



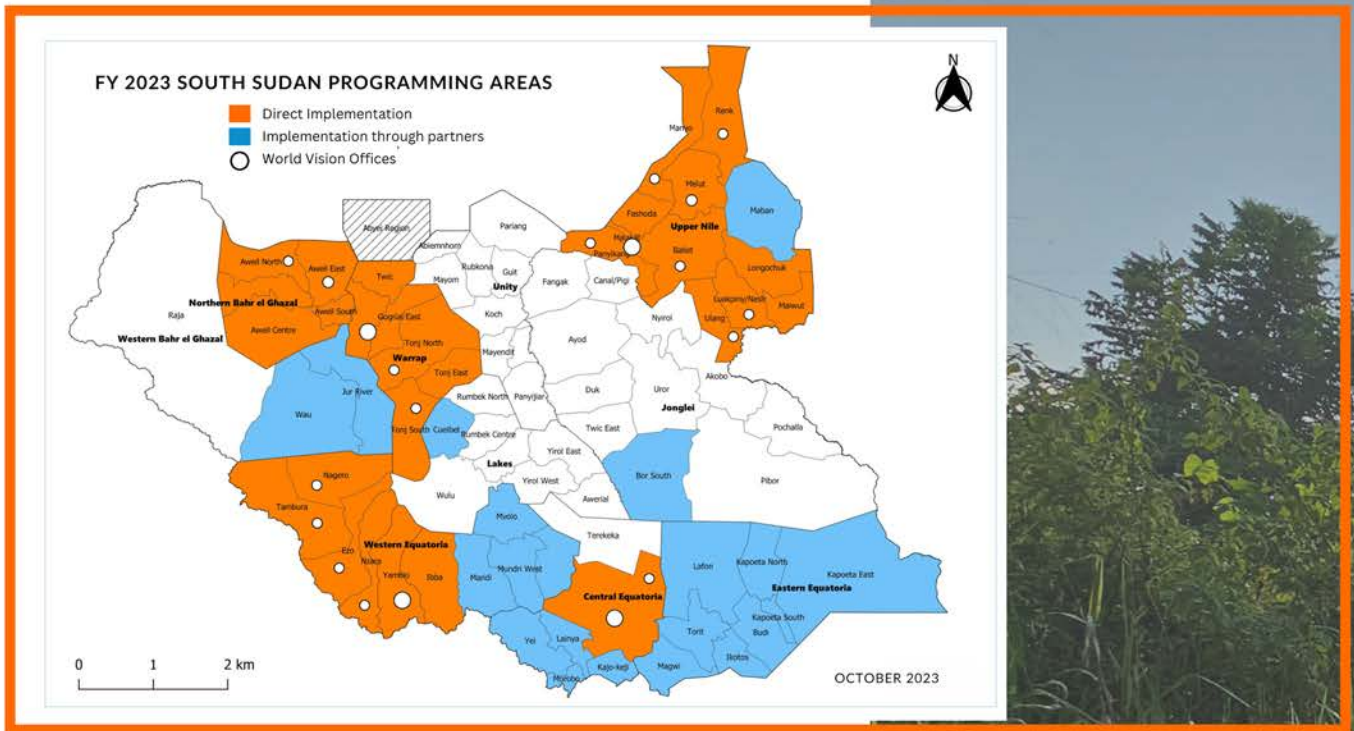
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**FY 2023**

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# BUILDING ON SOLID FOUNDATIONS



South Sudan's overall fragility worsened in 2023 due to various reasons, including ongoing intercommunal conflicts, frequent climate shocks such as flooding and drought, rising cost of living, and the crisis in Sudan. All these factors led to an increase in food insecurity, malnutrition, and displacement. Humanitarian organisations operating in the country also faced multiple challenges, such as a lack of funding, safety concerns for staff, and difficulties accessing areas with the greatest need.

Despite these challenges, World Vision in South Sudan worked with donors, partners, governments, and communities to reach the most vulnerable. We reached over 3.2 million people, including 1.3 million vulnerable children, through our multi-sectoral approach.

Our interventions focused on food assistance, food security and livelihoods, health and nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, education, protection, peacebuilding, gender equality, and social inclusion. This approach enabled children, families, and communities to meet their immediate needs and build their resilience to adapt and thrive.

