

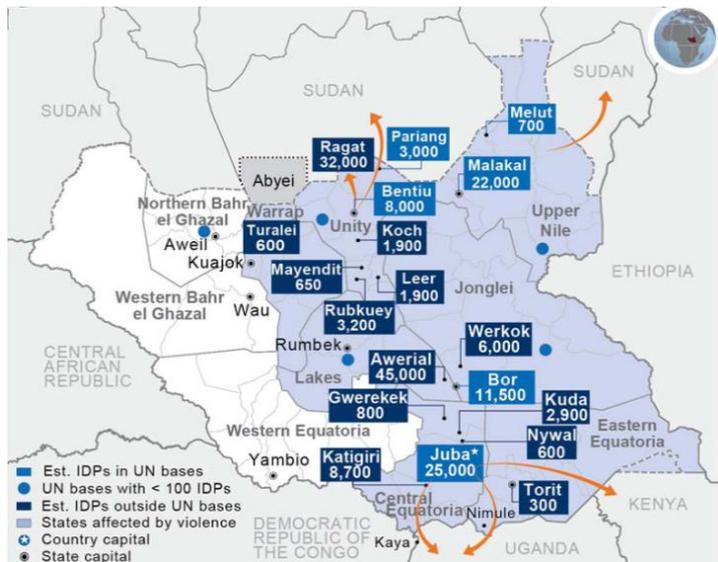


The Jersey Overseas Aid Commission has supported IDPs in South Sudan who have been forced to leave their home due to the ongoing conflict. The £30,000 grant has provided non-food packages for approximately 3,600 individuals. On behalf of the beneficiaries we are extremely thankful for your ongoing support. This emergency is one of great scale and these families would not receive humanitarian aid without your support.

Background

Fighting first broke out in South Sudan's capital Juba on 15th December, following months of political tensions reportedly caused by a power struggle between President Salva Kiir and his ex-deputy Riek Machar, which has sparked ethnic clashes across the country. Over the last few weeks, the violence – and number of human rights abuses – has escalated and spread to six out of 10 states.

An estimated 1.1 million people have been internally displaced by the violence in South Sudan and around 400,000 have fled to neighbouring countries. In July it was recorded that 265,000 were displaced into Unity State, South Sudan. Pariang County (one of the 10 counties within Unity State) is currently hosting just under 20,000 IDPs.



Communities were forced to leave their homes due to the conflict which has resulted in the destruction of homes, property, cattle and hundreds of lives lost. The majority of the affected population are women and children. The situation of the conflict remains unpredictable, especially in Unity State where there are still confrontations between government and opposition forces.

Project Activities

This project has addressed the critical non-food item needs of 600 IDP households (approximately 3,600 individuals). These IDPs have been greatly affected by the conflict and have lost all household belongings while being forced to flee their homes. They have been left with no basic household utensils and other amenities.

Displaced communities were involved in all aspects of the project, from the design to evaluation, and they were asked what they were most in need of. They asked for the non-food packages to see them through the unknown future. Christian Aid partners worked closely with Pariang County community group, UNHCR and other national and internal NGOs to make sure there was no overlap and the most vulnerable families were reached.

A standardised NFI kit provided all the households with:

- Sleeping mat
- Mosquito net
- Blanket
- Kitchen set
- Water basin
- Sanitary cloth
- Bar of soap (one per person)
- Large plastic sheet



Community members waiting to receive their NFI packs

The distributions were made according to family size with one to three members having one item of everything and families consisting of four to eight people having two items of everything from the kits.

The main challenge while delivering the NFI kits was the security situation in Unity State. The main routes to the IDPs (many of whom were staying in host communities) from Juba to Ajoung Thok remained blocked so LWF had to find different routes to get the kits to the communities.

Achievements and Unexpected Results

Due to there being such a high need, Christian Aid's partner, LWF, were not able to provide support for all families in need of NFI packages. However, due to their close relationships with community IDPs and other NGOs they were able to link up and correspond with organisations that could provide extra support for other IDPs. Since the project end date Christian Aid has received additional funds to support an additional 803 households with NFI kits.



Community members working with organisations to put the packages together

After the distribution many IDP families were interviewed on the humanitarian assistance they received and all said it improved their living conditions and will continue to do so over the coming months. They reported that having their own cooking equipment made them feel more settled and at home.



On behalf of the project beneficiaries, the local partner and Christian Aid we are extremely thankful for your continued support to Christian Aid's emergency work.