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Emergency response, development and peace initiatives for flood affected IDPs, Refugees and affected communities in South Sudan.

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Reporting Schedule

Type of Report	Due date
Situation report	10 April 2025
	First SitRep due
	quarterly
Interim Report (narrative and financial)	10 January 2026
Final narrative and financial report (60 days after the	10 February 2027
ending date)	
Audit report	10 March 2027
(90 days after the ending date)	

Please kindly send your contributions to either of the following ACT bank accounts:

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Account Name: ACT Alliance

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Please send an email to Humanitarian Team (<u>humanitarianfinance@actalliance.org</u>) of pledges and contributions, including funds sent directly to the requesting members. Please also inform us of any pledges or contributions if there are any contract agreements and requirements especially from back donors. In line with Grand Bargain commitments to reduce the earmarking of humanitarian funding, if you have an earmarking request in relation to your pledge, a member of the Secretariat's Humanitarian team will contact you to discuss this request. We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

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BACKGROUND

Context and Needs

South Sudan has been in a protracted crisis characterized by recurrent natural disasters, conflict, food shortages and a breakdown of livelihoods for several years. Currently South Sudan is experiencing severe catastrophic flooding across the country, caused by torrential rains and rising water levels around Lake Victoria, one of Africa's Great East Africa Lakes. The heavy rain around Lake Victora has brought a significant flow of water downstream towards South Sudan. This coupled with heavy rainfall across South Sudan has resulted in massive, large-scale flooding. The floods in South Sudan have generated excess water that has caused a wide swampy flooded area along the river Nile path, causing severe flooded plains passing through the Sudd region of South Sudan and several other parts of the country.

The floods have caused widespread devastation and affected key infrastructure; causing submerged roads, disrupted education and health services and increased the risk of diseases.

Many South Sudanese families have lost their homes and assets and more than half a million Sudanese refugees and returnees from South Sudan are also affected (<u>BBC</u>). The affected are currently seeking refuge on higher ground where there is restricted physical access.

According to UNOCHA, flooding has affected 1.4 million people (OCHA, 15, November 2024) spread across 22 counties including Abyei. On 3rd October 2024, the South Sudan Council of Ministers endorsed the declaration of a state of emergency in flood affected States (<u>OCHA</u>). The <u>government</u> of South Sudan has committed USD 76 million (28% of the total amount needed) for immediate mitigation and flood preparedness actions.

Effects of Flooding

The floods have destroyed vital infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and other communication network. This in some areas has isolated flood affected populations, making it difficult for humanitarian agencies to access the affected communities.

Supply Routes

The heavy rainfall and flooding have rendered 15 key supply routes impassable, restricting physical access and preventing access to essential public services and commodities. The delivery of essential humanitarian support to those who have fled to higher ground is also affected (<u>BBC</u>).

Health

There has been a substantial rise in cholera cases due to limited access to clean water and sanitation. Stagnant waters have bred malaria causing mosquitoes, further worsening vulnerabilities among the flood affected communities, internally displaced persons and refugees.

Severe flooding has compounded the health crisis in South Sudan. The World Health Organization (<u>WHO</u>) in coordination with other partner organizations, continues to monitor the health impacts of floods in South Sudan with a focus on preventing vector and water borne diseases. Within the affected states the World Health Organization is also coordinating the flood response to ensure emergency health assistance reaches the people in need.

Food Security, Livelihoods and Shelter

The floods have devastated farmlands and destroyed crops. The floods have destroyed people's homes and disrupted livelihoods and supply chains, hindering access to markets and services. Flooding combined with conflict could result in famine in early 2025 (<u>Save the Children</u>).

Need Assessments

An inter agency rapid needs assessment that consulted communities in Aweil East and Aweil South in Northern Bahr el Ghazal State, found that essential services are disrupted by the floods, with fiftyeight health facilities, 103 water points and 127 schools damaged. Over 53,100 farmers and cattle keepers lost crops and livestock. In Unity State, a rapid needs assessment in Koch County heavy rains submerged classrooms in 11 schools in Ganyiel.¹

The needs assessments conducted recommend a pressing necessity to provide immediate lifesaving help to the affected communities, internally displaced persons and refugees.