# FY23 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

**3.2M**

People reached through multi-sectoral interventions

**1.3M**

Most vulnerable children reached

**1.2M**

Most vulnerable people received food and cash assistance, 70% of those who benefited were children

**31,600+**

Metric tons of assorted food commodities distributed

**209,200+**

learners from 192 schools received school meals under the WFP-WV School Feeding Programme

**51 projects**

Active projects in 8 out of 10 states that focused mainly on food and cash assistance, food security and livelihoods, health and nutrition, water, sanitation, and hygiene, and protection

**US\$123.8M**

Total budget for implemented programs

**US\$4.4M**

Food and Cash Voucher Transfers

Farmers in Yambio, Western Equatoria, head back home after a long day working in the field.

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# Food Security, Livelihoods, and Climate Action

World Vision in South Sudan focuses on food security and livelihood interventions, which aim to provide immediate life-saving assistance while also enhancing the resilience of communities. The ultimate goal is to enable parents or caregivers to provide well for their children while keeping them safe from harm.

To achieve this, we employ emergency response and livelihood interventions that help communities produce food and generate income to meet their basic household needs. These interventions include food and cash assistance, livelihood asset provisions, and capacity building strategies for short-term and long-term results, respectively.

Moreover, we implement various models and approaches such as Farmer Field Business Schools, Crop Adaptive Trials, Seed Multiplication, Climate Smart Agriculture, Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR), and saving groups, among others. These models serve as blueprints for longer-term project interventions.

**91,200+**

people received food security and livelihoods training

**11,700+**

farmers received agricultural tools and seeds to pursue climate-smart agricultural practices

**9,100+**

people, of which the majority are women, learned and practiced savings and loans

**32,800+**

people engaged in environmental stewardship activities, including FMNR



## IN FOCUS: South Sudanese mothers equipped to beat hunger and impacts of climate change

*South Sudan has been experiencing prolonged dry seasons, floods and food insecurity in recent years, which has led to the displacement of communities and a worsening hunger crisis. Climate change is evident in the Upper Nile State, where once-fertile land now appears wasted, with vegetation submerged in water and tall overgrown grass due to floodings in the past years. In response, mothers are learning to prepare, adapt and survive.*

Nyanakim, together with 50 other women in her community, learned to plant and grow climate-resilient crops like maize, sorghum, peas, sweet potatoes and cassava. These crops can withstand prolonged dry season, as well as floods, and have supported mothers like Nyanakim to put food on the table, especially during lean months where other crop harvests are scarce. She was also able to secure a loan of SSP 20000 (US\$40) to open a sugar business which she later expanded into a tea business.

With funding from the United States Agency for International Development, World Vision launched the Restoring Lives of Families in Emergencies project in Malakal, Upper Nile. The programme aimed to equip community members with new farming skills and knowledge on other livelihoods, improve the nutritional status of families, and provide access to water sanitation and hygiene services for irrigation and family use.

*"In the past, we didn't plant vegetables, sweet potatoes, and cassava. Now we have them," Nyanakim says.*

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# Emergency Response

**1.26M people**  
**886,663 children**

In FY2023, World Vision South Sudan continued to respond to multiple and, often overlapping crises that include food insecurity and malnutrition, and displacements of people caused by inter-communal conflict, flooding, and the crisis in Sudan.

reached through the **food and cash assistance** in collaboration with partners, particularly the **World Food Programme**

**31,600+**  
metric tons of food distributed

**\$4.2 million**  
cash assistance distributed

## East Africa Hunger Emergency Response and Global Hunger Response

World Vision South Sudan continued to respond to the impact of food insecurity and malnutrition in the country through humanitarian assistance and recovery interventions in Warrap, Upper Nile, Northern Bahr el Ghazal, and Central Equatoria states.

