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# FY24 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## 3.1M

People reached through multi-sectoral interventions

## 2.6M

Most vulnerable children reached through multi-sectoral interventions and policy advocacy

## 1.22M

Most vulnerable people received food and cash assistance, **57%** of those who benefited were children

## 14,400+

Metric tons of assorted food commodities distributed

## 62,400+

learners from **130** schools received school meals under the World Food Programme's school feeding initiative

## 45 projects

Active projects in 49 counties covering 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\$89M

Budget spent for implemented programs

## US\$3.5M

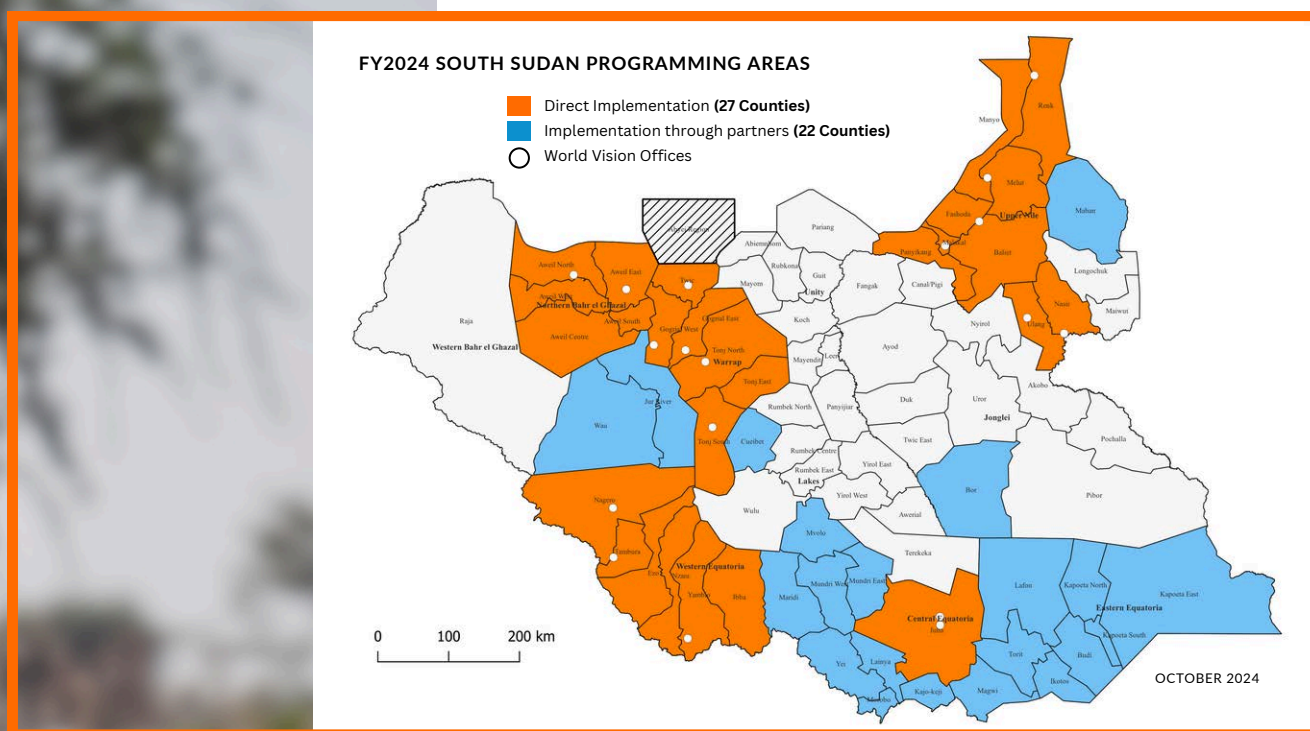
Food and Cash Voucher Transfers



*Sudanese refugee woman on her way to her temporary home inside the Wedweil Refugee Settlement in Aweil West, Northern Bahr Ghazal.*

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# BOLDER, STRONGER COLLABORATIONS



The achievements in programming and impact for 2024 were made possible through the strong collaborations and partnerships that World Vision South Sudan has established with its stakeholders. Our alliances with donors, local organisations, and community members, along with our integrated efforts in food assistance, food security, health and nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, and education allowed us to reach over three million people, including 2.6 million of the most vulnerable children.

