devices and physiotherapy.

Conducted First Aid training for communities and weapon-bearers to **3,733** individuals.



Conducted First Aid training and training of trainers courses to **3,121** South Sudan Red Cross volunteers who assisted, stabilized or treated up to **6,979** wounded and sick in South Sudan.

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### TO HELP IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR DETAINEES THE ICRC HAS:

Visited **5,794** detainees throughout the country.

Improved living conditions as well as access to health care and implemented preventive and out-patient department curative consultations to **16,027** detainees.



Treated **125** cases of severe acute malnutrition and **1,488** cases of moderate acute malnutrition among detainees and provided nutritional support to more than **5,119** detainees to prevent malnutrition.

Facilitated the release of **15** detainees and **23** civilians.

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### TO HELP RECONNECT FAMILY MEMBERS SEPARATED BY THE CONFLICT, THE ICRC, TOGETHER WITH THE SSRC:

Facilitated **19,332** phone calls between family members separated by the conflict.



Delivered **3,371** letters containing family news (Red Cross Messages).

Reunited **57** vulnerable persons, including children, with their families.



Collected new tracing requests for **1,624** missing persons.

Helped clarify the fate of **397** who were unaccounted for.

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

Trained over **4,472** military personnel in IHL and nearly **1,050** police personnel in IHRL.



Raised awareness among over **20,198** people affected by armed conflict, community members and health workers on life-saving, useful and actionable information about the ICRC and its humanitarian services.

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### TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO EDUCATION:

Trained **81** Primary school teachers.

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### TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH SUDAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (SSRC), THE ICRC:

Supported SSRC to train and re-train **719** volunteers of Emergency Action Team at **27** branches.



Facilitated the Movement support to SSRC preparedness for Ebola response resulting in establishing capacity for social mobilization and safe & dignified burials in **9** branches through training **440** volunteers.

Trained **111** SSRC staff and volunteers on economic security.






**Cover Photo:**

A displaced South Sudanese man carries a seeds and tools kit received during a distribution organized by the ICRC.

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