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UPDATED emergency appeal: South Sudan famine

REVISED APPEAL AMOUNT: \$500,000

SITUATION

Nearly 5 million men, women and children are at immediate risk for starvation following [the World Food Programme's declaration of a famine](#) event in South Sudan. Regional violence and climate change have affected the ability of people in the world's youngest country to raise livestock, farm vegetables or harvest grains.

Hunger in the country is at its worst point since fighting erupted more than three years ago between rival forces – the Sudan People's Liberation Army, loyal to President Salva Kiir and the SPLA in Opposition backing First Vice-President Riek Machar.

With [an estimated 1 in 4](#) South Sudanese in need of immediate help, many - if not all - traditional methods of achieving food security have been thwarted. More than 2 million people have fled their homes in response to violence, complicating existing efforts to provide emergency feeding and other humanitarian services, such as medical care. As the situation worsens, there is additional concern for compounding [public health problems such as cholera](#).

“An official declaration of famine will have an impact that lasts for years,” IMA technical advisor Dr. William Clemmer said.

RESPONSE

IMA World Health has extensive experience working in high-risk environments, and has been operating in South Sudan since 2008. It is one of the few international health service delivery organizations continuing to address critical needs in South Sudan. Operating primarily in Jonglei and Upper Nile states, the agency has worked with the South Sudan Ministry of Health, World Bank and other partners to provide clinics and other points of access to basic medical services to about 25 percent of the country's population, despite ongoing challenges of violence and instability.

Response component I

Mobile and prefabricated medical clinics: \$200,000

IMA World Health has used prefabricated and mobile health facilities extensively in Upper Nile and Jonglei states, currently at high risk for slipping into famine. Prefabricated units allow for quick set-up and operation while mobile clinics help reach the most vulnerable communities that might not otherwise receive care. Funding for additional mobile and prefabricated clinics will allow remote communities in need access to supplemental nutritional interventions and basic medical care.



Response component II

Local partner engagement: \$150,000

IMA World Health will engage existing local partners to ensure they are able to respond to needs as the humanitarian crisis evolves. IMA works with many local organizations to broaden our impact and geographical reach. IMA will issue emergency grants to partners offering critical, life saving nutrition interventions during this crisis. Partners are already performing critical feeding, nutrition and medical screening work. Additional funding will allow for grants that partners can use to secure necessary interventions such as ready-to-use therapeutic food or micronutrient sprinkles.

Response component III

Medicine and commodity procurement: \$150,000

Supplemental ready-to-use therapeutic food, oral rehydration therapy and additional medicines to address malaria and other infections are urgently needed. Malnutrition puts a population already at high risk for infection in even greater danger.

Please join our efforts by offering your life-sustaining support.

Founded in 1960, IMA World Health is a global, faith-based nonprofit that works with communities to overcome their public health challenges.

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