

EMERGENCY APPEAL

South Sudan, Africa | 2021 Floods



South Sudan Red Cross Volunteers assessing the impact of the floods

Appeal No: MDRSS010	Secretariat Funding requirements: CHF 5m	
Glide No: FL-2021-000108-SSD DR-2021-000065-SSD	People affected: 623,000 people	People to be assisted: 120,000 People
	Appeal launched: 16/10/2021	Appeal ends: 31/10/2023

Countrywide situation



1.71M IDPs



7.2M Food insecure



2.5M Severely Food insecure



1.7M Children under 5 suffering from malnutrition

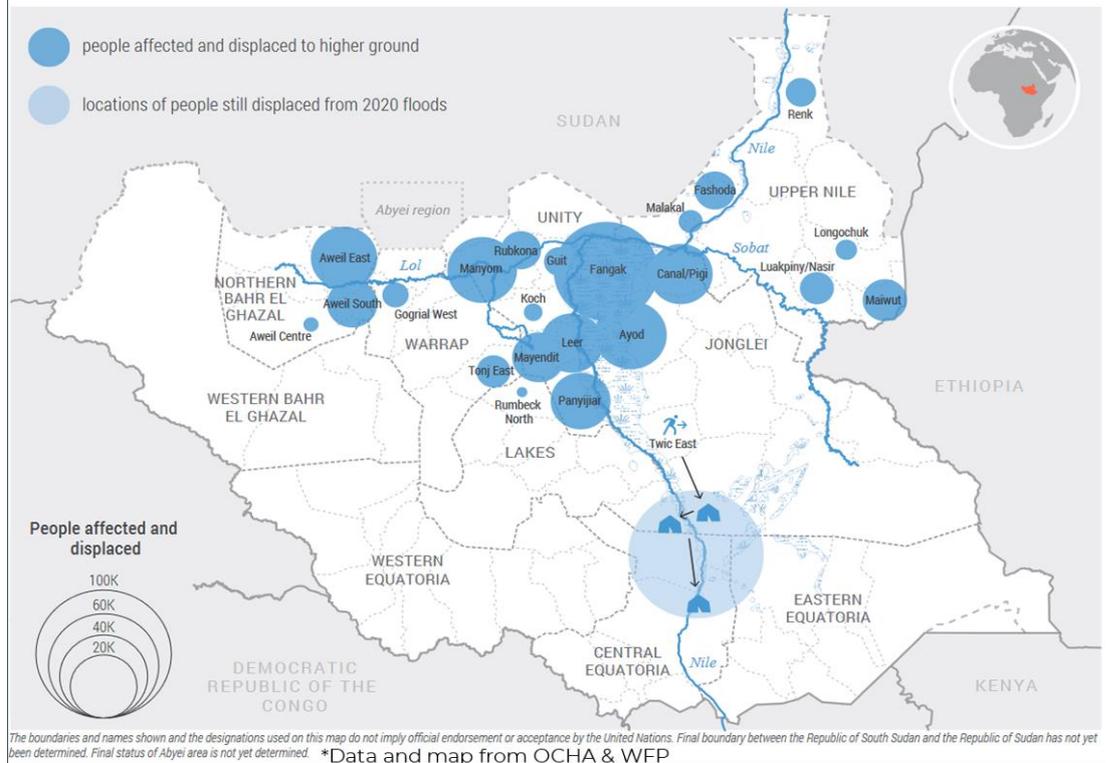
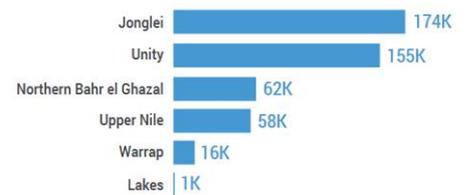


623,000
People affected



22
Flood affected counties

FLOOD-AFFECTED PEOPLE BY STATE



SITUATION OVERVIEW

South Sudan is experiencing severe flooding for the third consecutive year since 2019. As of 7 October, more than [623,000 people](#) have been affected by flooding across eight of the country's 10 states since May. The floods have escalated across the states with Jonglei and Unity being the most affected. Particularly Jonglei state where wetlands and tributaries of the White Nile overflowed as seasonal rains arrived earlier than usual.

