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It takes a nation
to protect the future generation

World Vision
South Sudan

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Message from the Country Director



I am pleased to share World Vision South Sudan's 2020 Annual Report. While the formation of the Revitalised Transitional Government of National Unity (RTGoNU) in February 2020 offers renewed hope for peace in South Sudan, humanitarian needs remain high. South Sudan's 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) estimates that to respond to the needs of 7.4 million people (50% women, 54% children, 13% people with disabilities), an estimated US\$1.54 billion is required, slightly higher than the US\$1.51 billion required in 2019.

With ceasefire continuing in most parts of the country, internally displaced persons and refugees in neighbouring countries are expressing their willingness to return home. Over and above the complexity of responding to displaced populations, the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing food insecurity has exacerbated community needs.

South Sudan, like many countries around the world, has been grappling with the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, the convergence of existing vulnerabilities, the seasonal shocks with deepening hunger and loss of livelihoods.

Our programs and funding employed strategic initiatives through the Fragile

Context Programming Approach (FCPA) with scenario-based planning to respond to COVID-19, and adaptive management.

We ensured that programs are designed, implemented and measured within the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus, adopting new ways of working and partnering.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, ongoing sub-national conflicts and natural disasters such as flooding that affected more than 1 million people, **World Vision was able to reach over 2.4 million people through various lifesaving and livelihood interventions.**

- More than **2.3 million** people (43% most vulnerable children) were reached through the COVID-19 campaign.
- More than **100,000** people reached through It Takes a Nation (ITAN) campaign, mine risk awareness campaigns and support for children associated with armed forces and groups.
- More than **1.1 million** people reached through livelihood and food assistance support integrated with protection and safe guarding.
- More than **600,000** people reached

We stood together during this coronavirus pandemic, persevered and worked hard, to shine light and hope in South Sudan's most challenging places for millions of children and families.

through WASH services and behavior change programming and campaigns.

- Achieved **community risk reduction** targeting Ebola and COVID-19 outbreaks in remote areas, through our engagement with faith actors.

COVID-19 has created a new normal and as such, we have to embrace it with a "next normal" mentality with adaptive leadership and new way of doing business.

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I am hopeful that peace will prevail in South Sudan, so children can reach their full potential and the future generation is protected.

I would like to thank the communities we work with, authorities, our donors and UN agencies who valued our partnership.

Above all, we trust God as we embark on FY 21 with renewed commitment to Our Promise, "Building brighter futures" for vulnerable children of South Sudan.



Dr. Mesfin Loha
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Introduction

‘Our Promise’, World Vision’s global strategy, calls for our organization to build a brighter future for children, deepening our commitment to the most vulnerable. Our operation in 2020 was based on four objectives and targets set out in the FY16 to 20 strategy.

THE SOUTH SUDAN CONTEXT

In September 2018, the rival factions signed the long-awaited Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS), ushering in a ceasefire agreement that ended the conflict that has killed tens of thousands of people and displaced more than 4 million people (including over 1.5 internally displaced). After a long wait and postponements, the world finally witnessed the formation of the RTGoNU on 22 February 2020 and hopes for peace to prevail are high.

Across the country, cumulative effects of years of prolonged conflict, chronic vulnerabilities and weak essential services have left 7.5 million people – more than two thirds of the population – in need of humanitarian assistance. Nearly four million people remain displaced: 1.5 million internally and 2.2 million as refugees in neighboring countries. The country remains in a critical period of unprecedented severe food insecurity with 6.4 million people considered food insecure, and with malnutrition rates of 16% – surpassing the global emergency threshold. Protection concerns remain significant, with affected populations expressing fear over persistent insecurity, protection threats, human rights violations and gender-based violence (GBV).

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to increased hunger and loss of livelihoods, adding to the inherent vulnerabilities in South Sudan. Through regular context monitoring and scenario planning, WV South Sudan has ensured adequate preparedness and response to the pandemic through adaptation of program operations. The approach aimed at ensuring that response to COVID-19 is embedded within longer term plans to protect lives, safeguard livelihoods and address socio-economic impact of the pandemic.