## Sudan Crisis and Migration Emergency Response

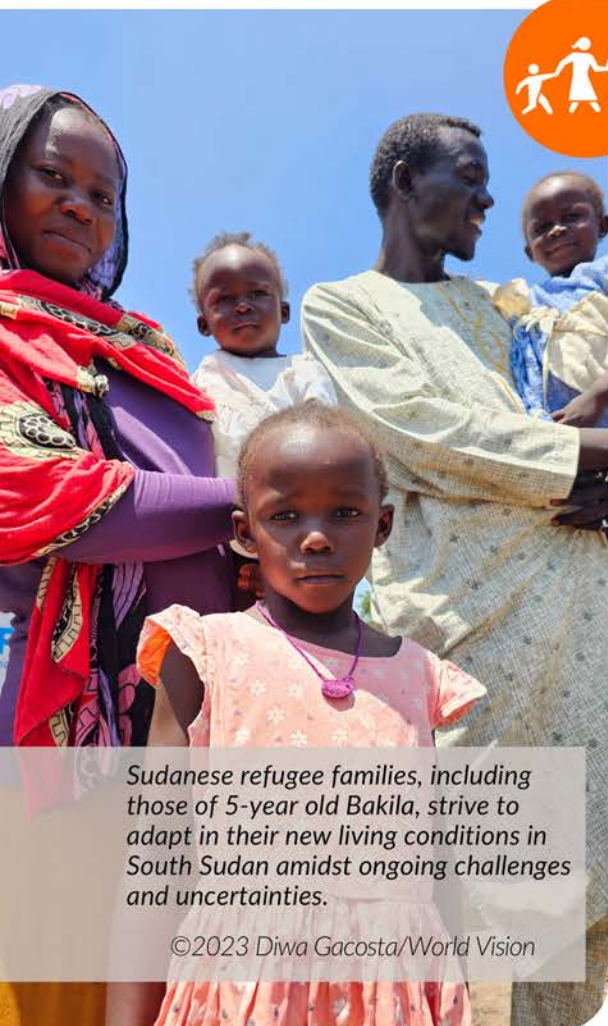
World Vision South Sudan continued to provide life-saving support to refugees and returnees in Upper Nile and Greater Bahr El Ghazal, including border profiling. Our interventions, focused on emergency WASH, health, nutrition, protection, food and cash assistance. Between April and September 2023, we have cumulatively responded to the crisis with the following figures:

**27,200+**  
people who gained access to clean and safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities

**40,400+**  
people reached through food and cash assistance

**9,500+**  
people received basic non-food items

**5,600+**  
people received emergency health and nutrition support



## IN FOCUS: Responding to the aftermath of the Sudan Crisis

In September 2023, after five months of civil unrest in Sudan, 5.5 million people were displaced. The UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) estimated that 1.1 million people crossed into neighboring countries, including over 291,000 who crossed into South Sudan. Of these, 30,000 were refugees and asylum-seekers, while the rest were South Sudanese who had fled to Sudan and were forced to flee back to their home country.

Muna, Ibrahim, and their children Bakila, Eman, and Zeinab were among the families who were displaced and found themselves living as refugees in South Sudan. They were originally from Nyala, a once-thriving city in South Darfur, Sudan. When fighting resumed in mid-August, they decided to flee and took a long and difficult journey to South Sudan. They stayed at the temporary shelter that World Vision constructed at the Makpandu Refugee Camp in Yambio in Western Equatoria State.

Aside from providing food and cash assistance to refugees and South Sudanese returnees, World Vision South Sudan has been operating emergency health clinics at transit centers in Renk and Melut in Upper Nile State and Aweil in Greater Bahr el Ghazal. It also installed and improved water treatment and distribution facilities and latrines to ensure refugees and returnees have access to clean water and safe sanitation facilities. These interventions are part of World Vision's multi-country and multi-region Sudan Crisis and Migration Emergency Response efforts.

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*Sudanese refugee families, including those of 5-year old Bakila, strive to adapt in their new living conditions in South Sudan amidst ongoing challenges and uncertainties.*

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# Health and Nutrition

World Vision South Sudan has been relentlessly working in partnership with humanitarian organisations, donors, national and state ministries of health, local organisations, and faith-based organisations to effectively reduce maternal and child morbidity and mortality. We continued to focus on strengthening health systems, including health infrastructure and facilities, human resources, supply chain, and informational management.

In FY2023, we employed a range of health and nutrition models and approaches to ensure that we effectively reach and provide quality services to the most vulnerable people, especially children and pregnant and lactating mothers. Our approaches included Primary Health Care, Secondary Health Care, Community Health Care through the Boma (village) Health Initiative, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Health Service Delivery, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition, and Maternal Infant Young Child Nutrition.