The floods have caused widespread devastation to livelihoods, submerging schools, health facilities and thousands of houses and displacing families. Many families have moved to higher ground such as embankments and roads where they are living in the open with minimum cover, hoping to return home once the floodwaters recede.

Food scarcity is a widespread concern. Over two-thirds of the flood-affected counties face high levels of food insecurity. Most local people are subsistence farmers, but the recurring flooding has made agriculture impossible.

The worsening food insecurity situation has added a burden to the already vulnerable population, particularly the elderly and people with disabilities, and has left young girls and women with the responsibility to feed their families, hence exposing them to protection risks.

Ongoing flooding and infrastructure damage and reduced access due to insecurity have hampered the overall humanitarian sector's response to the floods. Access is a major challenge, with the majority of flood-affected areas inaccessible by road. Some of the flood-affected counties are also highly insecure. Rains are forecast to continue over the coming weeks. The rainy season in South Sudan traditionally ran from April until October. However, as per recent years, the current rains are forecasted to last longer which is considered likely to be related to climate change.

Based on assessments, priority needs include food assistance, emergency shelter and non-food items, water, sanitation and hygiene services and hygiene kits, health and nutrition supplies and services, protection services and dignity kits.

TARGETING

Out of the 623,000 people affected by flooding, South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC) aims to provide immediate and early recovery assistance to 120,000 of the most vulnerable people (20,000 households). In a [DREF launched on 14 June](#) SSRC have been responding to floods and food insecurity in Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Warrap. In coordination with the Ministry for Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management and Inter-Cluster Coordination Group, SSRC will continue to support communities in Northern Bahr El Gazala and Warrap and based on current assessments will expand their support to some of the hardest hit areas of Jonglei, Unity, and Central Equatorial states. SSRC will target households who have been displaced, lost their homes and immediate sources of livelihood. Prioritizing households where the combined effects of prolonged food insecurity and flooding have particularly burdened women and girls, as well as the elderly and people living with disabilities.

SECTORS

Through this Emergency Appeal the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) aims to support the SSRC to respond to the immediate and early recovery needs through the following sectors:

	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Shelter, Housing and Settlements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,000 households are provided with essential household items – such as tarpaulins, sleeping mats, mosquito nets and will also include WASH and other sector items. • 2,000 households are provided with cash and vouchers assistance for sustainable housing
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Multi-purpose Cash</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,000 households are provided with unconditional/multipurpose cash grants to address their basic needs.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,000 households are reached with hygiene promotion activities and targeted support for improved access to safe drinking water and sanitation.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Health & Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,000 households have their immediate risks to health reduced and the psychosocial impacts of the emergency are lessened.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Risk Reduction, Climate adaptation and Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,000 households in high-risk areas are prepared for and able to respond to future disasters
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20,000 households are supported through PGI programming

Enabling approaches

The sectors outlined above will be supported and enhanced by the following enabling approaches:

	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Coordination and partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen coordination and management structures • Coordination for Federation Wide approach
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Secretariat services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource mobilization support, Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting, Security

	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>National Society Strengthening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational development • Branch and volunteers' development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community members in the target areas will be involved as fully as possible throughout the response phase to increase their ownership of the response.

The planned response reflects the current situation and is based on the information available at the time of this Emergency Appeal launch. Details of the operation will be finalized through the Operational Strategy to be released in the upcoming days. The Operational Strategy will also provide further details on the Federation Wide approach which includes response activities of all contributing Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, and the Federation-wide funding requirement.

RED CROSS RED CRESCENT PRESENCE IN COUNTRY

South Sudan Red Cross



SSRC has 200 paid staff and 11,000 volunteers organized through 21 branches and close to 102 units across the country. SSRC operations are guided by its Strategic Plan with a specific focus on Disaster Management,

Health, WASH and Protection. SSRC enjoys a good reputation with local and national authorities as well as other stakeholders and communities and faces few access constraints across the country. In line with SSRC's role as an auxiliary to the Government, the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management has requested SSRC to assist in supporting the affected population.

The IFRC through the Juba Delegation will provide operational capacity and play a key role in

coordinating the support from the different partners with regards the Federation Wide approach in support of the SSRC.

There are nine Participating National Societies (PNS) operational in South Sudan: Canadian Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross and Turkish Red Crescent.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is leading Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement coordination on security management country-wide and supports the SSRC's in national emergency management forums together with other partners, particularly in conflict areas.

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