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WHH in South Sudan

OVERVIEW

In 2022, despite challenges posed by massive flooding, the persistence of violent clashes, and a constrained funding environment in the country, WHH South Sudan assisted over 774,000 people (54% of whom were women) through 26 projects implemented across five States.

With humanitarian needs growing exponentially, 85% of spending went into humanitarian assistance projects. WHH partnered with WFP to reach a record 300,000 people facing dangerous levels of food deprivation in Northern Bar el Ghazal and Unity States, via its General Food Distribution, School Feeding interventions, and Agribusiness projects.

The continued support from the German Federal Foreign Government, through BMZ, GIZ and AA funding, boosted efforts towards strengthening livelihoods and resilience of the most vulnerable communities. These included both residents and Internally Displaced People (IDP), whose numbers saw a spike due to the ongoing floodings.

WHERE WE WORK

Northern Bahr el Ghazal
165,199 people supported

Unity
468,065 people supported

Greater Equatoria
55,067 people supported

For a world without hunger
Welthungerhilfe (WHH) has been working in today’s South Sudan since the late 1990s, implementing projects ranging from rapid disaster relief to sustainable development cooperation. Since the country’s independence in 2011, WHH has implemented 87 projects with an overall volume of over EUR 420 million.
OVERCOMING EMERGENCIES

In 2022, the already precarious humanitarian situation in South Sudan has been deteriorating, worsened by recurrent climatic shocks (flooding and drought), violent clashes, disease outbreaks as well as humanitarian access constraints.

Due to the deepening crisis, the share of spending for the humanitarian sector in WHH portfolio has increased, reaching 85% in 2022. This allowed us to assist a record 300,000 people facing dangerous levels of food deprivation in some of the worst-affected areas, namely in Unity and Northern Bahr el Ghazal States where WHH has been active for several years.

The humanitarian funding covered a wide range of activities: cash distributions, food and non-food items (NFIs) distributions; support to school meals programmes; building shelters and installing sanitation facilities in camps hosting people displaced by recent floods.

OVERVIEW OF OUR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN 2022

Emergency preparedness and Response to households affected by disaster in Unity State
Location: Panyijar County, Unity
People supported: 177,525
Fund ed by: AA

General food distributions, blanket supplementary feeding, and school meals
Location: Aweil West, Aweil Central, Aweil South Counties, Northern Bahr el Ghazal; Rubkona, Guot and Panyijar Counties, Unity
People supported: 903,733
Fund ed by: WFP

Urban Safety Net Aweil Town, Northern Bahr el Ghazal
Location: Aweil Central, Northern Bahr el Ghazal
People supported: 12,500
Fund ed by: WFP

Mitigate the worst effects of water scarcity and hunger in Sub-Saharan Africa
Location: Panyijar County, Unity
People supported: 21,150
Fund ed by: AA

AND BRINGING BACK STABILITY FOR THE FUTURE

WHH believes it is crucial to invest in people’s capacities to adapt and be resilient, especially in a context of protracted, multi-layered crises like in South Sudan. Supporting people to achieve food security and create opportunities to earn a steady income brings back a sense of stability, which is the foundation to start building a future.

Throughout 2022, WHH continued working with progressive smallholder farmers to boost local food production and improve their access to food markets. Farmers learn about cultivation methods to improve their crops, receive seeds and agricultural tools as well as support with healthcare for their livestock. They also attend complementary training on nutrition and hygiene practices, later becoming trainers themselves within their communities.

People who are part of WHH projects can also join savings and credit groups (VSLA). After working and saving for several months, the members can receive individual loans to invest in their small businesses; once the loans are paid back, they continue to deposit savings. This method has proven to be effective especially for women, who represent more than half the members of such groups and whose income-earning opportunities are often limited by traditional norms.
Farming and running a business: the story of Abuk Aru Dut

Abuk Aru Dut is a 49 year-old woman living in Northern Bahr el Ghazal who attended agricultural practices training offered by WHH and joined a local VSLA group. As the head of the household, she takes care of her six children and her disabled husband.

With the training and tools received, Abuk was able to expand her cultivations from three feddans (an area equivalent to 4,200 m²) to a total of eight: she uses five for sorghum and three for groundnut. She also received a loan from her VSLA group, which she used to set up a small groundnut paste business. This combination of farming skills and additional income from her business is helping her to provide for her family. They can now afford to eat more than two meals per day, all her children got school uniforms and, whenever needed, Abuk can pay for healthcare services at a nearby clinic.

OVERVIEW OF OUR EARLY RECOVERY, DEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION PROJECTS IN 2022

RE-LIVE: Re-building and securing Livelihoods in Greater Rubkona, South Sudan
Location: Rubkona County, Unity
People supported: 23,850
Funded by: BMZ

Cross-border strengthening of the resilience of South Sudanese refugees and host communities in Uganda and South Sudan
Location: Torit and Magwi Counties, Eastern Equatoria
People supported: 21,850
Funded by: BMZ

Sustainable WASH in schools and public places
Location: Torit County, Eastern Equatoria; Yambio County, Western Equatoria; Yei River and Juba Counties, Central Equatoria
People supported: 23,829
Funded by: GIZ

Boosting climate-sensitive local food systems
Location: Aweil West and Aweil North Counties, Northern Bahr el Ghazal
People supported: 1,931
Funded by: BMZ

Stimulating the growth of agri-business by enhancing production and improving market systems in Aweil North County
Location: Aweil North County, Northern Bahr el Ghazal
People supported: 7,998
Funded by: WFP

Fit for School Initiative for Africa for pandemic prevention and response
Location: Torit County, Eastern Equatoria; Yambio County, Western Equatoria
People supported: 12,502
Funded by: GIZ

Driving change towards community-led management of water catchment area(s) within Aweil West/Center
Location: Aweil Central and Aweil West Counties, Northern Bahr el Ghazal
People supported: 5,350
Funded by: GIZ

WASH Emergency Response in Vulnerable Schools and Communities of Panyijiar County
Location: Panyijiar County, Unity
People supported: 18,301
Funded by: SSHF

“We started meeting regularly, not only to decide on weekly savings amounts and loan disbursements. We also used our meetings to address problems and conflicts within our group and community. My job as a group leader is to solve problems and keep us together.”

Nyalena
VSLA group leader,
Rubkona County, Unity State

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