## HEALTH

**1.12M** people received health services across **91** health facilities

**428,700+** children under 5  
**702,200+** older children  
supported through curative consultations

**94,560+** women received maternal and child health services

## NUTRITION

**511,600+** children under 5

**344,520+** pregnant and lactating women  
**20,700+** pregnant and lactating women

screened for malnutrition  
recovered from malnutrition across **95** therapeutic feeding and nutrition sites



## IN FOCUS: Playing the big catch-up: South Sudan kicks off national measles campaign

Vaccinations save lives. "Vaccines are good for our children because there is an outbreak of measles in the country. Vaccines can save my daughter and other children from contracting the disease," said Jimmy Apire as he recalled the recent measles outbreak in his community. Jimmy is a father of four who resides in Hai Baraka, a suburb in Juba County whose nearest health facility is five kilometers away.

The importance of vaccination was highlighted during the celebration of the African Vaccination Week in May 2023, marking the rollout of South Sudan's national integrated measles follow-up campaign.

World Vision, through the CORE Group Partners Project (CGPP), underscored the need to increase awareness of the importance of vaccinating children, particularly on how vaccinations can save the lives of children and mothers from vaccine-preventable diseases, and encourage communities and families to vaccinate their children against vaccine-preventable diseases.

World Vision South Sudan is the lead implementing partner of CGPP in South Sudan. CGPP is funded by the USAID.

**USAID** Jimmy believes children are the responsibility of both parents. He had become a strong advocate for vaccines in his community and a role model for other men to understand that vaccinating children is not only the responsibility of the mothers.

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# Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

In FY2023, South Sudan faced multiple challenges in food, education, protection, health, and WASH. World Vision South Sudan continued to prioritise bringing clean water, dignified sanitation, and effective hygiene practices to communities, schools, refugee and internally displaced people camps, and healthcare facilities to reduce health and protection risks, especially for children, women, and people with special needs.

Our WASH interventions included drilling and installing mechanised boreholes, repairing water treatment facilities, constructing and repairing latrines, promoting community-led total sanitation, and participatory hygiene and sanitation transformation.

We also worked towards strengthening the capacity of local governments and communities in managing and sustaining WASH infrastructure.

**359,500+**

vulnerable people gained access to safe and clean water, sanitation, and other behavioural change activities

**122,500+**

people reached with clean water through **21** surface water treatment systems installed by World Vision

**18,900+**

households received new handwashing facilities



## IN FOCUS: What access to clean and safe water means to mothers like Nyathak

*Access to clean and safe water is crucial for our survival. However, managing water sustainably to ensure its availability is more challenging than it sounds. In South Sudan, 59 per cent of the population does not have access to safe water.*

Shirka-ayat village relied on a small earth dam called a *haffir* for drinking water, but it posed several hazards. After assessing the water needs and conducting community consultations in 2022, World Vision upgraded the *haffir* in 2023 by excavating inlets, constructing a fence, and installing a solar-powered mini water treatment plant. They also laid a 500-meter pipe to extend the water points nearer to the people. Now, a water point by the roadside provides clean and safe water to children and families and prevents accidents.

Nyathak, a 20-year-old mother and internally displaced person, lost one of her children due to unclean water. She hopes that no other mother has to suffer this kind of loss and that all the children in her community will be healthier now that they have access to clean and safe water.

"Fetching water from the *haffir* used to be difficult, especially when it rained. When it is full, there are risks for children to drown and be attacked by wild animals. But now I feel safe sending my younger siblings because the water point is nearby, and it is safe for them to go," she said.

"Clean water helps a lot, and we realised its importance for our children's health. Indeed, water is life," says Nyathak.

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# Education and Children's Participation

Prioritising the needs of the most vulnerable children- refugees, internally displaced people, and communities affected by conflict and other emergencies- remained the core of World Vision South Sudan's work. Our education interventions aim to improve children's access to quality education, foster life skills and peacebuilding among out-of-school youth, reduce protection risks, and mitigate the impact of food insecurity on their well-being.

In FY2023, we continued to work in partnership with local stakeholders and other humanitarian partners to implement Education in Emergencies and Food for Education programmes to ensure basic primary education and formal and informal education are available to all. We use education models such as Unlock Literacy, Literacy Boost, Learning Routes, Go Baby Go, School Meals, and Technical and Vocational Educational Training.

