



South Sudan

International Medical Corps began working in the conflict-ridden region of southern Sudan in 1994, years before a 2011 national referendum led to Sudan's southernmost states becoming the independent country of South Sudan.

Today, we work with the government of South Sudan to strengthen local healthcare capacity across seven of the country's 10 states, supporting health facilities, including infectious disease units (IDUs), mobile clinics and nutrition centers.

International Medical Corps runs programs that provide nutrition services, services related to violence against women and girls (VAWG), mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), ensure modern water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services, and support training programs—such as our highly successful midwifery schools, which have graduated a majority of the midwives working in South Sudan today.

Following decades of war, South Sudan became independent in 2011, and remains the world's youngest country.

South Sudan continues to face a severe humanitarian crisis driven by conflict, extreme weather, disease outbreaks, economic instability and the spillover effects of the Sudan conflict. In 2026, an estimated 10 million people will require humanitarian assistance, while 7.5 million face severe food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above). Conflict, flooding and continued refugee and returnee arrivals have further strained already overstretched essential services.

WHERE WE WORK



Healthcare and Health Services Support

International Medical Corps works with the government and other partners to provide integrated health services and strengthen local healthcare systems across five states. To reach remote communities or populations isolated by natural disasters, we implement mobile healthcare services either as part of ongoing programs or in response to emergencies.

Our activities include:

- ▶ providing outpatient consultations for common communicable and noncommunicable diseases;
- ▶ providing integrated services in displacement settlements and remote areas, including facilities supported by the Ministry of Health (MoH);
- ▶ treating complications related to HIV/TB, including care for survivors of violence against women and girls;
- ▶ ensuring epidemic preparedness and response through established surveillance systems in supported health facilities;
- ▶ training healthcare workers in maternal and newborn health, the WHO's Mental Health Gap Action Programme (MhGAP), integrated disease surveillance and response, HIV/TB, and infection prevention and control;
- ▶ promoting health education and services through community health and outreach workers; and
- ▶ strengthening national and county-level Ebola preparedness by enhancing IDUs, building frontline healthcare capacity, and supporting simulation exercises, mentorship and coordination to improve early detection, isolation, case management and rapid response.



On May 15, 2026, the Democratic Republic of the Congo officially declared an outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD), later confirmed to be caused by the Bundibugyo strain. In South Sudan, we strengthened national EVD preparedness by enhancing IDUs and providing case management and infection prevention and control training to frontline health workers. We also implemented a training-of-trainers program with the National Public Health Institute, World Health Organization and other partners to establish a national pool of master trainers.



Nutrition

An estimated 3.4 million women and children in South Sudan are at risk of acute malnutrition. International Medical Corps operates treatment centers for internally displaced persons, host communities and returnees in Canal Pigi, Fashoda, Malakal, Manyo, Panyijiar and Panyikang counties.

Our activities include:

- ▶ treatment and management of wasting;
- ▶ prevention of malnutrition through maternal, infant and young-child nutrition (MIYCN) programs;
- ▶ infection prevention and control;
- ▶ information management and learning, through support of population-based SMART surveys; and
- ▶ coordination and system strengthening, through support of cluster and sub-cluster groups.

Working closely with the South Sudan's MoH and other partners, International Medical Corps delivers community-based management of acute malnutrition through integrated inpatient and outpatient services, including MIYCN.

Maternal and Child Health

South Sudan has one of the world's highest maternal mortality rates, with an estimated 692 deaths per 100,000 live births. The health system is rudimentary due to a limited number of qualified health workers, weak health infrastructure and limited access to quality maternal and newborn care. International Medical Corps supports:

- ▶ maternal and child health, including antenatal and postnatal care, immunization, emergency obstetric care and referral support;
- ▶ specialized services for high-risk pregnancies and mental health needs;
- ▶ disease prevention and treatment, care for survivors of VAWG, integrated case management for HIV/AIDS; and
- ▶ capacity building, to reduce the gap in qualified health personnel.

Building Sustainable Local Health System Capacity

South Sudan faces a critical shortage of healthcare workers, with approximately 560 doctors serving more than 12 million people. Similar shortages exist among nurses, midwives and other paramedical staff, limiting access to essential services. To address this, we strengthen the health system by providing training programs for health workers. Since 2008, we have supported health workforce development, including co-managing midwifery schools aligned with International Confederation of Midwives standards. We currently



co-manage the Health Sciences Institutes in Malakal and Wau, provide on-the-job and virtual training to strengthen Health Management Information Systems, and partner with the MoH, state ministries of health and county health departments to build sustainable healthcare capacity.

Violence Against Women and Girls

VAWG is an endemic problem in South Sudan, exacerbated by ongoing conflict and chronic displacement. Our programs are tailored to support and empower women and girls, as they are most affected by abuse and violence, and face risks during and after armed conflict and natural disasters. We strengthen core services for women and girls in Jonglei, Unity, Upper Nile and Western Bahr el Ghazal states, including survivor-centered case management, counseling and psychosocial support to enhance healing and recovery, as well as emergency cash to survivors to facilitate the case management process. We operate service points where women and girls can access psychosocial support, life-skills activities, referrals and community engagement. We also train local leaders and establish women's management committees to strengthen ownership and sustainability.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

An estimated 6.8 million people require WASH services in South Sudan. We support internally displaced persons, host communities and returnees in Canal Pigi, Malakal and Renk by improving access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene while strengthening infection prevention and control.

Our activities include:

- ▶ implementing waste management in targeted health facilities, including handwashing stations, handwashing buckets and soap;
- ▶ adhering to infection prevention and control protocols;
- ▶ providing hygiene and sanitation messages; and
- ▶ constructing and rehabilitating gender-segregated latrines.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

Mental health services in South Sudan remain limited due to a shortage of mental health professionals and inadequate supplies of psychotropic medication. International Medical Corps provides



evidence-based MHPSS for people with mental, neurological and substance-use conditions in Jonglei and Upper Nile through awareness, psychoeducation, screening, case management, referrals, and policy support as co-chair of the national MHPSS Technical Working Group.

Partnerships

International Medical Corps works closely with government institutions, donors, national and international NGOs and community organizations to maximize programmatic impact while strengthening local partner capacity and promoting sustainable interventions.



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A pre-eminent first responder since 1984, International Medical Corps delivers emergency medical and related services to those affected by conflict, disaster and disease, no matter where they are, no matter what the conditions. We also train people in their communities, providing them with the skills they need to recover, chart their own path to self-reliance and become effective first responders themselves.

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