Our Strategic Objectives




TARGET 1:

Children report an increased level of well-being



TARGET 2:

Increase in children protected from infection and disease



TARGET 3:

Increase in children who can read by age 11



TARGET 4:

Increase in children who are well-nourished

Strategic Objective 3:
Enhanced peace and protection of vulnerable children and youth

Strategic Objective 1:
Improved health, nutrition and WASH for vulnerable children

Strategic Objective 4:
Improved food security and livelihoods for vulnerable children and communities

Strategic Objective 2:
Improved quality of basic education for children and youth

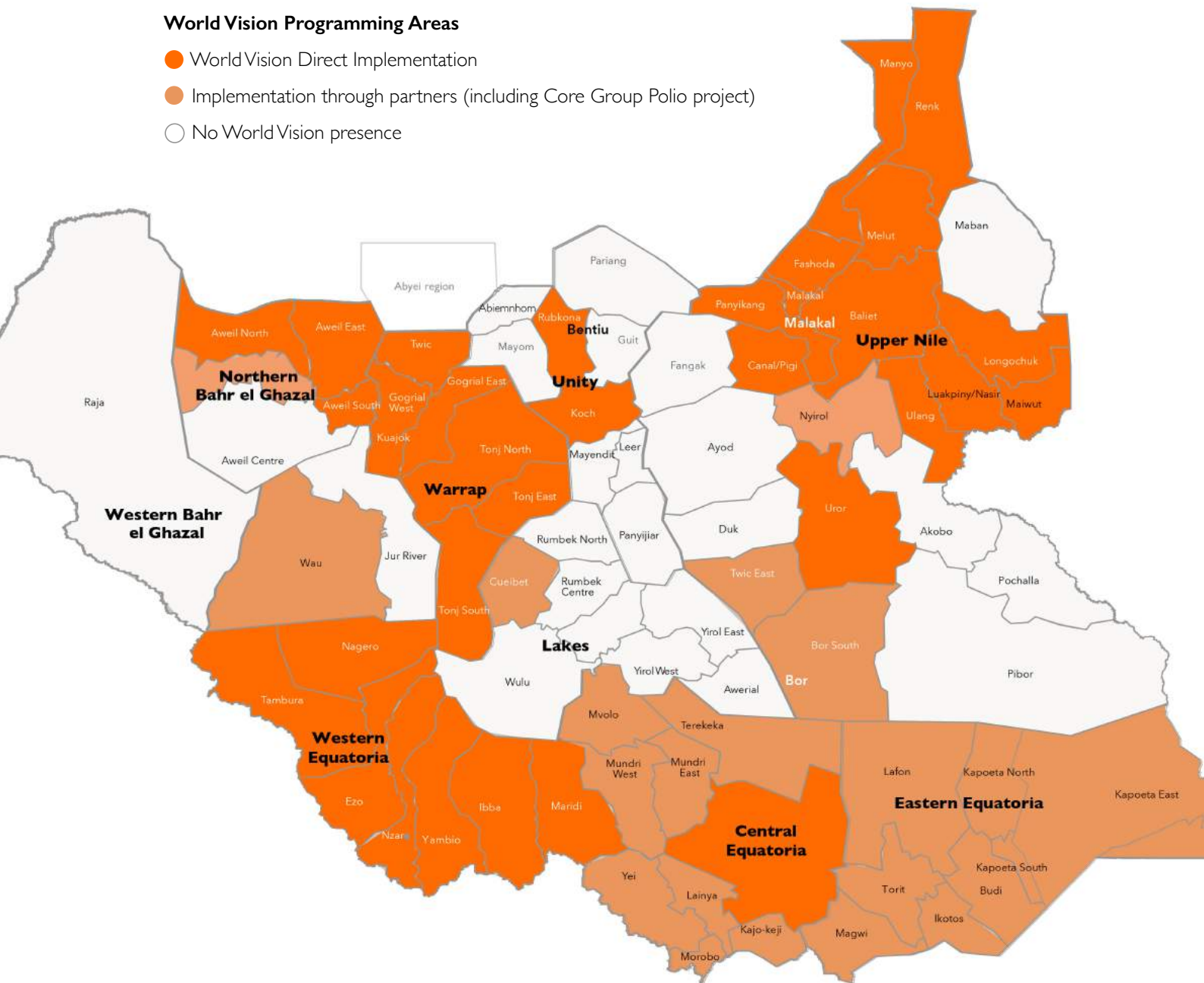
World Vision South Sudan Overview

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

By maintaining and expanding the depth and scale of operations in all parts of the country, WV South Sudan is able to respond rapidly to sudden conflicts and population movements.

