

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why we need to respond to the humanitarian crisis in South Sudan

WHY ARE WE IN OSLO NOW?

The South Sudan crisis has deteriorated significantly. Targeted **ethnic killings** have taken on a new dimension in attacks in Bor and Bentiu, fuelling revenge. Food security experts are warning that **famine** is looming. **Displacement** could affect up to 1.5 million people by year's end and up to 863,000 may have left the country. In total, more than **seven million people** will be affected by the crisis. To help, we need to scale up now.

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS AND STRATEGY?

Following the Update for Oslo, partners will publish a detailed Crisis Response Plan in June with 3 immediate goals:

- **Save lives;**
- **Prevent famine;**
- **Avert the loss** of another **generation.**

Partners will focus on the main causes of **avoidable deaths**: diseases, malnutrition, violence, maternal mortality and violence against civilians, in a **strategy** with 5 elements:

- **Coordinate:** systematic assessment and analysis, rapid response and strong advocacy;
- **Prioritize:** focus on seven sectors and conflict-affected locations based on a needs severity index;
- **Capitalize:** aggressively align logistics, livelihoods and pre-positioning with South Sudan's harsh **seasons**;
- **Access:** monitor, advocate and persist in negotiating access to people in need via road, air or boat.
- **Scale up:** bring all hands on deck in CBOs, NGOs, UN agencies, UNMISS and local authorities.

HOW MUCH MONEY IS NEEDED?

Humanitarian partners need **\$1.8 billion** to implement the response plan for 2014. As of 12 May, \$536 million have been mobilized. The **funding gap** is still **\$1.26 billion**. Humanitarians will use the funds to deliver **lifesaving assistance** now: food, clean water, medicine and shelter. They will also procure relief items for 2015 to kick-start **pre-positioning** of supplies and help **avert famine**.

CAN WE REACH THE PEOPLE IN NEED?

Since December, partners have made significant **progress** in providing efficient and effective aid. We have already reached over **1.3 million people**. We are forming flexible **mobile teams** that can hit the ground quickly. We transport aid via **corridors** from Ethiopia, **barges** on the Nile and **helicopter**. And we have worked with parties to the conflict to resolve **access** bottlenecks step by step. The new South Sudan Crisis Response Plan plan to help **4 million people** directly affected by the crisis.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE FAIL?

If humanitarian are not able to deliver aid, every second severely food insecure person will not get help against **hunger and starvation**. Up to 50,000 children could die from **malnutrition**. **Cholera** could break out in camps inside and outside UN bases and would not be contained. Tens of thousands could die from other killers, including **measles, pneumonia, malaria** and failed **child births**. Hundreds of thousands would not be able to rebuild their **shattered livelihoods**.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

- www.unocha.org/south-sudan
- reliefweb.int/country/ssd
- southsudan.humanitarianresponse.info
- tinyurl.com/ftsouthsudan/ (for financial tracking service)

