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OVERVIEW OF CRISIS

In Sudan, fighting between the Sudanese National Army and a well-armed Rapid Support Force (RSF) paramilitary group broke out on 15th April 2023 in the capital of Khartoum. The ongoing fighting has largely affected civilians, including children. Thousands of people have been forced into migration within the country and outside the country (e.g. Chad, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Ethiopia) to seek protection and safety. More than 5,248,000 people, have been displaced since the conflict broke out, with over two and a half million children being impacted.

The escalating violence throughout Sudan has put the lives of innocent civilians, particularly women and children, at risk. On 25 April, RSF had seized control of a national health lab in Khartoum that held biological materials including polio, measles, and cholera isolates, and the group had ejected all of the technicians.

As violence escalates and displacement spreads across Sudan, the hunger crisis there has become increasingly dire. Even before the recent surge in hostilities, approximately one-third of Sudan's population faced hunger every day. Now, millions more people are at risk of acute food insecurity and starvation, exacerbating an already critical situation.

The conflict has driven thousands of people into forced migration within the country to seek protection and safety and outside the country (e.g. Chad, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Ethiopia) to seek refuge. Over 1,130,000 people have crossed the borders and arrived in the various countries. Prior to this onset of people fleeing Sudan, the host countries of Chad, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Ethiopia are countries already struggling with conflict and hunger crisis. With this influx of refugees, it exacerbates the crises in these already fragile countries, leaving more in vulnerability.

WORLD VISION'S RELIEF RESPONSE: IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

World Vision is on the ground in South Sudan supporting refugees fleeing across the borders. In South Sudan, UN reports current arrival of over 262,000 refugees and returnees making it one of the most severely affected neighbouring countries. South Sudan has already been experiencing a hunger crisis prior to the Sudan conflict which is expected to exacerbate vulnerabilities. World Vision is actively responding in accordance with the needs identified.

Key activities implemented in South Sudan:

- 1,892 households received cash distributions
- 5,278 individuals (1,286 children under 5) received outpatient consultations
- Food aid have been provided to:
 - 15,115 individuals through assorted food commodities such as cereal, vegetable oil, pulses, salt, etc.
 - 15,049 adults and children through energy-rich biscuits
 - 9,000 malnourished children and 200 households with malnourished individuals through VitaMeal
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities have been carried out to provide:
 - 25 blocks of emergency latrines
 - 6 hand-washing stations
 - 49,350 individuals with clean and safe drinking water
 - 903 households with WASH items such as soap, buckets, etc.
 - 9 water kiosk in Renk to allow individuals to easily access water
 - Desludging of 24 blocks of emergency laterines
- 1,520 households received non-food items kits that included blankets, sleeping mats, jerrycans, solarlamps, etc.
- 503 children with severe acute malnutrition received outpatient therapeutic feeding program services

IMPACT STORY



“I’m happy to have World Vision here with me, but the difficult situation I’m in is that I’m worried that someone might take my children back in Sudan. I’m happy but also I’m missing my children. I don’t know what’s happening to them. There’s no communication. There’s no information about how they are. They are there and I’m here. For me to reach this transit camp was not easy. It took almost one month to get here. I travelled on foot then later we got a ride in a car to a town, then came on to here.

I’m a widow. I’m the one taking care of my children. I don’t want to go back to Sudan. I’d like to bring all my children to this area because here there is water and food. I thank World Vision for what it is doing. I will not lose hope that I will receive the help I need.”

- *Halima with her youngest child who fled to South Sudan to find a place of safety*

PHOTOS





MOVING FORWARD

Thank you for your generosity and love for children and their families in their time of greatest need. On behalf of the children and families affected by the Sudan Crisis who may never have a chance to thank you personally, we would like to extend our appreciation for your gift of hope and help in this emergency.

As humanitarian needs are immense and the impact on children, including safeguarding risks, is enormous, World Vision will continue to respond to the needs in South Sudan to save lives and protect children as key needs continue to persist.

As of 14 September 2023, over 262,000 returnees and refugees fled into South Sudan where currently is experiencing heavy rainfalls (rainy season April – November). In some cities, such as Renk, flooding from the heavy rainfalls has worsened the existing situation of the displaced people and as it significantly reduced access to key areas, including to the airport. Additional resources are needed to deal with the multiple consequences of flooding, including to prevent disease outbreaks. Heavy rains have also caused some returnees to get water from untreated water from nearby sources instead from the treated water access points. WASH teams continue to provide awareness on the dangers of using water from untreated water sources. Health facilities continue to struggle and medicines are running out due to a high number of refugees and returnees requiring health services.

World Vision South Sudan continues with the provision of life-saving interventions in both Greater Upper Nile and Greater Bar el Ghazal. Despite this, needs continue to outpace the available resources. WV South Sudan continues to focus on water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), health, nutrition, and food, and cash assistance, providing life-serving interventions, to returnees and refugees.

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