

SSRC DEPLOYED 240 PERSONNEL TO EBOLA PREPAREDNESS

The South Sudan Red Cross has mobilized 246 volunteers along the areas bordering Uganda. These include Nimule border point, Kajo-Keji, Kaya, Morobo, Yei and Maridi, Yambio and Juba. 28 volunteers and two community leaders in each location make up the team on this response. Trainings and refresher trainings to volunteers in these areas has been on going.

“Our focus now is community awareness. We are using our available resources (the volunteers) to immediately begin work,” said John Lobor, the Secretary General of the South Sudan Red Cross. This is in addition to training volunteers on safe and dignified burial.

On September 23, the SSRC Secretary-General, John Lobor chaired an emergency meeting on Ebola preparedness and reactivated SSRC Emergency Operations Center.

This follows outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease in Mubende district of the Republic of Uganda. SSRC had similar preparedness activities in the current areas when Ebola emerged in Democratic Republic of Congo before Corona Virus.

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SSRC Secretary-General chairs emergency meeting on Ebola Virus disease at the SSRC headquarters in Juba



SSRC EMPOWERS VULNERABLE GROUPS IN TEREKEKA

To empower and build the resilience of women, the elderly, youth groups, and people with disability, the SSRC trained 50 individuals and 15 groups on business skills and income-generating activities. The support included the provision of microeconomic initiative items, fish farming, agricultural inputs, and tools

This follows early success when the SSRC piloted Village Savings and Lending Association (VSLA) in Terekeka by training a group of women on business skills and equipping them to start their businesses.

They have now excelled and attracted more women groups. "Red Cross was the first to open our eyes. We were blind business wise but Red Cross empowered us. Most of us are now the ones feeding our families because our men do not have good work," said Mary Ruben, the Secretary of Lwoke Yi group – a group that now deals in fish

trade in Terekeka town. They have now formed an umbrella group called Wate na kita – loosely translated as women's work. Recent research on SGBV indicates that SGBV related intervention are more efficient when addressing multiple layers of vulnerability and promoting access to different services and resources.

"The livelihood interventions are ultimately envisioned to increase their resilience and provide new coping strategies to mitigate the risks of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)," said Samule Warnyang, SSRC's Terekeka Head of branch.

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A woman poses for a photo after receiving her mixed items to start up a business.



RED CROSS USES SPORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS ON SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The South Sudan Red Cross supported by Danish Red Cross, the Netherlands Red Cross and the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) is using sport activities to raise awareness on Sexual and Gender Based violence in Bor, Jonglei State. Sport activities are well attended by the youth who are in some cases perpetrators of sexual and Gender Based violence (SGBV).



SSRC awards trophies to football teams in Bor after successful completion to raise awareness of youth on SGBV

On 4 September, the SSRC branch in Bor organized a football tournament that brought together clubs in Bor town to compete under the theme “Kicking SGBV Out of Bor. Hundreds of youths attended the event. Before the match started, during half time and when the match came to end before awarding the winners, SSRC through the use of loudspeakers took the opportunity to disseminate to the youths present on what SGBV encompasses the support services available and the referral pathway.

The Head of SSRC Bor branch, James Manyok said when volunteers are sent to the villages in a house-to-house visit, they don't get the youth. “We have been sending volunteers to the villages in a house-to-house visit to engage with the communities on SGBV prevention mechanisms as well as reporting and

supporting, but they don't get the youth. So, we consulted with other stakeholders, and we found that sports can bring the youth together,” said James.

Common cases of SGBV in the area, James said, include marrying off young girls for dowry, rape, and physical assault. With intensive messaging to the communities, the cases are reducing. “The SSRC has done a lot in term of awareness on physical violence, sexual and gender-based violence, emotional violence, psychological violence, and harmful traditional practices.

A 25-year Akuol Mach Borong, who is a resident of Langbaar village at the outskirts of Bor town said there was improvement due to awareness by the South Sudan Red Cross “Girls are now being encouraged to go to schools for education which didn't exist

before. Physical violence between men and women has reduced because of awareness. Issues of intimate partner violence are also reducing because fighting amongst family members is getting lower compared to those years,” she said.

Akuol who is trained by the SSRC as Community Disaster Response Team vowed to continue campaigning against SGBV even if the Red Cross leaves the area. “In case South Sudan Red cross leaves Langbaar village tomorrow, I will continue to conduct awareness on SGBV related topics such as early/force marriage, emotional violence, physical violence, psychological violence and harmful traditional practices because the knowledge that I have acquired from South Sudan Red Cross is not only for my own consumption, but I will also transfer it to my neighbors,” Akuol emphasized.