Additionally, we prioritise protection, peacebuilding, gender equality, and social inclusion in our programming, enabling children, families, and communities to address their immediate needs while building resilience to adapt and thrive. This is especially crucial for those facing various challenges, including climatic shocks such as flooding, sporadic intercommunal conflicts, the ongoing Sudan crisis, influx of returnees and refugees, and an economic crisis exacerbated by inflation.

World Vision has launched the "ENOUGH" campaign in South Sudan to advocate for an end to child hunger and malnutrition. Ensuring a better future for the children of South Sudan demands urgent and collective action from all stakeholders, and we are committed to achieving this goal.

# Food Security, Livelihoods, and Climate Action

78,000+

people received food security and livelihoods training

11,400+

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

4,500+

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

15,000+

people engaged in environmental stewardship activities

World Vision South Sudan's food, security and livelihood (FSL) programming is dedicated to providing immediate, life-saving assistance while enhancing community resilience. Our approach includes emergency response and livelihood programs that help communities produce food and generate income to meet basic needs through food and cash assistance, livelihood asset provisions, and capacity-building strategies.

Several key projects illustrate our efforts, including the **Restoring Lives of Families in Emergencies** project (supported by the United States Agency for International Development - Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance), the **Fortifying Equality and Economic Diversification for Resilience II** project (backed by Global Affairs Canada), the **Greater Resilience through Enhanced Agriculture and Nutrition** initiative (funded by Australian Aid), the **Watershed Approaches for Climate Resilience in Agro-Pastoral Landscapes** project (a collaborative effort supported by the Global Environment Facility, United Nations Development Programme, World Vision, and the Government of South Sudan), and a number of projects with strong livelihood components, including the **Nexus Project**, that are supported by the German Federal Foreign Office - Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. Additionally, we partner with the World Food Programme, the UN Refugee Agency, and the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations on various FSL initiatives. These programmes facilitate knowledge sharing among participants and experts, focusing on ways to improve agricultural production and other livelihoods. These programmes also empower community members with the skills and knowledge needed to be better stewards of the environment. Overall, these collaborations and partnerships exemplify how we equip communities to become more resilient and adaptable to both human-induced and natural hazards, as well as the impacts of climate change.



## IN FOCUS: Shifting the narrative: Rural women cultivating good for all

*In South Sudan, where agriculture is central to the economy and livelihood of the communities, farmers, especially women, could be empowered to end the vicious cycle of child malnutrition, poverty, and gender-based violence.*



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An example of community empowerment can be seen among the women and men farmers in a remote village in Nzara, Western Equatoria. They participated in post-harvesting and crop storage management training as part of the **Fortifying Equality and Economic Diversity (FEED) II Project**. Through this training, they learned not only about effective farming, post-harvesting techniques, and crop storage practices but also about the importance of addressing gender-based violence and the need for it to cease. Women courageously shared their experiences regarding traditional gender roles and norms in their community that reinforce gender inequality and violence against them and their children. As they spoke, the men listened attentively and acknowledged that women play a crucial role in their families and communities, emphasizing the need to support and protect them.

Despite rising inflation rates and the increasing challenges posed by climate change, women in rural areas continue to support their communities, demonstrating resilience and courage in the face of adversity.



Women farmers in Nzara, Western Equatoria, participate in post-harvesting and crop storage management training that integrates GBV awareness and protection.