To minimize loss of lives and to ensure that the needs of vulnerable persons are met there is a recommendation to provide food, safe drinking water, shelter and basic non-food items (Shelter & NFIs).

There is also a need to restore of food security and livelihood activities; provide early recovery support and restore health, nutrition and education services (EiE) while creating a peaceful co-existence among affected persons.

Protection through awareness raising, psychosocial support and Gender Based Violence initiatives are also important for women and girls and other vulnerable groups in displaced camps.

Ability to respond.

The ACT South Sudan Forum (ASSF) is an active, cohesive, dynamic, and vibrant ACT forum consisting of 12 international members and 1 national member. ACT South Sudan forum members have a long history of responding to emergencies and successfully implemented ACT Appeals through their technical humanitarian experts and empowered implementing partners. The six requesting members have worked in South Sudan for decades in emergency, early recovery, resilience building and livelihood programs in addition to development and peace programs.

ACTs South Sudan forum members are also actively involved and engage in various UN cluster systems, NGO forums, government line departments, Civil Society Organizations; local authorities and local community leadership structures in various geographical locations in South Sudan. ACT South Sudan forums members have in the past also took part in humanitarian pool funds, and some members are also able to fundraise internally to this response.

1.The **Lutheran World Federation** implements its project directly and has had presence in South Sudan dating back to 1970. LWF works in Twic East, Bor South and Duk Counties where they enjoy a high level of acceptance from the local communities and authorities. LWF staff have local knowledge and experience of the South Sudan context.

LWF chairs several humanitarian coordination meetings and takes part in state level monthly coordination meetings on Shelter, NFI, Livelihoods, Food Security and Education clusters.

LWF has extensive experience in cash-based emergency response and other long-term projects on peace building, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), WASH, and education (EiE) among host communities, IDPs and refugees.

¹ https://reliefweb.int/report/south-sudan/south-sudan-flooding-situation-flash-update-no-4-18-september-2024



2. Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) started operations in South Sudan in 1972 and has an active presence in Eastern Equatoria State, Warrap State, Greater Bhar Ghazal, Greater Pibor Administrative Area and Upper Nile State. Currently NCA works both directly and with local and church organizations on humanitarian and long-term development programs. NCA has a national peacebuilding and advocacy program and NCA's main competence is in the sectors of WASH, Shelter, and Gender Based Violence (Protection) to communities, internally displaced persons, and refugees.

3.Presbyterian Relief and Development Agency (PRDA) is a national nongovernmental organization that has been operating in South Sudan since 1993. PRDA has experience in emergency programs and has extensive experience on WASH, livelihoods and peace building initiatives among other sectors.

4.Finn Church Aid (FCA) has been implementing food security and livelihood projects in South Sudan since 2010. FCA is an active member of the Food Security & Livelihoods Cluster and Cash Working Group (CWG) at both national and sub-national levels. FCA has previously implemented several projects in the past and has been operating in hard-to-reach locations of Jonglei, Lakes, Upper Nile, and Central Equatoria States. The organization has extensive experience in implementing food security and livelihoods interventions, with strong and long-standing working relations with local partners, UN, International Government Organizations (INGOs), Civil Based Organizations (CBOs) and State and local governments in the area. Finn Church Aid is also a global partner of the Food Security Cluster and the Cash Learning Partnership (CALP). FCA has regional and global experts on "Right to Livelihoods" who will support this intervention regularly through online portals. The organization's unwavering commitment to the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) on Quality and Accountability will ensure that this response is appropriate and relevant to the needs of targeted project right holders.

5. Christian Aid South Sudan and local partners have been implementing emergency and development programs in South Sudan for several years, including ACT Alliance Appeals. Christian Aid works in Jonglei, Unity and Upper Nile States. Christian Aid has built a contextual understanding of communities in South Sudan and has understood community dynamics over time, aiding to maintain a good relationship with affected communities, local authorities, and churches. Christian Aid through its partners have been participating in several humanitarian clusters including Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL), WASH, Health, Protection and Shelter and non-food item clusters. Christian Aid and local partners successfully participated in the Humanitarian Response in 2021, and Christian Aid hopes to cover the unmet gaps using possible funding from South Sudan Humanitarian Fund if successful.