World Vision Programming Areas

- World Vision Direct Implementation
- Implementation through partners (including Core Group Polio project)
- No World Vision presence



Greater Upper Nile Zone:

Programme locations are aligned to the Upper Nile Solution Strategy which anticipates the return of displaced populations from within and outside South Sudan. The target populations are the communities impacted by the conflict both in formal (Malakal Protection of Civilians Site) and informal camps (Abrouc, Dengthoma I & II, Kor Adar) as well as the host communities. The current operational area is served by static, Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM/ Outreach), mobile clinics and through partnerships with other organizations. All areas under Jonglei are currently covered through partnerships. In Upper Nile the locations covered include Baliet, Fashoda, Nassir, Malakal, Manyo, Melut, Panyikang, Renk and Ulang which has been served under the RRM (Outreach) and Static presence.

Western Equatoria Zone:

WV South Sudan programming in Western Equatoria State is in four counties: Gbudue, Tambura, Amadi, Ezo, and Maridi. WV South Sudan main zonal office is in Yambio town. Two other sub-offices are in two counties of Tambura and Ezo. The current program has a concentration of activities in Gbudue and Tambura counties, and there are limited activities in Maridi.

Greater Bahr el Ghazel and Warrap Zone:

In the Greater Bahr el Ghazel zone, WV South Sudan interventions are spread across two states, namely Warrap and Northern Bahr el Ghazal. Warrap State, where the zonal office is situated is divided into three into Gogrial, Twic and Tonj. The other 6 sub offices are in Gogrial East, Gogrial West, Tonj North, Tonj East, Aweil East and Aweil North counties of respective states. Most of the projects are in Gogrial and Tonj states with one or two projects in Twic and Aweil. The Zonal office is managing projects from food, security and livelihoods (FSL) project, nutrition, protection, education, food assistance, and health sectors, however, Twic and Aweil counties have been experiencing low coverage of projects.

Central Equatoria Zone:

WV South Sudan has operations in urban and peri-urban locations of Central Equatorial state. Current programming is spread across Rajaf East, Rajaf West, Luri, Gondokoro and Lokiriri counties. In the city, World Vision operations cover four municipality areas of Munuki, Kator and Juba town.



Key Objectives



Strategic Objective 1: Improved Health, Nutrition and WASH for Vulnerable Children

SOI:

Improved health, nutrition and WASH for vulnerable children

CWBO

- Increase in children who are well-nourished
- Increase in children protected from infection and disease

SDG

SDG 2 zero Hunger
SDG 3: Health and wellbeing
SDG 6 Clean water and sanitation



21 projects



FY 20 spending US\$ 18.9 million

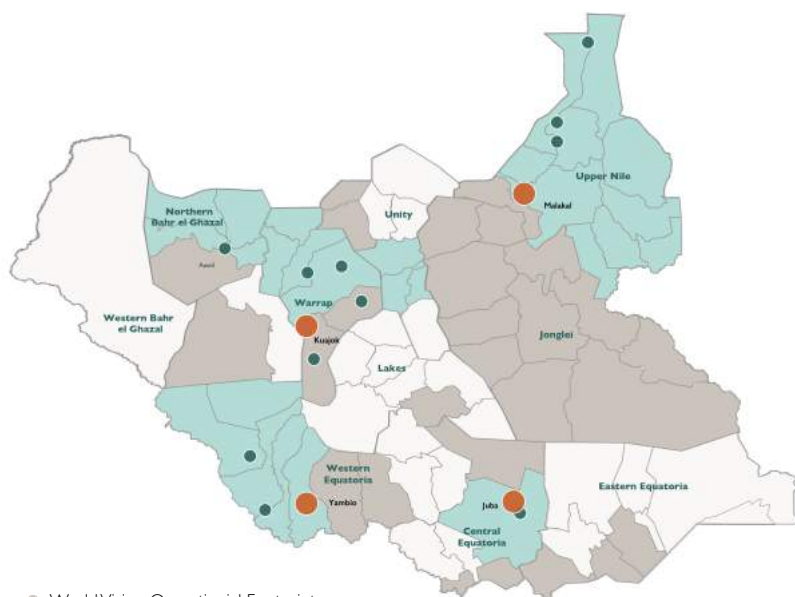


58 WV and 1,278 Ministry of Health (MOH) staff on secondment



Key Partners:

MOH, Health Pooled Fund (HPF), UNICEF, UNHCR, Global Affairs Canada (GAC), WHO, UNFPA, WFP, Core Group Polio Project, OPEN, Support for Peace and Educational Development Program (SPEDP), Catholic Diocese for Tambura and Yambio (CDTY), Comitato Collaborazione Medica (CCM), Relief International



- World Vision Operational Footprint
- World Vision Strategic Objective Areas
- World Vision Static Zonal Office
- World Vision Static Satellite Office

Key Achievements



Provided **794,897** (298,864 children under five and 496,033 adults) curative consultations through WV-supported primary health care centres.