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In FY2024, World Vision South Sudan responded to multiple crises, including food insecurity, malnutrition, and displacement resulting from inter-communal conflict, flooding, and the ongoing crisis in Sudan. The country faced the worst flooding in 60 years, heightening the vulnerability of the people. We responded to the flood-affected areas in Upper Nile, Warrap, and Northern Bahr Ghazal while also tackling the impacts of food insecurity and malnutrition. Our efforts included providing humanitarian assistance, implementing recovery initiatives, and strengthening locally led anticipatory actions.

**1.22M people**

**695,700+ children**

reached through the **food and cash assistance** in collaboration with partners

**\$3.1 million**

cash assistance distributed

**14,400+**

metric tons of food distributed

World Vision South Sudan continued to provide life-saving support to refugees and returnees from Sudan 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 October 2023 and September 2024, we have cumulatively responded to the crisis with the following figures:

**170,800+**

people who gained access to clean and safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities

**97,200+**

people received emergency health and nutrition support

**15,500+**

people received basic non-food items

## Emergency Response

**3.1 million**

people reached through multi-sectoral emergency interventions

### Sudan Crisis and Migration Emergency Response (SCRAMER)

**280,600+**

people reached through multi-sectoral interventions

**211,700+**

people reached through food and cash assistance

### IN FOCUS: Home is where our heart is: Standing in solidarity with the displaced people

*For refugees, returnees, and internally displaced people, moving out, fleeing, and escaping have become too familiar and a ubiquitous way of life. These are among the few things that remain constant.*

Martha and her family were South Sudanese returnees from Sudan who were staying at the Bulukat Transit Centre in Malakal. The transit centre was overcrowded. They crossed into South Sudan to stay alive as they fled from the worsening violence in the White Nile in Sudan. To flee has become a recurring experience for many people. She and her family were originally from Nasir County in Upper Nile, South Sudan. They moved to Sudan to live a more peaceful and safer life, away from frequent flooding and inter-communal violence. Yet, two years later, they again found themselves running away as they journeyed back to South Sudan.

World Vision staff are on the ground and have been serving the vulnerable people and working alongside many partners for them to have food, access to safe and clean water, dignified sanitation and hygiene, secure and conducive temporary shelters, access to essential health and nutrition services, and protection from child and gender-based violence. They continue to be a source of inspiration, reminding us that we must stay on no matter what, and leave no one behind.



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Martha and her family are among the South Sudanese returnees who fled Sudan and found themselves 'refugees' in their homeland.

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# Health and Nutrition

## HEALTH

**835,400+**

people received health services across over **80** health facilities

**218,700+**

children under 5

**509,900+**

older children

supported through curative consultations

**165,000+**

women received maternal and child health services

Children's health and nutrition are top priorities for World Vision. We aim to address the causes of poor health and nutrition among children and mothers, particularly those displaced in internally displaced persons (IDP) and refugee camps. We partner with humanitarian organisations, donors, and health ministries to reduce maternal and child morbidity and mortality, with a focus on strengthening health systems and infrastructure. We also support communities, especially mothers, in promoting sustainable nutrition for their children. One example of this initiative is the establishment of kitchen and vegetable gardens.

In 2024, among our key milestones for our health and nutrition interventions include the launch of the **ENOUGH** campaign, which is World Vision's global campaign to end child hunger and malnutrition. We also started implementing the **Health Sector Transformation Project** in Upper Nile, funded by the World Bank and UNICEF. This project provides essential secondary healthcare for severe cases. Meanwhile, the **Core Group Partners Project (CGPP)**, funded by USAID, continues to play a crucial role in the prevention and management of communicable diseases. Through a broad network of community health volunteers and workers, the project enhances integrated community-based disease surveillance. CGPP also supports efforts to strengthen immunisation systems, improving children's immunity against vaccine-preventable diseases.

