

Frontline *Action*



WCF combats hunger crisis in South Sudan as Violent conflicts push food insecurity to highest levels

*Helping Children in a
World of Need*

South Sudan continues to suffer one of the most serious humanitarian crises in the world as civil war ravages the country. Nearly two-thirds of the population, up to 7 million people, are facing famine conditions and need sustained humanitarian assistance, according to three United Nations agencies.

World Children's Fund is aiding the emergency with an on-going feeding and nutrition programme that identifies and treats acute malnutrition in children under the age of five and women who are pregnant or breast feeding.

WCF supported programmes target about 340,000 people. WCF supports the operational costs of the stabilization centres and outpatient treatment sites.



“This is a growing tragedy that cannot be ignored.”

Currently, more than ten thousand children, under the age of five, are being screened each quarter for signs of acute malnutrition. Those with severe acute malnutrition who do not have other medical issues are enrolled in a feeding programme at one of the out-patient sites. Children and infants who no longer have an appetite and are suffering from both acute malnutrition as well as other medical complications begin receiving immediate, life-saving measures at one of the stabilization centres. Each quarter, more than five thousand pregnant or lactating women are also being screened.

Nyajima and Pouk are two of the acutely malnourished children who have been screened and identified recently by the programme. They are both being successfully treated through the WCF supported initiative.

Nyajima, 13-months old, weighed only 5.5 kg when admitted to the programme. According to Nyajima's mother, they had been surviving by eating mostly wild fruits. Both mother and child were admitted to a stabilization centre, where they began receiving quality nutrition and medical management. Both were transferred to the outpatient therapeutic