By adopting an integrated approach that combines education with WASH, food assistance, child protection, and gender-based violence prevention interventions, we continue to significantly impact the lives of thousands of children in South Sudan.

**237,700+**

people, mainly children, received support through education interventions

**209,200+**

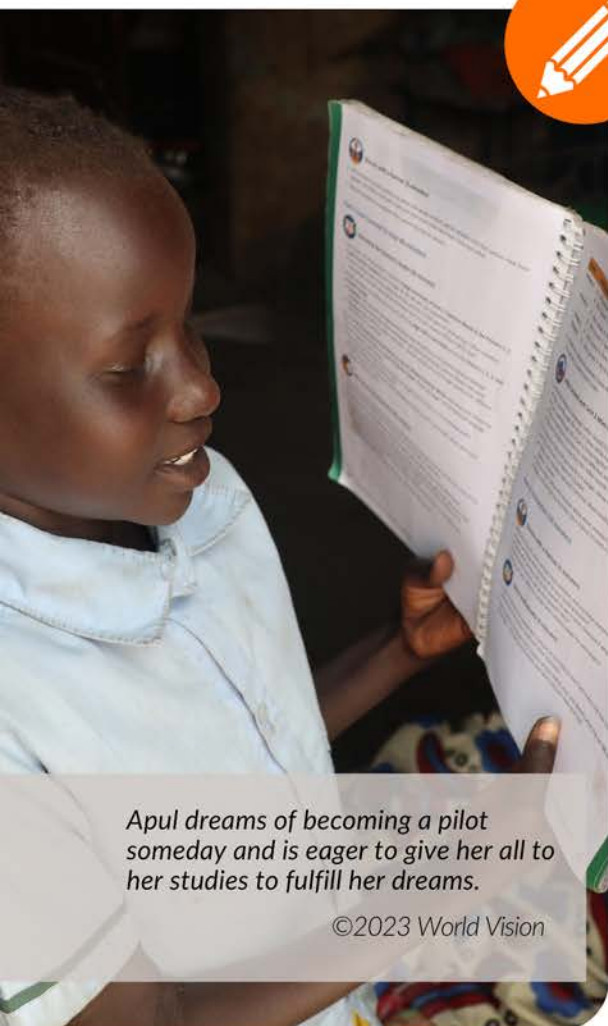
learners received healthy lunches in **192 schools** supported by WFP-WV School Feeding Programme

**147,900+**

children received support to enroll and attend school

**28,400+**

children received school materials



Apul dreams of becoming a pilot someday and is eager to give her all to her studies to fulfill her dreams.

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## IN FOCUS: Beyond learning spaces: South Sudanese children learn to dream again

*In South Sudan, many children have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict, leaving their dreams and childhood behind. World Vision is working to provide better learning spaces for these internally displaced children, giving them the opportunity to learn and dream once again.*

One city in particular, Malakal, has been hit hard by the civil war that broke out in 2013. The city's infrastructure was destroyed, and it has struggled to recover ever since. In 2016, the situation worsened as more and more people were displaced from neighboring counties due to ongoing conflict. This put a great deal of pressure on the city's already strained resources and facilities, especially schools.

"I was three years old and had just joined a preschool when the conflict began in 2016. I was excited to go to school. But when the conflict happened, my family and I needed to move to different places to be safe. So, I stopped going to school. I'm happy that I can go back to school in 2021," narrates 10-year-old Apul.

To support children like Apul, World Vision constructed 11 temporary learning spaces in schools across Upper Nile State with support from the European Union. These spaces provide a more conducive learning environment and support effective teaching and learning.

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# Protection and Advocacy for Children

In 2023, 6.1 million people in South Sudan faced protection risks, with 3.1 million children needing urgent life-saving and life-sustaining protection services, according to UN OCHA.

World Vision South Sudan made relentless efforts to ensure that all its programmes prioritised the protection needs of vulnerable children. In particular, we paid attention to the unique risks faced by adolescent girls and women.

To help displaced people, such as those displaced by flooding, inter-communal conflict, and Sudan crisis, our teams on the ground provided immediate verification, registration, case management, and referral support to the affected population, especially the separated and unaccompanied children, and those needing mental health and psychosocial support. We continued to advocate for and empower youth, women, and communities to end violence against women and children.

