



SOUTH SUDAN RELIEF

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“We are grateful for God’s provision to be there to help ease their burdens and ensure they have food to eat.”

— **Collins Enabu,**
Deputy Country Director of Programs



SERVING SOUTH SUDAN

At the start of 2018, South Sudan was on the brink of total collapse. Famine threatened already impoverished communities in the north and ongoing civil war had displaced an unprecedented number of people—25 percent of the population. At the peak of the crisis, 48 percent of the population (5.3 million people) faced emergency levels of food insecurity.

We thank God for working through Sparta Evangelical Free Church, allowing us to partner together and meet critical needs in the most dangerous country in the world for humanitarian work. Your vital support has enabled us to save people from dying and equip church and community leaders to bring about transformative and lasting change in South Sudan.

“God continues to bless this work,” says Mark Bennett, our Country Director in South Sudan. “With God’s provision, we want to build on our good relationships to bless more people and take the hope of Jesus Christ wherever we serve.”



433,212

PEOPLE RECEIVED EMERGENCY FOOD

121,410

PEOPLE GAINED ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

49,716

MALNOURISHED CHILDREN BENEFITED FROM OUR NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM

15,111

MOTHERS LEARNED BEST PRACTICES TO CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S HEALTH

5,151

PATIENTS WERE TREATED AT MABAN COUNTY HOSPITAL

STANDING WITH SOUTH SUDAN

In Mayendit—a region in the central part of the country—violent clashes, impassable roads, famine conditions, and flooded airstrips made delivery of critical supplies difficult. This year, Samaritan’s Purse was the only relief organization providing assistance to many of the isolated, war-torn villages in this part of South Sudan. Our teams utilized aircraft and trucks to help people throughout the area with water and sanitation services, nutrition activities, farming, and food assistance, though political instability frequently disrupted humanitarian operations.

Because you gave, 433,212 people received life-saving food at the height of the famine in South Sudan, effectively bringing six counties back from the brink of starvation. Across the country, we facilitated the organization and distribution of 57.5 million pounds of food in 2018—a weight roughly equivalent to 14,358 automobiles.

We also rehabilitated 44 freshwater wells for 24,000 thirsty refugees and built 738 latrines.

Beyond the provision of emergency food and clean water, our agriculture and livelihoods team trained farmers, who then taught other farmers how to grow diverse and abundant crops. These farmers formed collectives that were critical to the survival of many who are now able to provide their families with healthy food and income by selling excess crops in the local markets.

“Before the Samaritan's Purse team came, we just scattered the vegetable seeds all over the ground,” explained one farmer. “Now we have learned how to categorize our gardens by greens, eggplant, and okra. We can consume our food and take some of it to the market to sell. This project is the power of God.”

CARING FOR PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS



Since November 2011, four refugee camps were established in Maban to accommodate the large population of civilians displaced by ongoing violence in Blue Nile State. To respond to the urgent needs of refugees and the host community, Samaritan's Purse established Maban County Hospital near the Ethiopian border.

While primary healthcare clinics exist in the area, the 120-bed Maban County Hospital is a full-service referral health facility—the only one in the region. Each month, the hospital's operating theater hosts around 735 surgeries and approximately 100 babies are safely delivered. Parasite-borne illnesses like malaria are treated daily; the pharmacy dispenses critical medication

and over-the-counter drugs for major and minor illnesses.

Twice weekly, Samaritan's Purse staff lead devotions in the hospital, giving patients an opportunity to hear God's Word and spend time in prayer. Many patients have offered testimonies of how God has healed them while in the hospital. Others are hearing and responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the first time.

"We see the Lord bless our work through the patients who walk out of the hospital well and happy," said Everlyne Owiim, our Health Program Manager. "They not only leave physically well, but also with God's Word. We have seen some receive Christ as their Savior."





LOOKING TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

On September 12, South Sudan's President Salva Kiir signed a peace agreement with main rebel leader Riek Machar, formally ending the five-year war that killed tens of thousands of people, displaced more than 4.5 million, and impacted half of South Sudan's population with emergency levels of food insecurity.

“We have reason to be cautiously optimistic for peace in South Sudan for the first time in years,” said Mark Stevens, our Special Advisor for Northeast Africa.

Peace, especially in South Sudan, is fragile. For justice, mercy, and humility to reign in the world's newest country, people need to have a personal relationship with the Prince of Peace.



Everywhere we work, we aim to strengthen indigenous churches and local ministries so they can reach their own people with the Gospel. This year, you helped Samaritan's Purse provide pastors, church leaders, and evangelists with training in theology, evangelism, discipleship, and leadership. We also used the Bible to teach police chaplains, hospital chaplains, and government leaders how to resolve conflict and demonstrate servant leadership.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry. Alongside our life-saving relief efforts, you partnered with us to equip South Sudanese people to create sustainable solutions to physical and spiritual poverty in their communities.

In 2018, a Samaritan's Purse medical team performed cleft lip surgery for 87 patients in South Sudan, demonstrating Christ's love and offering new hope for the future.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP

Your contribution of more than \$100,000 since 2014 continues to make an eternal impact in South Sudan. Together, we've reached needy communities with clean water, hygiene and sanitation training, healthcare, food assistance, nutrition, and livelihood programs. Your support was vital in strengthening local churches by providing building materials, training church leaders, and teaching biblical literacy.

On behalf of Franklin Graham, all of us at Samaritan's Purse, and the many people in South Sudan that received help and encouragement as a result of your sacrificial giving, thank you for so graciously opening your hearts and hands in Jesus' Name.



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