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# RESPONDING AS ONE RED CROSS

## HOW BETTER COORDINATION SAVES LIVES IN SOUTH SUDAN

South Sudan is seen as one of the most complex responses for humanitarians today. War has not only resulted in innumerable lives lost and millions internally displaced, but it has also put a major strain on communities and resulted in an extreme disruption to livelihoods. The situation is expected to intensify in 2018 as the country enters the dry season and rising food prices, lack of access to land and crops, food shortages and difficult humanitarian access continue to compound the crisis.

This year, the Red Cross implemented a new approach to emergency response coordination – the Movement Response Plan – which responds to protracted crisis in conflict. At the beginning of 2017, IFRC, ICRC and Red Cross Movement partners came together to support the South Sudan Red Cross in responding to the critical needs of the most vulnerable.

The South Sudan Red Cross is providing essential household items, livelihood and agricultural opportunities, water and sanitation, health and psychosocial support to families impacted by conflict and disaster. Reaching some of the most remote and hard-to-reach communities, the South Sudan Red Cross is supporting 105,000 people who are severely food insecure in three areas of the country: Aweil East and Central, Kapoeta East and Yirol East.

**“Each and every component – the South Sudan Red Cross, IFRC, ICRC and Red Cross Societies around the world – has a comparative advantage. If you put all of our resources and energy together, we will be able to address the key issues facing the communities here.”**

*- John Lohor, Secretary General for the South Sudan Red Cross*

**“We are making history in South Sudan. We are really coming together, leveraging off each other as one unified force around one common objective: to alleviate human suffering.”**

*- Dr. Michael Charles, IFRC Head of Office, South Sudan*

**“We have the main forces of the movement together, with the South Sudan Red Cross at the forefront. This is a really good example of what the movement can do together.”**

*- François Stamm, ICRC Head of Delegation, South Sudan*

# 2017 SUCCESSES IN ACTION



**30,000**

people in Aweil East have received emergency shelter and household kits



**400**

volunteers have been trained in community-based health and first aid, water and sanitation, and psychosocial support



**70**

staff and volunteers trained in mobile phone rapid needs assessments – a new approach to response



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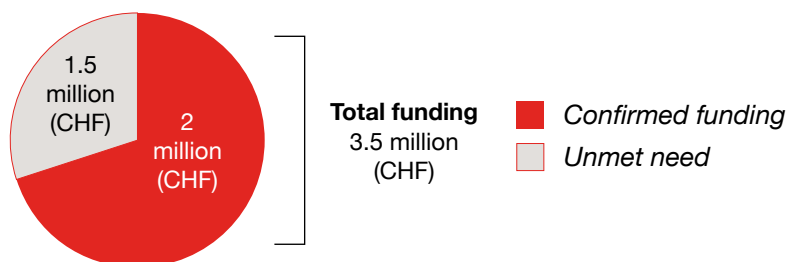
## Providing emergency household kits to families impacted by food insecurity

For the first time in two days, Along Kuan Kuan and her eight children will eat.

Along is one of 30,000 people in this area who has just received an emergency household kit from the South Sudan Red Cross, with the support of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

“I rested well last night,” smiles Along, checking on her baby who is sleeping soundly on a soft blanket next to her. “We will eat well tonight.”

## Funding



The joint response plan for phase 2 (2018) requires **3.5 million Swiss francs** to help 105,000 vulnerable people. Currently, there is a gap of 1.5 million Swiss francs to fully implement the 2018 plan.

## Added-value of coordination

- 1** Stronger coordination from partners, bringing in unique expertise to respond to the complex needs on the ground.
- 2** Duplication is prevented through Red Cross efforts at local, regional and global levels.
- 3** Resources are strategically pooled together to build the capacity of the South Sudan Red Cross and ensure they can continue respond to future emergencies.

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