6.Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH) supports people, who have been affected by natural disasters, armed conflict, and displacement and who are unable to cope on their own during an emergency, in which they find themselves. DKH helps people in great need – worldwide, regardless of their colour, religion, and nationality. Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (hereafter also referred to as DKH) has been an integral part of the humanitarian interventions in South Sudan for over 31 years. With operations across various parts of the world. DKH's Vision is 'Dignity in Focus-localized humanitarian assistance' and the Mission is 'To restore the life and hopes of people in dignity. DKH works through local partners and together they invest in preparedness, response, and resilience. The Strategic focus for DKH South Sudan that also aligns to DKH Global strategy are Protection & Psychosocial Support, Food Security, Livelihoods & Markets, Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Change Impact Mitigation, Partnership & Networks, Conflict, Crisis & Nexus, Digitalization. The Geographical focus is Upper Nile, Jonglei, Greater Pibor Administrative Area, Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria States.



RESPONSE STRATEGY

The **Results Framework** is annexed to this appeal proposal

The six requesting members in this appeal will contribute to the overall response strategy using a humanitarian-development-peace nexus approach over 24 months. The approach will link relief, rehabilitation, and development by mitigating vulnerabilities and promoting peace and sustainable development, ensuring protection and well-being of affected population including internally displaced persons and Sudan refugees. Each requesting member will contribute to the overall response strategy by responding to the unmet needs among target populations in their areas of operation. Members' response will build this response on learnings from earlier and ongoing response work.

The majority of the target areas will be in the same geographic areas the members are working in and will target flood affected internally displaced persons, host communities and refugees through emergency, development and peace initiatives.

DKH and PRDA will engage in peace building and community engagement while FCA and DKH will engage in livelihood support. PRDA, LWF, DKH and FCA will engage affected communities in food Security activities while PRDA, LWF and DKH will support affected communities to be more prepared and resilience to flooding and other emergencies to support affected communities to mitigate future risks.

In this response, PRDA and LWF will provide education services through Education (EiE) while PRDA, NCA, DKH will engage in gender and protection initiatives among displaced persons and refugee communities.

NCA and LWF will improve access to safe water and improve hygienic practices of the internally displaced and refugee populations by building latrines and rehabilitating broken boreholes.

Cash initiatives will be conducted by NCA for GBV protection support and CA will have cash transfer to support affected households to retore their livelihoods. LWF will provide conditional cash for food, shelter, and Household items and DKH will provide cash to support reconstruction of dikes to enhance preparedness and prevent future floods.

Exit strategy.

ACT South Sudan forum members will begin working on the exit plan by building local government's capacity from the initial start to resume its obligations towards the population and avoid communities' dependence of aid.

ACT South Sudan members will consult with partners and stakeholders regularly and communicate constantly with communities receiving support so that targeted communities may be prepared for their exit.

To exit, members will build the ability of various community groups and leadership structures by actively engaging them throughout the project cycle to build project sustainability and provide a smooth project exit strategy.

During resilience building and livelihood initiatives, ACT SSD forum members will support communities to become more self-reliant and to reduce their dependence on relief support by helping communities to be strong and build / strengthen community coping mechanisms for upcoming emergencies. The DRR, resilience and livelihood activities will be aimed at enhancing recovery and long-term sustainability.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Implementation Approach

This project will take a nexus approach incorporating humanitarian-development-peace initiatives (HDP) as South Sudan faces recurrent food and nutrition crisis fueled by structural factors such as the impact of climate change, on agro pastoral production, poverty, and difficulty in accessing basic services such as health and education.

The situation is being exacerbated and continues to deteriorate due to conflict and soaring inflation despite a wide range of responses by government and partners.

The Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus plans to respond more effectively to the flood crisis currently experienced in South Sudan. This approach aims to provide sustainable structural responses to the flood crisis in the current South Sudan context exacerbated by conflict and other security tensions.

Humanitarian response work within the appeal is designed to ensure the coordination of emergency flood responses in reducing morbidity and mortality by providing lifesaving food aid and cash transfer.

Development work will promote sustainable actions to improve living conditions by improving a sustained access to safe water and hygiene through rehabilitation of boreholes, building latrines, and improving access to basic education by establishment of temporary learning spaces and providing scholastic and dignity kits to children.