**57,000+** People reached through Protection and Advocacy, including:

**12,200+** girls and boys

experienced safe environment to learn and play in **16 child friendly spaces** set up by World Vision

**1,000+** people trained to become child protection advocates

These include women, youth and community volunteers who were equipped with knowledge and skills to prevent gender-based violence, intervene in child protection issues, and use available reporting systems



## IN FOCUS: Children learn to say 'no' to child marriage in South Sudan

Child marriage continues to be one of the biggest threats to children and women. This is particularly true in South Sudan, where incessant conflict, flooding, and hunger sustain the social practice of selling girls to marriage as a means of survival. Child marriage disproportionately impacts young girls and women.

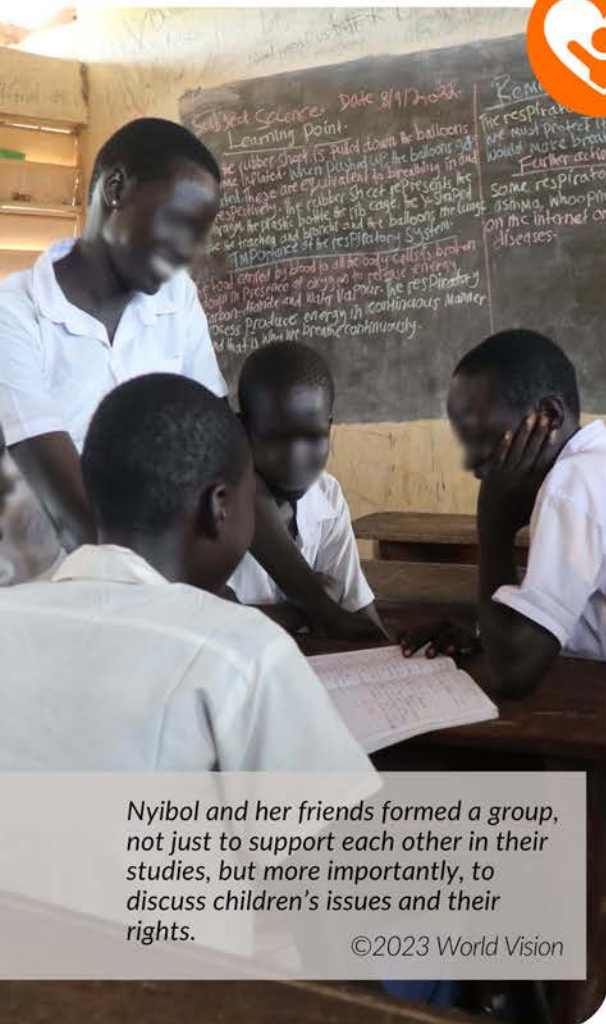
Educating girls empowers them to say 'no' to child marriage. Such is the story of Nyibol from South Sudan who refused to be forced into marriage twice.

Nyibol first refused to be forced into marriage when she was 14.

"The man came with 35 cattle to make his intention of marriage known," she said. Her father accepted the man's proposal for marriage to protect their family's honour and reputation and save them from starvation.

Despite her father's acceptance of a man's proposal and the set date for her marriage, Nyibol reported her case to the child protection committee and won.

Nyibol attributed her victory to attending child rights awareness sessions in school. She now strongly advocates against child marriage.



Nyibol and her friends formed a group, not just to support each other in their studies, but more importantly, to discuss children's issues and their rights.

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# Faith and Development and Peacebuilding

World Vision South Sudan recognises the significant contribution that churches and faith-based organisations make in nurturing communities, particularly through their grassroots structures that are well-positioned to cultivate trust and optimism. These qualities are essential for the healing and recovery of individuals impacted by both man-made and nature-induced calamities.

In 2023, we further deepened our partnerships with faith actions to support their efforts towards social cohesion, peace, and reconciliation. An example, 24 pastors and bishops actively participated in making South Sudan open-defecation-free. They were trained on the community-led total sanitation (CLTS) approach to raise awareness and advocate for effective waste management, sanitation, and hygiene practices.

We also continued to encourage our staff to live out their Christian faith in their daily work. We strive to integrate faith in all aspects of our relief, resilience, and development programmes across all the sectors of our interventions.