## NUTRITION

**527,200+**

children under 5

screened for malnutrition

**272,200+**

pregnant and lactating women

screened for malnutrition

**38,788+**

children under 5

**26,200+**

pregnant and lactating women

recovered from malnutrition through the therapeutic feeding and nutrition sites supported and managed by World Vision



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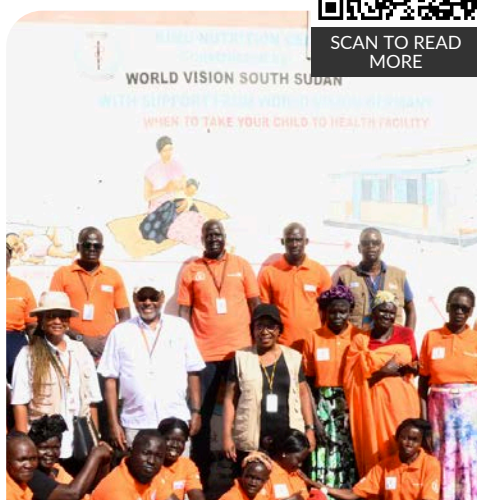
## IN FOCUS: Growing #ENOUGH: Kitchen garden, a promising approach to raising healthier, happier children in South Sudan

*Small, steady steps make a difference, especially for mothers in Gudele, a suburb of Juba, who are leading the transformation of their community, one kitchen garden at a time.*

At Kimu Health Centre in Gudele, the life-saving impact of the **Kitchen Garden initiative** is becoming evident. In collaboration with UNICEF and the World Food Programme, World Vision has supported the establishment of Mother-to-Mother Support Groups, where mothers who have undergone training from World Vision are now educating their fellow community members and caregivers on preparing nutritious vegetables to enhance their children's diets. The support group offers free counselling to caregivers and the community on optimal maternal and infant nutrition practices, disseminates health messages, and addresses myths related to pregnancy.

The Kitchen Garden Initiative focuses on sustainable agricultural practices, increasing the availability and access to fresh produce in the health centre and the community. By teaching mothers and caregivers how to grow their vegetables, the program ensures a steady supply of nutritious food for their children.

Together, they believe they can grow enough healthy food to nurture and protect the country's future generations.



Mothers and community volunteers of Kimu Health Centre join World Vision staff and East Africa Regional Leader Lilian Dodzo in saying ENOUGH during Lilian's visit in Gudele in October 2023.

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World Vision South Sudan endeavours to enhance water supply quality, improve sanitation and hygiene services, and strengthen governance. Our efforts involve identifying and addressing supply gaps and inequities, promoting behavior change through people-centered approaches, and strengthening community-based management structures and local government capacity.

In FY2024, World Vision South Sudan prioritised providing clean water, dignified sanitation, and adequate hygiene practices to communities, schools, refugee and internally displaced persons camps, and healthcare facilities. This initiative aims to reduce health and protection risks, especially for children, women, and individuals with special needs.

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

We focused on strengthening the capacity of local governments and communities to effectively manage and maintain WASH infrastructure. A notable example of this effort was our memorandum of agreement with the National Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation. This agreement aims to improve water security and enhance the management of water resources in Upper Nile. It also seeks to strengthen decision-making related to water resources by developing a hydrometeorological database and a framework for managing water resource catchments.

## Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

**609,200+** people

**353,300+** children

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

**179,500+** people

**125,700+** children

reached with sanitation services such as access to latrines, bathing centre, and waste management facilities

**145,400+** people

**61,000+** children

benefitted from integrated hygiene and sanitation campaigns such as good hygiene promotion to minimise the occurrence and spread of water-borne diseases

### IN FOCUS: Improving access to safe water and hygiene practices in Upper Nile State

The **Restoring Lives and Building Resilience (RESTORE)** project in South Sudan, funded by USAID/BHA, has made notable advancements in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) practices in Upper Nile State. Led by World Vision along with two local partners, the initiative aims to build healthier communities, focusing on internally displaced persons (IDPs), host communities, and returnees.

Before the project, the communities faced severe sanitation issues, including open defecation and limited access to safe water, leading to outbreaks of diseases like diarrhea and cholera. Women often faced conflicts at water collection points due to water shortages.

