PROJECT OVERVIEW

Livelihoods Options Support to IDP Households (LOSIH) Project

PROJECT GOAL
Improve the nutritional status for children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women at the household level in Ayod, South Sudan through improved food diversity from kitchen gardens, fishing, and purchase from local markets.

In August 2020, severe flooding in South Sudan’s Ayod County displaced families, disrupted lives and livelihoods and severed access to markets and humanitarian services. Many affected were vulnerable internally displaced people (IDPs) already facing acute food insecurity and malnutrition. According to Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) reports, Ayod County is experiencing worsening emergency acute food insecurity and high rates of acute malnutrition among children and pregnant and lactating women. In addition to conflict and acute food insecurity, suboptimal feeding practices, lack of access to safe water and COVID-19-related disruptions are further exacerbating the rates of malnutrition in this area of South Sudan.

Lutheran World Relief’s permanent partner in the Corus International family of organizations, IMA World Health, has implemented emergency nutrition interventions targeting IDPs and host communities in Ayod County since 2017. Through LOSIH, Lutheran World Relief combines our proven ability to strengthen livelihoods with IMA World Health’s expertise in nutrition programming in South Sudan. The project takes this integrated approach to provide the resources and skills needed to both reduce severe and moderate acute malnutrition in children under five as well as to expand income-generating opportunities for households through nutrition-sensitive agriculture interventions focusing on kitchen gardening, fishing and post-harvest handling.
EXPECTED RESULTS

- **60% of female participants** consumed the Minimum Diet Diversity (MDD)
- **60% of children 6-23 months** received the Minimum Acceptable Diet (MAD)
- **60% of households** practiced dietary diversification
- **100 people** trained on best practices in fish farming, preservation and processing
- **100 caregivers** trained on kitchen gardening and poultry farming
- **300 households** supported with fishing kits (hooks and twine)
- **4 fish processing sites** established
- **200 households** provided with vegetable and crop seeds
- **300 households** provided with breeding chickens
- **75% of households** demonstrated improved fishing and farming skills
- **300 households** sold surplus produce to local markets
- **5 peer-to-peer groups** formed for learning and support
- **5 Village Savings and Loans Associations** formed and trained on governance and business practices

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We operate as permanent partners, integrating expertise, disciplines, approaches and resources to overcome global health challenges, develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of climate change, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises.

With the support of our family’s diverse set of partners and funding – from multi- and bilateral institutions and foundations to the private sector and individuals – we invest in solutions that are innovative, scalable, holistic and move the needle towards transformational change.