210 mothers delivered at a health facility with the support of a skilled birth attendant.



Trained and supported **821** community nutrition volunteers (516 males and 305 females).



49,998 children under five received correct diarrhea management.



Provided health care services through **57** WV and **1,617** Ministry of Health seconded health workers, who included medical doctors, clinical officers, nurses, midwives, county coordinators and community health workers.



682,706 people (160,549 males and 522,157 females) reached with maternal, infant and young child nutrition messages.



18,189 pregnant women attended more than four antenatal care visits; **11,100** pregnant women gave birth in health facilities with skilled attendant.



21,954 long-lasting insecticide treated nets (LLIN) distributed; **52,190** Malaria cases managed through Integrated Community Case Management (ICCM) program and Boma Health Initiative (BHI).



36,620 children under one year (17,837 boys and 18,783 girls) received Penta 3 Immunization as part of regular service delivery and outreach programs.



110 health facilities supported across four states, providing immunization, maternal and child health services, antenatal and postnatal care, maternity, curative as well as nutrition services; **5** stabilization centers were also supported, including 109 OTP sites and 110 TSFP sites.



15,087 children under five (6688, boys and 8,399 girls) admitted to OTP program, with 13,547 discharged Cured with 89.7% cure rate.



150,469 people in IDP camps and host communities had access to safe drinking water.

204,213 people participated in hygiene behaviour change programs.

43,067 people with access to household sanitation facilities.



10,321 pupils in schools accessed safe drinking water through World Vision installed infrastructure and behavioural change messages.



77 schools supported with basic hand washing facilities as part of COVID-19 prevention efforts.



Strategic Objective 2:

Improved Quality of Basic Education for Children and Youth

SOI:

Improved health, nutrition and WASH for vulnerable children

CWBO

Increase in children who can read (by age 11 or end of primary schooling)

SDG

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



5 projects



US\$ 12 million



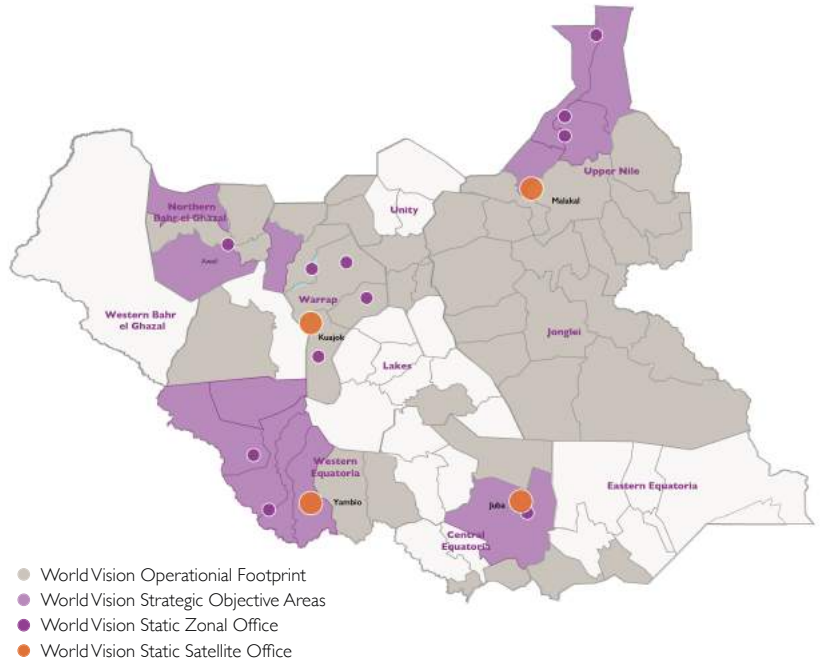
34 staff

135 teachers seconded from Ministry of Education



Key Partners:

UNICEF, Education Cannot Wait, Japan Platform Foundation (JPF), WV Japan, Irish Aid, UNHCR, Save the Children, South Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SSHF), UNFPA, WFP, Churches, FBOs



Key Achievements



292,553 children reached with World Vision's education programming.