Nyabach Bwok, a resident of Ulang Payam, described the dire situation: "Without latrines, the situation was dire. Individuals had no choice but to defecate near roads and riverbanks, posing significant health risks."

To tackle these challenges, the initiative formed community hygiene clubs of 10 to 20 members to promote handwashing, safe water use, and latrine maintenance. Additionally, campaigns to eliminate open defecation have improved environmental sanitation and reduced disease spread. The project focused on constructing and renovating latrines, all equipped with handwashing stations and a reliable supply of clean water.



A young lady fetches water from the water point at the RESTORE Project's Emergency Surface Water Treatment System facility in Malaka, Upper Nile.

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# Education and Children's Participation

108,000+

children, youth, and teachers received support through education interventions

30,300+

children received school materials

62,400+

learners received healthy lunches in **130 schools** supported by WFP-WV School Feeding Programme

1,000+

out-of-school youths were re-enrolled in schools, alternative learning places, and technical and vocational education training schools

In FY2024, World Vision South Sudan continued to prioritise the most vulnerable children, particularly refugees, internally displaced persons, and communities affected by conflict. Our educational interventions focused on improving access to quality education, promoting life skills, and addressing food insecurity.

We collaborated with various stakeholders to implement Education in Emergencies and Food for Education programmes, ensuring accessibility to both primary and informal education. Key projects in FY24 include:

- **Enabling Meaningful Participant for Women and Girls for Essential Rights (EMPOWER)**, funded by Irish Aid through World Vision Ireland
- **Humanitarian Assistance to Refugees** in Makpandu Refugee Camp, supported by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- **A Multi-Year Resilience Program** funded by Education Cannot Wait in Upper Nile and Warrap States
- **Emergency education responses in flood-affected schools** in Malakal, funded by the Global Partnership for Education
- **Access to life-saving education and child protection services in hard-to-reach areas** in Upper Nile, funded by the European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)

Through these efforts, we provided dignity kits to girls, learning materials to students and teachers, re-enrolled out-of-school youths, and renovated school facilities, including classrooms and latrines. We also managed World Food Programmes' school feeding in over 130 schools to boost enrollment and retention. Additionally, we also supported environmental advocacy clubs, and conducted capacity-building activities for school administrators and parents on nutrition, child's rights and protection, and disaster risk management.



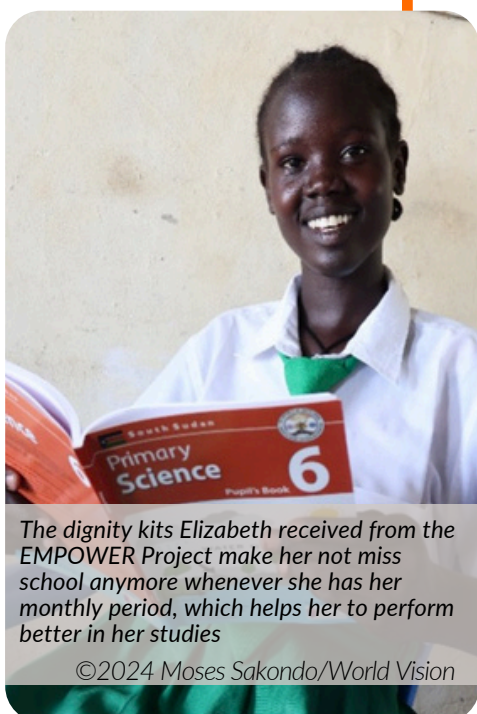
## IN FOCUS: Dignity kits changing lives of girls in Melut, Upper Nile

Imagine being a child who misses school for three days each month or has to sit on the floor due to a lack of chairs and desks. This was Elizabeth's reality until the **Enabling Meaningful Participation of Women and Girls for Essential Rights (EMPOWER)** project, funded by Irish Aid, brought significant changes to Melut Girls Primary School in 2023.

