

# NRC's operations in South Sudan

## Humanitarian overview

Over two-thirds of South Sudan's 8.9 million people need humanitarian assistance. Deteriorating humanitarian conditions have been worsened by climate conflict and economic shocks, the effects of COVID-19, and gender-based violence. Protection concerns remain high, with people impacted by violence having limited access to justice and the rule of law.

Continued conflict and instability in the country combined with flooding have resulted in large-scale internal and cross-border displacement. Over two million people are internally displaced (55 per cent of whom are women and girls). An additional 2.3 million South Sudanese remain refugees hosted in neighbouring countries.

Prolonged flooding, due to abnormal rainfall, impacts agriculture and intensifies existing vulnerabilities of affected people. In 2022, an estimated 8.3 million people are experiencing severe food insecurity as shocks are intensifying. The cumulative impact of recurrent flooding also contributed to the destruction and damage to water facilities, leaving vulnerable people in urgent need of WASH services and limited access to basic services including health and education.

## NRC's operation

NRC operates through mobile and static modes of responses. Our mobile rapid response team provides multi-sectoral lifesaving assistance across the country. The team responds to sudden onset shocks and emergencies. The rapid response mechanism that has been designed in close coordination with other humanitarian actors allows for improved coordination and harmonized approaches. It enables us to reach vulnerable people in hard to reach areas.

NRC responds to protracted crises through our ongoing operations and provision of integrated services within our core competencies. Access constraints, like bureaucratic impediments and insecurity, continue to heavily affect the overall humanitarian operation and the ability to reach people in critical need.

### NRC South Sudan

Established	2011
International staff	35
National staff	356



## NRC South Sudan

### Country office

Juba

### Areas of operation

Aweil (Northern Bahr el Ghazal State), Alek (Warrap State), Wau (Western Bahr el Ghazal State), Akobo, Bor, Twic East and Duk (Jonglei State), Mayom/Mankien, Koch and Leer (Unity State), Juba and Kajo Keji (Central Equatoria State)



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### Education

Our education projects provide children and youth with access to quality learning opportunities in a safe and inclusive environment. We provide:

- first phase education as part of our emergency response
- formal education, enrolment and retention support, and teacher support
- non-formal education to support learners transition into the formal education system
- vocational training and life skills education for youth and linking to job opportunities
- scholastic materials, dignity kits and recreational activities to learners
- construction and furnishing of classrooms, clean water, latrines and handwashing stations in schools

### Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

Our ICLA programmes provide:

- information and awareness on housing, land and property (HLP) rights, legal Identity (LID) entitlements and processes and employment laws and procedures (ELP) to communities
- capacity building and systems strengthening to relevant stakeholders and institutions, to provide and improve services to communities on HLP, LID, ELP
- help to resolve conflicts over land to promote peaceful coexistence in communities
- support to displaced people to secure important legal documentation to access essential services and promote livelihoods
- technical support to relevant government agencies responsible for HLP policy

## Livelihoods and food security

Our programmes:

- provide unconditional multi-purpose cash assistance and emergency food supplies in remote hard-to-reach areas
- support farmers and fishermen with livelihoods through trainings on agricultural production and fisheries, post-harvesting, business management skills and start-ups
- help farmers and small-scale businesses gain access to markets and financing through saving and loan schemes, and market-based approaches
- community-led natural resource management, disaster risk reduction, and climate change adaptation

## Protection from violence

Our programmes:

- strengthen community self-protection through community empowerment and community-based protection approaches
- provide unconditional cash assistance to persons at heightened protection needs, risks and concerns
- support persons experiencing protection violation to access appropriate services through referrals and information dissemination
- provide safe spaces in which the community can interact with each other and establish peer-to-peer and meaningful social support networks
- strengthen capacity of local community on basic human rights and entitlement through protection trainings, workshops and community dialogues
- distribute psychosocial kits to displacement affected people
- identify protection risks and concern through protection monitoring and community engagement

## Shelter and settlements

Our shelter staff:

- provide emergency shelter assistance and essential non-food items (NFI) in remote hard-to-reach areas
- orient people on the use of the transitional shelter/ NFI kits received
- construct temporary learning spaces (schools and classrooms) that are appropriate to the local context

## Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) promotion

Our WASH projects provide displaced people with:

- emergency WASH assistance in remote hard-to-reach areas
- safe drinking water supply and sanitation facilities and sustainability of the systems at community level
- safe disposal of human waste
- prevention of water- and waste- related diseases through the adoption of safe and hygienic practices
- clean water, latrines and handwashing stations at school

## Humanitarian Coordination

NRC co-leads the protection, shelter/NFI and WASH clusters at the national level. Through our humanitarian conflict analyst, we provide conflict and context analysis to all humanitarian actors, donors, and diplomatic missions in South Sudan to inform the humanitarian response. NRC is a Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) member of education and protection clusters. In addition, NRC has leadership in housing, land and property (HLP) rights and durable solutions related HLP thematic components that address opportunities for durable solutions in South Sudan.

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