The peace component will support intercommunity dialogue to promote social cohesion and anticipate and prevent conflict through peace workshops among faith and community leaders and engaging communities in peace dialogues.

The nexus approach (humanitarian-development-peace) process will take five key stages starting with identifying leaders, selecting project right holders, fostering participation strategies, knowledge partnerships and encouraging contribution to ensure ownership and sustainability.

There will be a strong collaboration with local leaders (women, youth, and various committees) to facilitate an open and transparent beneficiary choice and active participation.

Within the appeal period NCA, FCA, LWF and PRDA will directly implement the project while Christian Aid and DKH will work with local partners.

Faith based actors and traditional leaders will contribute to the design and implementation of project activities, to foster local ownership and sustainability.

The inclusion of approaches and practices that have been proven to be effective evidence-based approaches, such as cash and voucher assistance will build on lessons from similar earlier contexts and activities. For members with current responses, this project will complement the ongoing activities and members will refer unmet needs to other actors during sector coordination meetings. Cash transfers will be based on cash working group recommended modes and amounts and food aid distributed will be based on NutVal standard calculations in line with international standards. Cash and food distributions will be facilitated by community food distribution committees. The members will be drawn from a wide range of community groups together with local authorities to foster transparency and accountability through selection of the most affected persons.

Other project sectors will follow recommendations from working groups or government line ministries.

Mainstreaming gender among communities and marginalized groups (Refugees)

In South Sudan, women have shown notable resilience and leadership and have been found to be agents of change. In this project, women will be engaged as peace builders, civil society actors and women will be encouraged to take various leadership roles(<u>UNDP</u>). To achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, this project will ensure full, equal, and meaningful participation of women and girls in all their diversity.

In South Sudan, the role of women and other marginalized groups has been interrupted due to frequent occurrence of natural disasters and situations of conflict that have resulted in displacement and human right violations. The project will prevent and protect gender-based violence against women and girls especially in IDP and refugee camps.

Implementation Arrangements

The intervention will focus on immediate lifesaving/peace building actions during the first six months when targeted persons are still displaced then build into development /longer term resilience building/ DRR and livelihood approaches gradually.

DKH and PRDA will engage in **peace building** and **community engagement** especially focussing on crowded or temporary shelters. Displacement has exacerbated violence, including domestic violence and sexual harassment. Measures to ensure the safety of vulnerable groups including women, children and the elderly will be vital especially at displacement camps. Conflicts often arise over scarce resources (e.g., water, land, and shelter) and peace building interventions will ensure fair resource mobilization and support to resolve tensions between host communities, internally displaced persons, and refugees.

Psychosocial support (PSS) / Mental health psychosocial support (**MHPSS**) and community based psychosocial support (**CBPS**) sessions will be conducted to ensure a comprehensive recovery of individuals and communities after the flood crisis, fostering resilience and promoting mental health and social cohesion. Psychosocial support will address the emotional and social dimensions of the affected and support a holistic support of the humanitarian and development interventions, making them more effective. By integrating PSS into everyday programming, the project will create healthier, more resilient communities with improved well-being.

FCA and DKH will engage in **livelihood** support while PRDA, LWF, DKH and FCA will engage affected communities in **food Security** activities (using cash or food distribution).

Affected communities, refugees, and returnees (from Sudan) will be included and the local committee that will establish the selection criteria. Some of the criteria will include host communities, IDPS, returnees and various other group representatives for example women, youth, disabled and the various ethnic groups represented.

Criteria for selection will include but not be limited to households that have lost family assets, crops on flooded farmland and household items and those who have not been left with no alternative income sources.

Children headed households (age below 17) will be supported, vulnerable pregnant and lactating women and households with children under 2 years. People with disabilities and those having chronic illness requiring full time care will also be targeted.

Food security activities will include training on modern farming and fishing, and this will be accompanied with the distribution of farming / fishing tools and agricultural seeds/tools.

PRDA, LWF and DKH will support affected communities to be more prepared and resilience to flooding and other emergencies as a support to enable affected communities to mitigate future risks through training of community-based disaster risk reduction committees, dyke repair, leader's sessions on preparedness and prevention and training on mechanized farming.

