



# SOUTH SUDAN

The humanitarian situation in South Sudan remains dire with nearly 70 percent of the population in need of humanitarian assistance. More than 6 million people are facing crisis-level food insecurity due to the cumulative effects of more than a decade of violent conflict which has destroyed people's livelihoods. The country is among the worst globally on key health performance indicators. Devastating flooding, political instability and COVID-19 have exacerbated the crises, threatening lives and preventing access to basic services. A third of the population, an estimated 4 million people, remain displaced.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) began working in South Sudan in 2012, providing child protection and education services to Sudanese refugees in Upper Nile state. LWR now provides livelihoods support to internally displaced people (IDPs) and continues to support South Sudanese refugees who have fled to neighboring countries in search of safe haven. To address the food crisis fueled by severe drought and deadly civil war, LWR also provides critical aid to families, especially infants and young children, who are severely malnourished.



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## OUR GLOBAL APPROACHES

### Agriculture

Lutheran World Relief helps rural communities develop productive, resilient and stable economies through a market systems enterprise development approach that engages the private sector at multiple levels, creating profitable partnerships that benefit families and promote rural livelihoods and agriculture value chains. We train farmers in climate smart agricultural practices, post-harvest processing and storage as well as in other value-adding skills. We strengthen the capacity of cooperatives and unions that serve these farmers through training in governance and financial management, facilitating joint negotiation of credit and other services, and boosting collective marketing and sales.

### Climate Resilience

Lutheran World Relief works with rural communities to adapt to and mitigate the effects of a changing climate on their agriculture-based livelihoods. We emphasize environmental rehabilitation through the implementation of soil and water conservation works and watershed management on community land, as well as tree seedling production for community-led reforestation.

### Humanitarian Assistance

Lutheran World Relief meets the immediate needs of households, IDPs, and refugees affected by conflict, natural disasters, and food and water crises through food, material resources, and cash assistance as well as shelter and WASH support. As immediate needs are met, we seamlessly transition to providing the knowledge and resources they need to start, diversify, and strengthen livelihoods and reduce their vulnerabilities in the future.

## Project Highlights

### Livelihoods Options Support to IDP Households (LOSIH)

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. LWR'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, LWR combines our proven ability to strengthen livelihoods with IMA'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.

### Emergency Flood Response

In 2021, torrential rains exacerbated by extreme climatic changes flooded vast areas of land, devastating lives and livelihoods. Lutheran World Relief and IMA World Health, together as part of the Corus International family of organizations, supported the immediate humanitarian needs of flooded communities across Jonglei state, one of the hardest hit regions.

### The Corus Effect

Lutheran World Relief is part of Corus International, an ensemble of global leaders in international development and humanitarian assistance. In addition to Lutheran World Relief, the Corus family of organizations includes global public health agency IMA World Health, U.K.-based technology for development company CGA Technologies, impact investing fund Ground Up Investing, and direct trade company Farmers Market Brands.

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.