Elizabeth frequently missed classes because her family could not afford sanitary pads and school supplies, causing her to stay home during her menstrual period.

The EMPOWER project changed Elizabeth's life by providing dignity kits, which include essential items like soap, underwear, sanitary napkins, and toiletries. This support helped her manage her periods with dignity. The project also renovated classrooms and supplied new benches, addressing the issues caused by damaged roofs that made learning difficult due to exposure to rain and sun.

World Vision South Sudan implements the EMPOWER project in collaboration with the Africa Democracy and Resilience Network and the Christian Agency for Peace and Development. This initiative spans 12 schools, four child-friendly spaces, two women and girls-friendly spaces, and six income-generating activity groups that aim to protect and empower vulnerable women and girls displaced by floods and conflicts in Upper Nile.



The dignity kits Elizabeth received from the EMPOWER Project make her not miss school anymore whenever she has her monthly period, which helps her to perform better in her studies

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World Vision South Sudan has set an ambitious target for FY2024 to reach 4 million children through direct project implementation and policy advocacy. By collaborating with partners, World Vision has contributed to and supported several important policy changes that would have impacted the lives of at least 2 million children. These policy changes represent significant steps forward in addressing the needs of children and communities in South Sudan.

- 1. Expanded Free Education for All Policy:** Announced in 2023, This law aims to provide free primary and secondary education to approximately 4.75 million school-aged children, including 2.8 million out-of-school youth. Efforts are currently focused on establishing mechanisms for implementation.
- 2. South Sudan Nutrition Cluster 2024 Strategy:** In the absence of a finalised national nutrition policy, the Nutrition Cluster 2024 Strategy addresses humanitarian nutrition needs, targeting 5.8 million food-insecure individuals, including 1.8 million children and women. World Vision South Sudan contributed vital data and insights to this strategy.
- 3. Scaling Up of the Boma Health Initiative (BHI):** World Vision South Sudan helped revise the BHI strategy by providing technical insights during workshops organised by the National Ministry of Health and UNICEF. A key component is the Health Sector Transformation Project, funded by the World Bank through UNICEF, aimed at reaching 2.6 million children, of which World Vision is an implementing partner.

World Vision South Sudan is committed to prioritising the protection needs of displaced individuals, particularly children, across all its programs. One notable initiative is the **Joining Forces for Food Security and Child Protection** project, funded by the German Federal Foreign Office. This project, implemented in collaboration with Save the Children and Plan International, aimed to reduce violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children affected by crises and food insecurity. The project has been extended for another two years until 2026.

## Protection and Advocacy for Children

**2M+** children

to benefit from policy changes geared towards better nutrition, health, and education

**284,900+**

People reached through protection and advocacy awareness activities, particularly on child protection, children's rights, safeguarding, gender-based violence

**35,100+** girls and boys

experienced safe environment to learn and play in child friendly centres and youth centres 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: Taking a bolder action for children

"Listen to the children. Protect their future." These calls were highlighted during the children's forum as a leadup to the Day of the African Child Celebration where student leaders from different parts of South Sudan discussed factors and challenges that affect the education situation in the country. The children boldly expressed their views and recommendations on how the government, the civil society, and their communities can help them build a better future.

Children in South Sudan were at the forefront during the commemoration of the World Day Against Child Labour and the Day of the African Child. Joining Forces partner organisations in South Sudan – World Vision South Sudan, Plan International South Sudan, and Save the Children South Sudan – together with the Child Rights Coalition, held a children's symposium and issued a joint statement.



