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RESPONDING TO FOOD INSECURITY

Since the onset of the conflict in 2013 and subsequent devolution into a complex emergency in the years since, an unprecedented number of people are in need of food; health care; water and sanitation; and protection. War has not only resulted in large-scale loss of lives but also 1.9 million internally displaced people. This has put a major strain on communities hosting displaced families and caused an extreme disruption to livelihoods. Six million people are severely food insecure - more than half of the country's population.

In a first-of-its-kind approach in coordination, IFRC and ICRC have come together to support the South Sudan Red Cross in responding to the critical needs of the most vulnerable. Our priorities are to provide essential household items, livelihood and agricultural opportunities, water and sanitation, health and psychosocial support for 105,000 people in some of the most remote and hard-to-reach communities.

Key figures



1.9 million

people are internally displaced, putting additional strains on host communities

(OCHA 2017)



6 million

people are severely food insecure. This is more than half of the population

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9 out of 10

families in the Red Cross' priority response areas practice open defecation, which is a major health and sanitation issue



1 out of 2

families in the Red Cross' priority response areas lack essential household items such as sleeping mats, cooking utensils and mosquito nets

RED CROSS IN ACTION

Response plan targets:



105,000

people to receive essential household items, such as sleeping mats, mosquito nets, buckets, soap, tarpaulins, and kitchen sets



30,000

people to receive basic agricultural support, including seeds and essential farming tools



37,470

people to be given access to safe water for drinking



19,200

people to receive preventative health care information and nutritional education



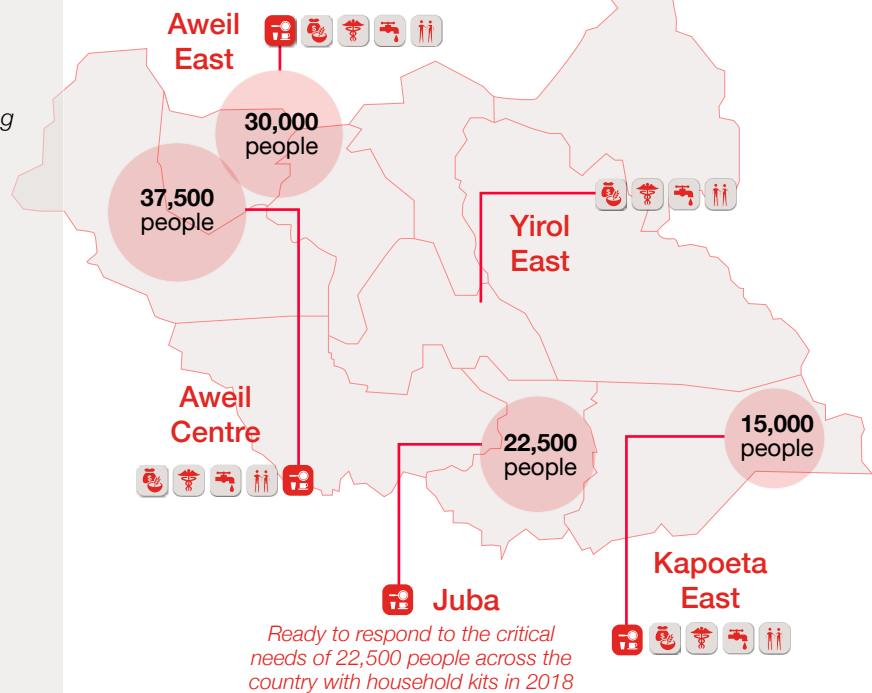
13,800

people to receive psychological first aid to those impacted by conflict or natural disaster

Red Cross urgent actions

- Emergency household kits**
Distribution of sleeping mats, blankets, mosquito nets, kitchen sets and jerry cans.
- Agricultural inputs**
Providing seeds, essential farming tools and fishing kits.
- Health**
Providing basic health promotion and nutrition education for mothers with children under five years.
- Water, sanitation and hygiene**
Constructing, rehabilitating and monitoring water points; constructing of latrines; and providing hygiene promotion.
- Psychosocial support**
Providing support to individuals, families and communities who have experienced significant stress and trauma.
Providing information and education to communities to help prevent sexual and gender-based violence.

The response prioritizes the distribution of emergency household kits in three target communities



With the support of ICRC, IFRC will work with the South Sudan Red Cross to address the critical needs of 105,000 people who are most vulnerable, including internally displaced persons and host families until December 2018. IFRC, ICRC and its Red Cross partners focuses on building the capacity of the South Sudan Red Cross to ensure their short and longer-term efforts continue to meet the urgent needs of people now and for future emergencies.

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