30,000 girls received menstrual health and hygiene management kits, uniforms and flip-flops to support their efforts to stay in school.



659 teachers were recruited and trained.



26 temporary learning stations (TLS) constructed; **15** temporary learning stations (TLS) rehabilitated.



26,082 scholastic materials were distributed to **1,790** learners.



11 school structures rehabilitated.

Strategic Objective 3:

Enhanced Peace and Protection of Vulnerable Children and Youth

Children experience love of God and their neighbours;
Children are cared for protected and participating

Children celebrated and registered at birth
Children enjoy positive relationships with peers, family and community members

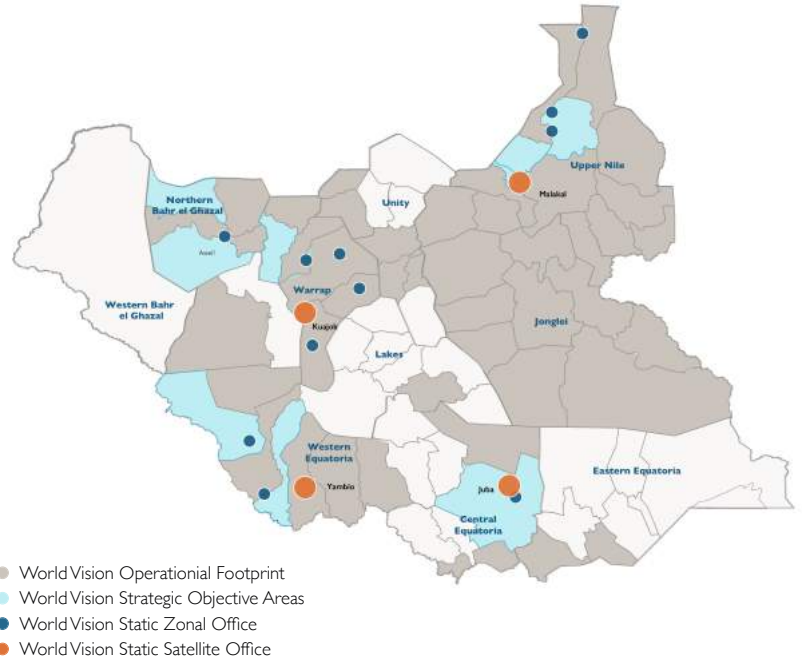
SDG5: Gender equity
SDG16: Peace, Justice and strong institutions

3 projects

US\$ 780,000

11 staff

Key Partners:
Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare, UNICEF, inter-church committees (ICCs)



Key Achievements

Policy Framework:

A contextualised, national Child and Adult Safeguarding Policy is in place.

- All staff and affiliates have received a minimum of one-hour safeguarding orientation
- All contractors, contract employees, and sub-contractors have acknowledged in writing the receipt of safeguarding behaviour protocols.



1,132 participants from churches were engaged: 160 church representatives and teachers were trained on Empowered World View (EWW) approach and celebrating families (CFC).



879 Faith leaders engaged in multi-sector programs.



462 (221 male, 241 female) children reached with psychosocial support and participated in child-friendly space activities.



71 GBV survivors (67 females and 4 males) supported with clinical referral, case management, psychosocial support and legal counselling.

24 peace and development committees, 12 youth led peace clubs established, trained and functional;
120 community representatives participated in peace-building activities.



Strategic Objective 4: Improved Food Security & Livelihoods for Vulnerable Children and Communities

Strategic Objective:

