



SOUTH SUDAN

The humanitarian situation in South Sudan remains dire with nearly 70 percent of the population in need of humanitarian assistance. The country is among the worst globally on key health performance indicators as it faces a catastrophic food crisis. Around 75 percent of all child deaths are due to preventable diseases, such as diarrhea, malaria and pneumonia. Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) are endemic in the country. Devastating flooding, political instability and COVID-19 have exacerbated the crises and threatened lives and livelihoods across South Sudan. Over 2 million people remain displaced.

IMA World Health (IMA) has a major role in the development of the health care system in South Sudan. Since 2008, IMA has been working with South Sudan's nascent government ministries, international and national partners, and other health organizations to strengthen the health system's capacity to deliver high-quality essential health care services, implement community-based HIV/AIDS prevention interventions, and improve maternal, neonatal and child health outcomes. Even after the violent conflicts that began in 2013, IMA continued working with the local government and primary health care providers state-wide in Upper Nile and Jonglei to facilitate service delivery and emergency response. Despite ongoing and ever-changing challenges, IMA and our local partners have continued to support hundreds of thousands of people across South Sudan.



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OUR GLOBAL APPROACHES

Health Systems Strengthening

IMA works with governments and local partners to provide technical assistance and capacity strengthening to increase engagement, services and investment in a country's health system.

Maternal and Child Health

IMA improves the access to and availability of high-quality, person-centered maternal, newborn and child health services and voluntary family planning and reproductive health care in fragile and conflict affected settings.

Disease Treatment & Prevention

IMA aids in the treatment and prevention of deadly diseases that disproportionately affect people living in poverty, such as malaria, NTDs, HIV/AIDS and Ebola.

Nutrition

IMA implements evidence-based, multi-sector approaches targeting a range of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive factors to prevent malnutrition and reduce stunting.

WASH

IMA improves water and sanitation infrastructure and promotes education in healthy WASH practices at schools and health centers.

Gender-based Violence

IMA strengthens community-based prevention of and response to GBV and improves the quality of and access to holistic care for survivors.

Project Highlights

Jonglei Essential Services for IDPs and Refugees (JESI) | 2023 – 2024

With USAID/BHA support, IMA is delivering integrated health, nutrition and WASH services that target vulnerable internally displaced people (IDPs) and host communities in four counties in Jonglei State (Ayod, Nyirol, Fangak, and Canal/Pigi). Basic health care, clean water and household items are priority needs for the IDP and host communities where ongoing conflict, coupled with extreme flooding and drought, is exacerbating needs among these risk-prone populations. Such populations have faced severe adverse effects due to income insecurity, inadequate sanitation practices, and limited access to protection, water and health services. These challenges have resulted in devastating outcomes such as death, diseases (such as malaria, acute respiratory tract infections and diarrhea), and psychological distress. Women, children and youth are disproportionately impacted. IMA is reaching populations where they settle, establishing mobile health clinics to 1) improve access to essential health services; 2) improve the nutritional status of pregnant and lactating women (PLWs) and children; and 3) provide target populations with access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services.

MOMENTUM Integrated Health Resilience | 2020 - 2025

IMA World Health leads the five-year, USAID-funded MOMENTUM Integrated Health Resilience program, which is part of a suite of innovative MOMENTUM awards designed to holistically strengthen quality voluntary family planning, reproductive health, and maternal, newborn, and child health in host countries around the world including South Sudan, DRC, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Sudan, Tanzania and Yemen. Working alongside local organizations, governments, and humanitarian and development partners in fragile settings, the project helps accelerate reductions in maternal, newborn, and child illness and death by increasing the capacity of host country institutions and local organizations—including new and underutilized partners—to introduce, deliver, scale up, and sustain the use of evidence-based, quality care.

Livelihoods Options Support to IDP Households (LOSIH) | 2019 – 2024

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 IDPs already facing acute food insecurity and malnutrition. IMA has implemented emergency nutrition interventions targeting IDPs and host communities in Ayod County since 2017. Now, as a permanent partner of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) under the Corus International family of organizations, IMA combines its expertise in nutrition programming with LWR's proven ability to strengthen rural livelihoods in South Sudan. The LOSIH 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.

Urgent Continuation of Visceral Leishmaniasis (VL) Services | 2021 - 2024

By partnering with the END Fund, IMA strengthens local health systems to support VL prevention, treatment and control in South Sudan. VL, also known as kala-azar, is a debilitating, and if left untreated, fatal neglected tropical disease (NTD) that over two million people are at risk of contracting across South Sudan. IMA advances local leadership by supporting 25 health facilities in the four disease-prevalent states through the provision of medication and diagnostics, training health care workers on VL identification and treatment, and deploying community health volunteers to promote awareness and local engagement. In support of the government's national VL strategy, IMA is bolstering local capacity for health facility management, improving integration of VL services into the primary health care system, facilitating national and state joint planning for VL control, establishing lab-based surveillance and data-sharing strategies, and improving case detection through rapid testing.

Emergency Reproductive Health Services for IDP and Host Communities | 2016 – 2023

Funded by UNFPA, the Emergency Reproductive Health Services for IDP and Host Communities project aims to improve access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services and address gender-based violence (GBV) among populations affected by crises in Jonglei State and the Mingkaman IDP camp. IMA ensures the Minimum Initial Services Package (MISP), facilitates access to GBV care, and provides adolescent SRH services in Bor, Akobo, and Mingkaman. Additionally, IMA operates the Bor One-Stop Centre (OSC), which offers comprehensive GBV case management services and coordinates with key stakeholders. It also offers SRH and HIV services targeted at adolescents and youth at the health facility and within the community. Furthermore, IMA establishes women and girl-friendly spaces that not only provide service referrals but also empower participants through training on income-generating activities. In 2023 to date, the project has provided services through mobile clinics and health outreach activities that enabled delivery of GBV support in emergencies to over 1,350 people as well as integrated SRH in emergency services to over 6,039 people in target locations.

The Corus Effect

Founded in 1960, IMA World Health is part of Corus International, an ensemble of long-serving, global leaders in international development and humanitarian assistance. In addition to IMA World Health, the Corus family includes global aid and development organization Lutheran World Relief, U.K.-based technology for development company CGA Technologies, impact investing practice Ground Up Investing, and direct trade company Farmers Market Brands.