With the support of the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA/USAID), the Rapid Response Fund (RRF) provides sub-grants to international and national non-governmental organizations (I/NNGOs) to rapidly respond to natural and man-made disasters in South Sudan, and Abyei Administrative Area. The RRF aims to support the needs of the most vulnerable internally displaced persons (IDPs), host communities, and returnees by providing a quick and flexible funding mechanism for I/NNGOs to deliver effective and needs-based humanitarian aid. The RRF funds partners in eight different sectors:

- Agriculture and Food Security (FSL);
- Health;
- Nutrition;
- Protection;
- Logistics/Non-Food Items (NFI);
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH);
- Shelter/Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM); and
- Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management.

During the reporting period, RRF funded six implementing partners to provide life-saving services to IDPs, host community members and returnees throughout South Sudan.
**Beneficiary Feedback**

Sunday Joan Wani, 25 years old, is an IDP in Kaleng village from Lobonok Centre, Central Equatoria. Following fighting in Lobonok in January 2019, approximately 7,000 people (1,425 households) were displaced according to an Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) assessment report dated January 25, 2019. “I am very happy for the support CHO is offering to the displaced persons in Kaleng through educating people and the entire community about hygiene through the Rapid Response Fund,” said Sunday. She also noted that children are learning from this programme through handwashing demonstrations, and that practicing handwashing during childhood helps the children to practice cleanliness. Joan appreciated the Rapid Response Fund for the support given to the displaced persons in Lobonok.

Mary Kiden is a resident of Lobonok and one of the beneficiaries of Active Youth Association’s GBV prevention and response project. During an interview with the monitoring team, she pointed out that “The project has already made an impact in our lives, the presence of NGO staff working with us directly and the fact that we have people to talk to about our problems means a lot and gives us so much hope. We hope that this project will open ways for more things to come to our community.”

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**Solidarités International**: implemented life-saving WASH services and water trucking for the IDP population in Aburoc, Fashoda County, Upper Nile. Extension granted until 14 June 2019.

**MENTOR Initiative**: preventing vector-borne diseases through larvadining and indoor residual spraying of shelters in Bentiu PoC, Unity and Malakal PoC, Upper Nile.

**Samaritan’s Purse**: building the capacity of healthcare workers and rapid response teams in Nimule, Yei, and Juba to respond to potential Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) cases using international standards and protocols to ensure the safety of the patient, community members. The healthcare workers were also trained on how to best protect themselves from infection with EVD.

**Child Hope Organization**: providing emergency hygiene promotion activities for IDPs and host community members in Lobonok County, Central Equatoria.

**Active Youth Association**: implementing emergency prevention and response to GBV activities in Lobonok County, Central Equatoria.

**TIIT Foundation**: conducting GBV prevention and response interventions in Kajo Kaji County, Central Equatoria.

**Voice of the Peace**: providing emergency gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response services for IDPs and host community members in Pibor County, Jonglei.

**Care for Children and Old Age South Sudan**: responding to emergency WASH and shelter needs in Rumbek North County, Lakes.

**Universal Network for Knowledge and Empowerment Agency**: conducted a reactive Measles vaccination campaign in Tori North County, Warrap.