Improved food security and livelihoods for vulnerable children and communities

CWBO
Children are well-nourished

SDG

Goal 2: end hunger; achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

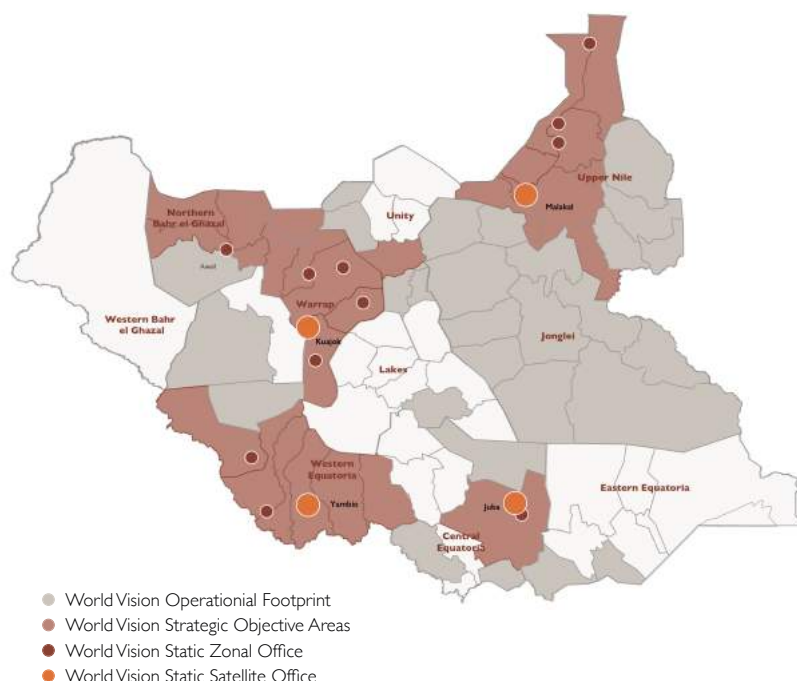
15 projects

US\$ 20 million

457 Staff

**532,633 boys; 286,190 girls;
182,948 men and 302,359 women**

Key Partners:
Ministry of Agriculture, State Governments, WFP, FAO, CARE, War child Canada, UNICEF



Key Achievements

Farmer-Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) Project is a rapid, low-cost and easily replicated approach to restoring and improving agricultural, forested and pasture lands. FMNR is based on encouraging the systematic re-growth of existing trees or self-sown seeds. It can be used wherever there are living tree stumps with the ability to coppice (re-sprout) or seeds in the soil that can germinate.

30,000 people trained in FMNR techniques.

18 Demonstration plots established.



Adaptive Seed Trial and Improved Seed Distribution

- **8** farmer demonstration plots established in five states
- **8** farmer groups set up
- Focus on sorghum, pearl millet and sesame
- Farmers groups linked to two private seed houses to enhance market linkage and sustainable distribution



More than **11,000** households had access to improved seed varieties.



966,704 persons received food assistance.



177,024 children (86,742 boys, and 90,282 girls) received assistance through food-for-education (FFE).



15,761 households received emergency livelihood kits ranging from vegetable seeds, fishing kits, and animals.



46,599 metric tons of food and supplies worth approximately US\$ 57,025,987 were distributed.



424,142 people participated in various cash programming interventions.



US\$ 9,421,568 in cash distribution.



289,752 animals vaccinated against seven major diseases through the South Sudan Cross-Border Program.



121,040 vulnerable people benefitted from Cash and Food for Asset (CFA) Program aimed at enhancing the resilience of communities and households.



Saving for Transformation (S4T)

- **148** Groups
- **4,714** members with 2,824 (60%) women
- Total current saving of **US\$ 76,083**

Emergency Response Activities

In FY20, WV South Sudan responded to three declared emergencies.



COVID-19 Response activities

2.4 million people reached with preventive messaging.

821,974 received food security & livelihood related assistance (Cash and food Voucher Programming).

37,932 information, education and communications (IEC) materials printed & distributed.

2,900 Community health care workers provided with preventive materials.

2,524 Faith actors disseminating preventive measures for COVID-19.

34,033 new hand-washing supplies (e.g. soap, detergent, buckets) distributed.

60,966 face masks distributed (including to health facilities, health workers, and caregivers).

62,002 children & their families reached through IEC materials.



Desert Locust Response activities

2,139 Stakeholders participated in community awareness program.

Conducted ground surveillance and monitoring in **two** counties.



Flood Response activities

51,000 flood affected people received food assistance

Hygiene and sanitation awareness raising

Non-food items (NFI) distribution



Key Achievements

Faith and Development



970 staff participated in spiritual reflections sessions.



608,000 people reached with COVID-19 messages through radio in Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria and Warrap.



34,312 people reached through COVID-19 awareness creation in churches and mosques.



475,059 people reached with Ebola Virus Disease awareness through churches and mosques.