**8,200+ children**

learned and reflected on their spirituality through the Spiritual Nurture of Children activities

**1,100+ community and faith leaders**

participated in peacebuilding activities under the Faith Leaders for Peacebuilding Initiative

**750+ people**

in 224 households received CLTS training facilitated by the faith leaders. A total of 68 households have started building latrines and 21 have already completed them

**290+ people**

took part in the World Vision-supported peace consultation processes



## IN FOCUS: Planting seeds of peace through community consultations, dialogue, and empowerment

*Building peace begins with the willingness to listen, and this is especially true in South Sudan. In many rural areas of the country, conflict, hunger, and malnutrition are everyday realities for many South Sudanese, particularly for children. However, positive changes are happening as more communities open up to dialogue and work together to create a better future for their children.*

A village called Tarweng, located about 400 kilometers northwest of South Sudan's capital, Juba, is one such example. Previously, this village was plagued by conflict caused by cattle raiding, ethnic tensions, and revenge killings. For Akon, 29, and her five children, it meant always being on the run for safety and surviving on wild fruits.

With support from the World Food Programme and in partnership with the government, World Vision South Sudan conducted community consultations and conflict sensitivity analysis to understand better how to address the various issues fueling the conflict in Tarweng effectively. The aim was to create a safe and fair space for all community members to discuss the issues that had caused instability for years.

Thanks to farming and community dialogues, Tarweng is transforming into a more peaceful, happier, and healthier community.



World Vision staff listen to members of a farmers group in Tonj North about their harvests and plans for the next season.

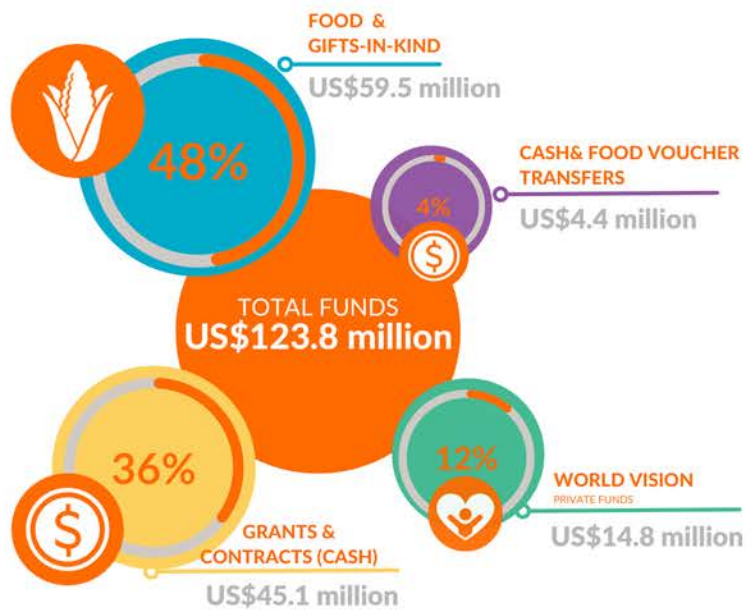
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# FY23 FINANCIALS & LINKAGES

Through the support of World Vision's partners, we are able to continue serving and partnering with the most vulnerable children and their communities in South Sudan.

In FY23, World Vision's 51 active projects were undertaken in partnership with 4 INGOs, and 36 national and local organisations, including faith-based organisations.



## Humanitarian Collaboration

World Vision South Sudan has established a strong foothold in eight states, by implementing multi-sectoral and integrated programmes with humanitarian partners and local communities. We also maintained good relationships with the national government and traditional and local authorities to address the priority needs of vulnerable people, with particular attention given to children.

- CO-LEAD: Food Security and Livelihood Cluster
- LEAD: South Sudan NGO Forum
- MEMBER: Education Cluster
- MEMBER: WASH Cluster
- MEMBER: MHPSS Working Group
- MEMBER: Cash Working Group Leadership
- MEMBER: Inter-Cluster Coordination Group
- MEMBER: Protection Cluster

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*FRONT COVER IMAGE: Eliza and her one-month-old child Iman are Sudanese refugees. They receive medical care at World Vision South Sudan's emergency health clinic in Renk, in Upper Nile State. Our dedicated team ensures refugees and returnees receive the best care.*

*BACK COVER IMAGE: Three-month-old Moses undergoes nutritional screening at a health facility in Yambio in Western Equatoria State. His mother is a community health promoter for World Vision-CORE Group Partners Project.*

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