

"My name is Regina Bango and I am 45 years old. We came because of the fighting - that's why you found us here. We are desperate and suffering. We have children. But no schools. We want to educate our children, but there is no money. We pray for peace so that we return to our place of origins. This is what we want. There is no work that we are doing. We are just staying here. Hunger is killing us. The shelter by the NGOs is not enough and too small. We need peace. This is what is paining us so much. We want things to improve so that we can return back to our places. It is only the fighting that brought us here. If it was not because of fighting, you know we would cultivate. Now, you see here, there is no space for cultivation. There is no health care. The hospital is too far, especially in emergencies and at night."



# forgotten crises



# eyes on South Sudan

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Regina and Betty fled due to the ongoing conflict between the government and rebel groups. Both now live with their children in an unofficial camp for internally displaced people in Atende, a small community near the Yei long-distance railroad, located directly along the road to the capital, Juba.

The camp, home to nearly 2,000 people, sits on one side of the road, while the village of Atende lies on the other. Here, Regina and Betty are actively involved in a “smallholder farmers group” established by Malteser International (MI). These groups provide participants with training in agricultural cultivation methods, enabling them to better support themselves and their families.

In South Sudan, farming groups collaborate to grow food and adopt improved techniques to increase crop yields. Participants also have access to mental health coaching to help them cope with their traumatic experiences.

Betty and Regina are among the approximately two million people in South Sudan who have been internally displaced by the ongoing violence in their country.



“My name is Betty Keji James. I come from Mukaya. I am 38 years old. We ran from there because of the fighting.”



# nourished minds

Margret Kemisha Joseph cooks a warm meal for the students of Mer-Kolong Nursery and Primary School in Juba, South Sudan. Since the project was introduced, she can see great changes: "Previously, the children were not interested in going to school because they simply did not eat at home. But now with the school meals, I can see changes. As mothers we witness those changes: when you wake them up in the morning, they get up without hesitation, because they are happy to go to school because of the food. And the children now pay attention to their teachers."











# com- passion

community as a net,  
a net that carries the message forward:  
we are because of our surroundings,  
shaped, guided, and intertwined by community.  
we do not work alone.  
we are because i see myself in you.  
i see myself in you.  
everything is an expression of the self,  
a reflection of oneness, kindness, and support.  
to provide a helping hand —  
when was the last time you did this?  
there is no self without others,  
no existence without community.  
community is beauty:  
the beauty of care,  
the beauty of knowing  
we cannot live alone.



# dignity in hand



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Cash assistance has transformed lives. Before receiving support, many families struggled to get enough food. Now, more households could eat better meals. Fewer families faced extreme food shortages. Despite challenges like rising costs and inflation, cash grants remain one of the most effective ways to help communities in crises. Unconditional cash assistance upholds dignity by empowering individuals to make their own choices based on their unique needs and to prioritize essentials—whether food, medicine, rent, or education.





Due to the fragile state of South Sudan, basic infrastructure is often not sufficient. Therefore, Malteser International is supporting the communities by improving access to safe water, sanitation and health-care. To improve the water supply, bore-holes are drilled or rehabilitated, and to increase the water quality, contamination possibilities are systematically eliminated through fencing and water testing, as well as house holds' use of chlorine and provision of secure water storage containers. Furthermore, water user committees are trained in each community to create ownership and sustain the services.



# water: foundation of well-being









# tides of change

Since 2019, Malteser International has been supporting the development of organized farmers' and fishermen's groups. Farmer groups received agricultural equipment, various seeds (grain and vegetables), as well as transport goods and tricycles to sell produce at local markets.

Demonstration gardens were established to inform farmers of good agricultural practices which they can replicate in their own gardens and fields. Fishing groups were provided with fishing equipment, including fishing rods, hooks, and hardwood canoes.





# local care, global impact

Due to the fragile state of South Sudan, basic infrastructure is often in poor condition or entirely unavailable. This challenge extends to health facilities, which are crucial for providing primary health care.

In Yei River County, MI is actively working to improve healthcare access by constructing and rehabilitating health facilities, as well as providing essential medical drugs and equipment. To further strengthen access to quality health services, MI also focuses on monitoring, supervision, and training of health personnel. This support extends to both primary healthcare facilities and the county hospital.

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Areas of focus are safe motherhood, malnutrition, integrated management of childhood illnesses as well as infection prevention. At primary healthcare centers, individual counseling and peer-to-peer support sessions are provided to address mental health concerns. Additionally, awareness-raising activities focus on tackling stigma and discrimination while dispelling myths and misconceptions about mental health







**(1)** Title: Forgotten Crises: Eyes on South Sudan  
**(2)** Topic: Practical Application of the HDP-Nexus in an IDP-Settlement in Yei; School Meals Programme in Juba; Compassion; Unconditional Cash Assistance in Wau; Strengthening of Water Infrastructure across South Sudan; Support of Smallholder Farmers and Fishermen Groups; Strengthening Health Care in Yei River County;  
**(3)** Short Description for the Website: Bringing Hope to South Sudan’s Displaced Communities: My name is Regina Bango, and I am 45 years

old. I fled my home due to the fighting, and now I live in an informal camp in Atende with my children. We have no schools, no work, no land to farm, and hunger is killing us. We pray for peace so we can return home.  
  
Regina and thousands of others in South Sudan face displacement due to ongoing conflict. Malteser International (MI) is working to improve lives by supporting

smallholder farmers, providing cash assistance, and enhancing access to food, water and healthcare. Through organized farming and fishing groups, displaced families gain tools and training to rebuild their livelihoods. School meal programs ensure children can learn without hunger.  
  
MI is also improving healthcare by rehabilitating clinics, training health workers, and offering mental health support. Clean water initiatives, including borehole drilling and

sanitation training, help prevent disease.  
  
Every person deserves dignity, stability, and hope. By working together, we empower communities to build a better future.  
**(4)** Region/Country Represented: Yei, Wau, Juba, South Sudan

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you.