SSRC AND KUWAIT RED CRESCENT SUPPORT FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES

The South Sudan Red Cross procured medical supplies with funding from the Kuwait Red Crescent to support flood affected areas. The supplies include anti-malarial drugs, antibiotics, pain killers and many others. The areas supported are Bor, Bentiu, Terekeka and Torit.

“The medical supplies target areas affected by floods like Bor, Bentiu, Torit and Terekeka, These medical supplies include antibiotics, anti-malaria, disinfectants, pain relievers, and dressing kits,” said Geie Daniel, SSRC Expanded Program for Immunization Coordinator.

While receiving the supplies, authorities at those areas said the supplies came at the right time. “I am happy because we have received various types of medical supplies from the South Sudan Red Cross and Kuwait Red Crescent. We will look for ways to share this consignment with other localities because some payams do not receive medicines during rainy season,” said James Lino Malou, the Commissioner of Terekeka County.

The Minister of Health of Jonglei State, Atong Kuol Manyang said the

consignment will save the lives of the people. “This medical consignment couldn’t have come at a better time because it is rainy season now and many people are sick of waterborne diseases. With this delivery, I am sure it will change the lives of many people,” said Atong Kuol Manyang the Minister of Health of Jonglei State.

In Torit, the Governor of Eastern Equatoria State, Louis Lobong Lojore said the support came at the right time. “This is a very big support and has come at a critical time when this hospital is running out of medicines,” Lobong said. He called on the South Sudan Red Cross to be an ambassador to the people of Eastern Equatoria State and of South Sudan as a whole.

The South Sudan Red Cross is auxiliary to the public authorities in the

humanitarian field and works with its Red Cross and Red Crescent partners that help the national society to be able to reach many people across the country.

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Jonglei State Minister of Health,
Atong Kuol Manyang receives
medical supplies from SSRC Bor head
of Branch





SSRC staff members, a German Red Cross delegate, and a farmer pose for a photo at a field of a supported farmer

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SSRC EMPOWERS FARMERS IN WESTERN EQUATORIA

South Sudan Red Cross is strengthening the capacity of Farmers to increase food production for both consumption and commercial purposes. It builds on the existing skills and/or interests of the target group and through multisectoral training and provision of agricultural inputs aims at making vulnerable households more resilient to the risk of food insecurity and market price fluctuations.

The newly acquired skills will enable the particular women and youth to enter the labour market and transform their negative coping strategies as well as strengthen their economic and social role.

“We selected Internally Displaced Persons, returnees, and some host communities because they are more vulnerable to hunger. We trained them and gave them agricultural inputs like tools and seeds,” said Elia Bii, the SSRC Food Security, and Livelihood officer in Yambio.

“The proceed from the farm will go to the farmers. we intend to train them to

start production of seed multiplication center in Western Equatoria,” Elia added. Meanwhile, Katie Rodriguez, a delegate for the German Red Cross who visited one of the farming sites in Saura said she was very impressed with what she saw. “This demonstrates the hard work and determination of the people of western Equatoria to eradicate hunger and poverty in South Sudan,” she said. She said the Red Cross will keep on supporting the farmers with knowledge and skills.

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Maridi, Ibba, Yambio and Tambura. South Sudan has the potential to be food sufficient if farmers are trained and peace prevails.



SSRC volunteers train community members on how to purify their water to prevent cholera

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SSRC RESPONSES TO CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN BENTIU

On 14 April 2022, the National Ministry of Health confirmed and declared a Cholera outbreak in Bentiu IDP Camp that later spread to nearby locations such as Rubkona and Bentiu town.

The SSRC's Bentiu Branch deployed Emergency Action Team - a team of well-trained volunteers to engage with the communities in Bentiu on cholera prevention and control. The volunteers carried out awareness and trained households on how to purify water and keep the household and water points clean. They also trained the public on how Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) is prepared in case any of the family members display symptoms of cholera. The volunteers are also distributing soap and Oral Rehydration Salt.

"The branch deployed trained volunteers who are tasked to carry out social mobilization with messages of prevention of cholera coupled with the

distribution of soap and oral rehydration salt to the households," said Ruai Bang, SSRC head of the Bentiu branch.

The deployed volunteers were given an orientation by the branch on how to approach the community in passing out the preventive measures, disseminating key messages about protecting oneself and the families, and conducting Cholera sessions with the group at social places like markets, waterpoints, schools, and others. The areas in which the volunteers are deployed are Bentiu IDP camp, Rubkona town, and Bentiu town. So far, the total number of households reached in response to the Cholera outbreak in Bentiu IDP camp, Rubkona and Bentiu town is approximately 5,000 households

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Approximate number of households reached in response to the Cholera outbreak in Bentiu IDP Camp, Rubkona and Bentiu town

since the response is being rolled out and still ongoing.