In collaboration with Scripture Union of South Sudan, reached **4,575** children through spiritual nurture activities. These included peace building conferences, bible study groups and child-friendly spaces.

Collaborate and advocate for broader impact

Consortia and partnerships as platforms for strengthening collaboration and partnerships.

Seven consortia engaged in multi-year and integrated projects: overall, WV works with five international and six national NGOs collectively implementing seven projects worth around US\$ 82 million.

Project	Goal and Focus	Partners	Donor
Building Resilience through Asset Creation and Enhancement (BRACE II)	Strengthen food, income and nutrition security for 20,450 households, 122,700 beneficiaries in Warrap, Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Eastern Equatoria.	World Vision (WV), Support for Peace and Education Development Program (SPEDP) and Smile Again Africa Development Organization (SAADO)	Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) as main donor and complementary funds from Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC)
Food security and Resilience in Transitioning Economies (FORESITE)	Improve food security and income targeting 21,800 individuals in Cueibet, Gogrial East, Twic and Jur River Counties of Lakes, Warrap and Western Bahr el Ghazal States	World Vision (WV), NRC, and AVSI.	European Union
Fortifying Equality and Economic Diversification for Resilience (FEED II)	The project will serve approximately 284,821 people (164,368 women, 46,552 men, 19,337 female youth, 5,477 male youth, 9,669 girls and 2,738 boys) in 7 states and 22 counties	World Vision, CARE and War Child Canada	Global Affairs Canada

Project	Goal and Focus	Partners	Donor
HPF3	Provision of Basic maternal and child health services	World Vision Catholic Diocese of Tambura and Yambio (CDTY)	Health Pooled Fund
Provision of Essential Health Services Project (PEHSP)	Provision of Basic maternal and child health services	Relief International (RI)	World Bank through UNICEF
Acute Crisis Joint response	Acute Crisis Joint response Provision of emergency life-saving support in Nutrition and FSL as part of response to COVID-19	TORCH	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
CORE Group Polio Project		Support for Peace and Education Development Program (SPEDP), and Organization for People's Empowerment & Needs (OPEN)	USAID

People and Culture

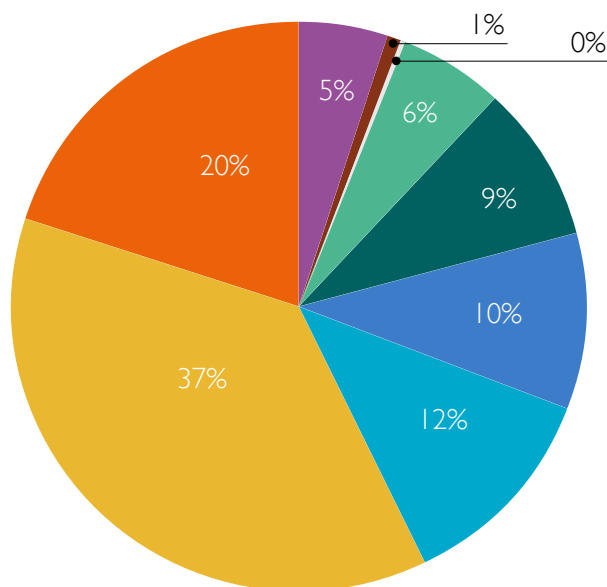
- Gender diversity is a priority and has slightly improved, with female staff ratio at 20%, up by 1% from previous year.
- Over 85% of the interviews conducted had a female representative on the panel.
- Launched the Graduate Internship Program (GRIP), enrolled 11 interns of which 9 (81%) completed the program; two of them were hired by World Vision.
- Talent Management Program enrolled 22 participants. More than 85% or 17 out of 22 participants have completed the 2 recommended online courses.
- Total work force at the end of FY2020: 1,074 with 96% South Sudanese.



Funding Achievements

In FY20, total cash spend was **US\$ 49.42 million**. Total program spend with cash and resources in kind was **US\$122.66 million**.

- Health and Nutrition and WASH
- Food Assistance
- Food Security and Livelihoods
- Programme and Project Management
- Emergency Response
- Education and Life Skills
- Child Protection
- Organizational Capacity Building for Partners
- Faith and Development



On behalf of the vulnerable children and communities World Vision serves in South Sudan, we extend our utmost appreciation to our support offices, who, despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, worked relentlessly and sacrificed immensely to ensure our programs are adequately funded.

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