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APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR DISPLACED PERSONS DURING THE  
CURRENT CRISIS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

On behalf of the Government and the People of the Republic of South Sudan, I would like to thank all national, international and regional actors currently supporting efforts towards a cessation of hostilities, as well as acting towards providing urgently needed humanitarian aid to displaced persons due to the current crisis in the Republic of South Sudan.

Current figures by the Humanitarian Affairs sub-committee of the Crisis Management Committee (CMC) of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan indicate that a total of 538,347 persons have been displaced in the ten states since the violence began in December 2013.

Valerie Amos, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator visited South Sudan from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in order to draw attention to the humanitarian consequences of the current crisis and to mobilise further support for vital aid efforts. During the press remarks at the conclusion of her visit on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014, Valerie Amos indicated that 123,000 persons have fled into neighbouring countries, while others are living in dire circumstances, and are in need of food, water and medication. She also mentioned that so far, aid agencies have assisted over 300,000 displaced people. While this has saved many lives, they have not been able to provide assistance to many others.

According to the CMC Humanitarian Affairs sub-committee, the current needs on the ground are shelter, household utensils, medicines, water and sanitation materials. Surveys carried out in the different states further indicate an urgent need for vehicles, food, non-food items and communication equipment. Medical personnel are also urgently needed to operate the hospitals in the counties. Water points, boreholes and reservoirs need to be restored, and there is a special need for care for unaccompanied children.

I hereby make an appeal to humanitarian agencies in above-mentioned fields of water, food, medication and non-food items to assist in providing these lacking necessities and thus alleviate the suffering caused by the conflict in South Sudan.

I personally am very grateful for the efforts undertaken by all humanitarian organisations operating in the country. These have been acting during the difficult times of war and rebuilding of our country, helping to lay the foundations for a brighter future through sustainable projects.

We very much appreciate the presence of these humanitarian organisations in our country during the current crisis, and for being there for the people of South Sudan. I therefore call upon the



*Picture: Turaley-Twic County –Warrap State*

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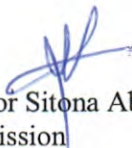


German Government, humanitarian organisations in Germany, the South Sudanese Community in Germany, concerned parties, friends, partners and institutions concerned in the areas requiring immediate attention, namely, shelter, household utensils, medicines, water, sanitation materials, food, non-food items and to respond to the urgent need of the people on the ground now suffering in order to save lives by providing the resources needed.

I thank all donors who have continued to stand by South Sudan, and hope as well, for new donors who can contribute towards a continuation of this generous support to South Sudan in 2014 and beyond.



*Picture: Displaced children in Melut County –Upper Nile State*

  
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