Cholera is an acute diarrhea illness caused by an infection of the intestine. People can get sick when they swallow food or water contaminated with cholera bacteria. The infection is often mild or without symptoms, but can sometimes be severe and life-threatening

This is the first cholera outbreak to be reported in South Sudan since the devastating cholera outbreak in 2017 that affected people with scores dead.

SSRC HOLDS FIRST NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP IN KUAJOK

The South Sudan Red Cross organized its first youth camp in the Warrap State capital of Kuajok to bring together youth from different parts of the country under the theme, youth for resilient and sustainable communities.

The camp aimed at networking, socialization, and peaceful coexistence among the youth which (camp) was used as a tool to engage the youth through activities such as tree nursery establishment, climate action awareness campaign, and to enhance youth knowledge through insightful dissemination of the youth policies and other SSRC documents. The Camp brought in about 60 youth and volunteers, from the 21 Branches of the National Society across the country and facilitators from the National Headquarters and other youth-led institutions.

“Youth are not the leaders of tomorrow only, but they are the leaders of today, one avenue by which the culture of living together can be promoted within the country is through the South Sudan Red Cross because SSRC has a network of youth volunteers everywhere in the country, said John Lobar, the Secretary General of the South Sudan Red Cross. “Our country has experienced conflict, and the social fabric is not united,

through youth being brought together from across the county, we can promote the culture of living together as south Sudanese from different communities and promote peace and peaceful coexistence, this initiative will continue as an annual event for SSRC and will be taken to different branches,” added.

On the other hand, Kuajok Branch Youth chairperson. William Wol said, the National Youth Camp should continue as a routine strategy for SSRC youth to shape and change the mindset of youth and help them embrace the unity.

At the camp, series of training sessions took place like; First Aid session, Role of youth in Climate Action awareness, mental health awareness, SGBV, Agribusiness/tree nursery establishment, dissemination on youth and volunteer policies and guidelines, quiz competition- sketch/advert on tree planting and youth policies of the SSRC and youth and volunteer work plan development.

Not only did the camp have trainings but activities too like sports, cleanup campaign, donation of wash materials to Kuajok teaching hospital, night camp fire, cultural dance competition, community service (road, market, and medical facility cleaning, House/Tukul repair), visitation to historical sites and fruit tree plantation in the public places which was launched by the deputy governor of Warrap State, and SSRC Secretary-General.

Speaking during the closing ceremony of the camp, the Deputy Governor of Warrap State. Hon Debora Odel Okech applauded the SSRC management and its partners for initiating such a program. “The national youth camp which has been organized in Warrap state is a historical event for our nation. It simplifies true meaning of unity and togetherness among the youth of South Sudan. I thank all who made this initiative to become reality, special thanks to the South Sudan Red Cross which belongs to us, this is our Red Cross,” the Deputy Governor said.



SSRC AND ICRC SUPPORT WOMEN HEADED HOUSEHOLDS IN JUBA

The South Sudan Red Cross with support from the International Committee of the Red Cross provided 700 United States dollars to thirty-six individuals in Gurei, a suburb of Juba to support their businesses through micro-economics initiatives. The individuals were mainly female-headed households.

The criteria for selection included female households, they should be bread winners in their families, have existing businesses, have a place for business and aged 18 and below 65 years, and must have a unique business. "This project is to help women become self-reliant," Abudlkarim Ali, the SSRC's Juba Branch Emergency Preparedness and Response Officer. "The project aims at women to

support themselves, and their families, and pay school fees for their children" he added.

ICRC's Economic Security Officer, Paul said this is the first of its kind. "This is the first time for both SSRC and ICRC to do micro-economic security," he said. Adding that SSRC and ICRC are expected to roll it out in other Branches.

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A group of women pose for a photo at Gurei market where they have stalls

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SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO GOT THE ASSISTANCE EXPRESSED THEIR FEELINGS

ROSE RAPHAEL YAKUBU YANGA.

I used to sell cakes and charcoal meanwhile doing my tailoring business at the same time but with the money I got from the Red Cross, I bought a new sewing machine, part of the money I used for buying material, and the rest I used for paying school fees for my children, one of my children is joining the university and the other is joining secondary school. Paying school fees is the most important thing so that the children do not stay at home.

The money helped me a lot especially paying for my children also the old sewing machine I had was weak and inefficient it used to give me hard time but the new one is good and fast.

My plan is to build this room and make it permanent because when it rains now, my business is affected.



SANTINA KEJI WANI.

When we received the support from the Red Cross, it was clear that you start some business and also improve your life which has been okay with us except for the inflation which drags us back, but I stay strong when I notice that one of the items I have taken much money from me, I change it with something else.

There is a big difference that I got from the money I received before I had one bucket but now, I have a lot of things on a big table.

CHARITY SIMON.