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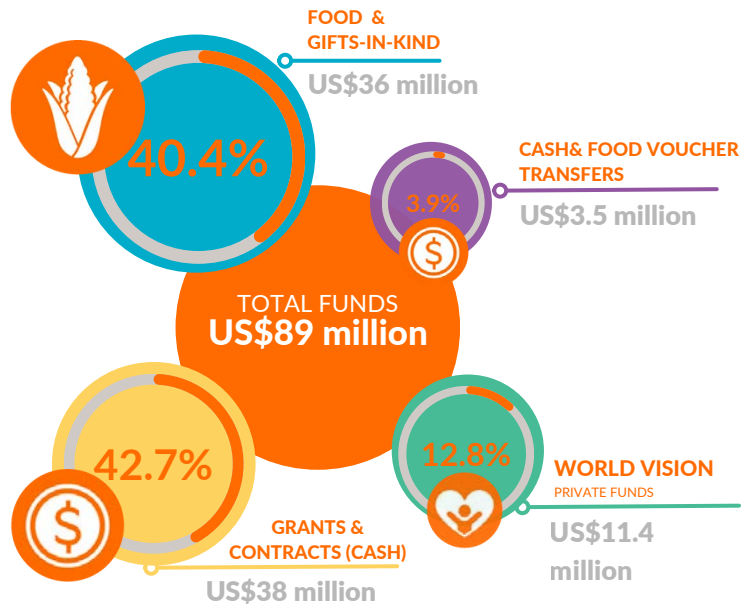
Children supported by Joining Forces coalition organisations -- World Vision, Save the Children, and Plan international, together with Child Rights Coalition hold a children's symposium in celebration of the Day of the African Child.

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# FY24 FINANCIALS & LINKAGES

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

In FY24, World Vision's 37 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
- 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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 **It takes a nation**  
to protect the future generation

2 ZERO HUNGER  3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING  4 QUALITY EDUCATION 

IT TAKES A NATION TO RAISE A HEALTHIER GENERATION OF CHILDREN IN SOUTH SUDAN

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## SOUTH SUDAN ENOUGH CAMPAIGN

### VISION

A world where every child enjoys enough nourishing food so they can thrive (End child hunger and malnutrition - SDG2)

TIMELINE FOR THE CAMPAIGN  
FY24-FY26

### STRATEGIC GOALS

-  Children in South Sudan are visible and heard in hunger, nutrition and food security-related policies at all levels
-  Donors, partners, and the Government of South Sudan prioritise and invest on food security, nutrition, and resilience as a way of addressing child hunger and malnutrition

### OUTCOMES

-  Improved visibility and understanding of the size, dynamics, and specifics of child hunger and nutrition
-  Increased national solidarity, cooperation & funding around child hunger & nutrition action
-  More children consume enough nutritional food provided ethically, sustainably & as locally as possible
-  More teenage girls remain in school with reduced risk of early marriage or teenage pregnancy, weakening the cycle of intergenerational child hunger & malnutrition
-  Children & families increase access to quality comprehensive preventive and curative nutrition services, including to address wasting

### RESULTS

- Data on child hunger and malnutrition is more visible & clearly spelled out in relevant statistics and reports at all levels
- Children voices are heard & shape relevant decisions & policy processes around hunger, nutrition & food security at all levels
- Relevant national policy & funding (including sustainable and climate-smart agricultural practices, food security, DRR etc.) embed child nutrition sensitive approaches to prevent future crises
- The most vulnerable children and their caregivers receive immediate and nutrition appropriate food & cash assistance
- More children reached by school meal programs providing nutritional food sourced ethically, sustainably & as local as possible
- Qualified & sufficient Community Health Workforce is funded to implement essential nutrition services with service delivery and SBC approaches

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*FRONT COVER IMAGE: Happy children share laughter during a school feeding activity in one of the schools in Juba that benefit from the School Feeding Programme of the World Food Programme. World Vision is the major implementing partner of WFP for school feeding and food assistance interventions.*

*BACK COVER IMAGE: Young Sudanese boy at the Wedweil Refugee Settlement Centre in Aweil West, Northern Bahr Ghazal. By end of September 2024, over 700,000 people from Sudan have fled to South Sudan due to the conflict. Majority of the displaced are children and women.*

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