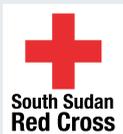
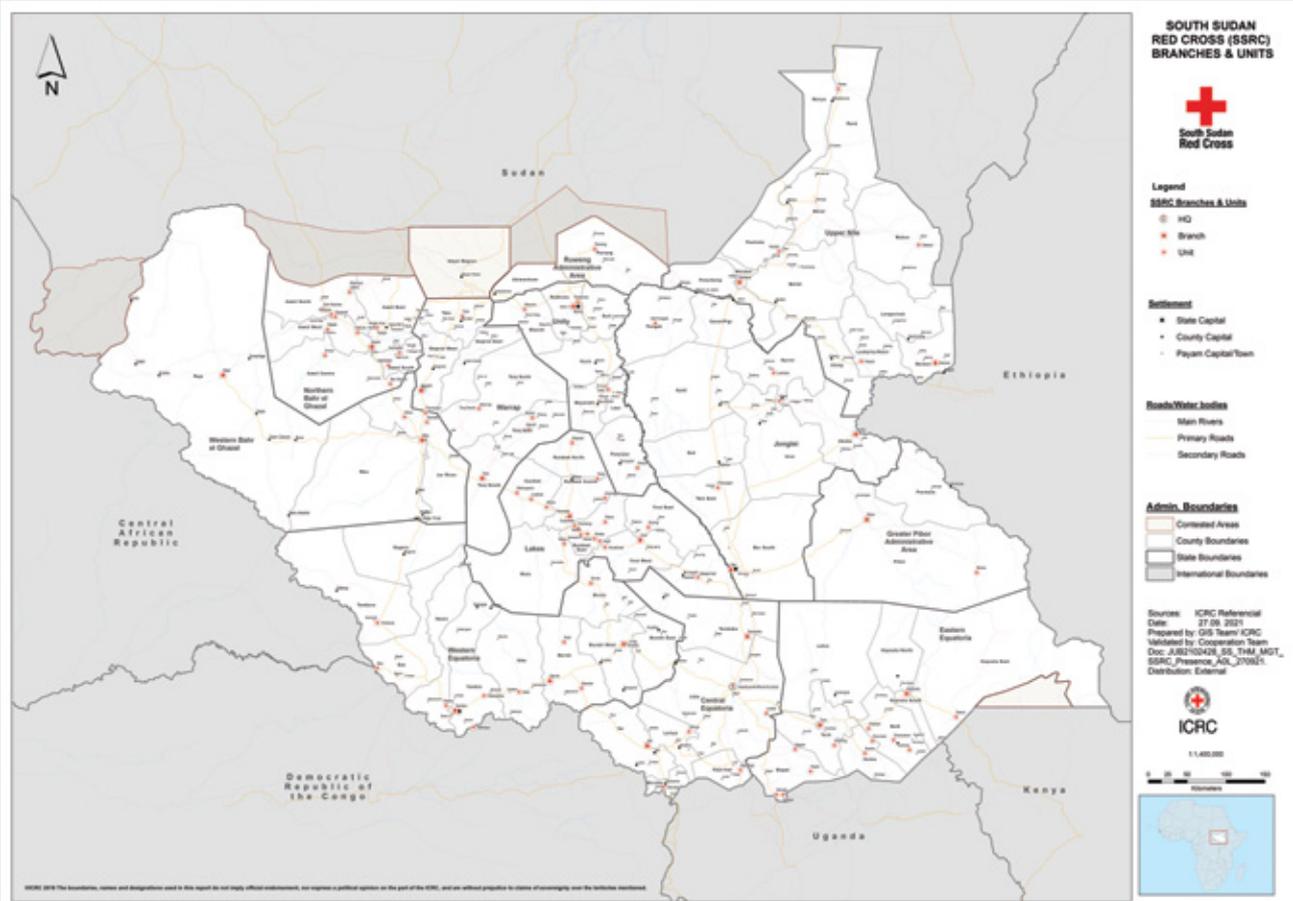
I have really grown in this business I have 7 children I pay at school; I eat from it I am the mother and the father I might not be enjoying so much from here but I'm happy that my kids go to school happy. I have progressed with what I received from the SSRC. Let the Red Cross continue with this spirit, I am glad that none of my children are staying home. I plan to open another shop at home where I will not be struggling to pay rent because here, I pay for stores fees, rent and taxes.





FLORA JUAN JOSEPH.

Since I got the money, I now stock a lot of things and I am able to send my six children to school. From here, I want to have a separate shop at home so that I do not stay here forever. I also plan to start another shop and employ some other person to work for me here at the market. Thank you so much let God add to the person who sent the money and you who follow us. Many people registered us like this, but they did not deliver. This is the first time in my life to get support from a humanitarian organization.



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