PRDA, NCA, DKH will engage in **gender and protection** initiatives among displaced persons and refugee communities.

PRDA and LWF will engage in **Education** (EiE) and will establish temporary learning spaces with gender segregated latrines, hand washing facilities and hygiene kits in selected school sites. The schools will be supported with teaching and learning materials. Teachers and parents' association and school management will be trained on psychosocial support, and this is aimed at promoting the psychosocial and emotional well-being of displaced and refugee children and youth affected by floods.

NCA and LWF will improve access to **safe water** and improve hygienic practices of the displaced and refugee populations by building latrines and rehabilitating broken boreholes. A management committee to govern the borehole will be trained. Various community level WASH interventions will improve hygiene and sanitation practices, provide facilities, and raise awareness about water borne diseases such as diarrhoea, cholera and typhoid and malaria prevention.

NCA and CA will support flood affected persons with **cash support** for GBV protection. Gender based violence awareness will be prioritized as a preventive measure to protect women and girls among communities and within institutions of learning.

LWF will provide conditional cash for food, shelter (repair) and for purchasing Non-Food household Items. DKH will provide cash to support reconstruction of dykes' repair under preparedness, prevention, and cash to support affected persons to regain their livelihood activities.

Members response will build this response on learnings from an ongoing cash or other programs in the areas of food security and livelihoods programs implemented in various locations.

		Appeal Total	NCA	LWF	PRDA	FCA	DKH	CAID
Dire	ect Costs	2,612,799	461,876	412,947	425,880	415,989	421,050	475,057
1	Project Staff	516,462	34,776	78,519	99,840	75,600	91,550	136,177
1.1	Appeal Lead	25,008	15,000	-	-	-	-	10,008
1.2	International Staff	43,128	7,824	6,504	28,800	-	-	-
1.3	National Staff	448,326	11,952	72,015	71,040	75,600	91,550	126,169
2	Project Activities	1,739,746	348,600	258,646	305,240	314,360	230,500	282,400
2.1	Public Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.2	Community Engagement	85,400	-	-	-	65,400	20,000	-
2.3	Preparedness and Prevention	179,001	-	18,501	6,000	-	154,500	-
2.4	WASH	222,620	162,000	60,620	-	- [-	-
2.5	Livelihood	322,120	-	-	-	70,220	29,000	222,90
2.6	Education	128,800	-	44,800	84,000	-	-	-
2.7	Shelter and Household items	25,250	-	25,250	-	-	-	-
2.8	Food Security	449,965	-	90,625	174,240	173,100	12,000	-
2.9	MHPSS and Community Psycho-social	69,950	42,600	18,850	-	-	-	8,50
2.10	Gender	218,640	144,000	-	15,000	2,640	15,000	42,00
2.11	Engagement with Faith Leaders	9,000	-	-	9,000	-	-	-
2.12	Advocacy	29,000	-	-	17,000	3,000	-	9,00
3	Project Implementation	61,720	2,000	8,320	5,000	-	28,000	18,40
3.1.	Forum Coordination	45,000	2,000	1,600	3,000	-	28,000	10,40
3.2.	Capacity Development	16,720	-	6,720	2,000	-	-	8,00
4	Quality and Accountability	92,813	9,000	23,313	6,000	-	40,000	14,50
5	Logistics	187,822	67,000	39,813	9,800	25,709	23,100	22,40
6	Assets and Equipment	14,237	500	4,337	-	320	7,900	1,18
Indi	rect Costs	332,443	28,160	75,742	74,500	74,011	52,850	27,180
Staff \$	Salaries	166,650	2,000	52,134	37,300	53,155	8,250	13,81
Office	Operations	165,794	26,160	23,608	37,200	20,856	44,600	13,37
Гota	I Expenditure	2,945,242	490,036	488,689	500,380	490,000	473,900	502,23
CT S	Secretariat Management Costs (2%)	58,905	9,801	9,774	10,008	9,800	9,478	10,04
Гota	I Expenditure + SMC	3.004.147	499.837	498.463	510,388	499,800	483,378	512,28

Project Consolidated Budget

Project Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

ACT South Sudan members will monitor the project activities as per the results framework by collecting information using various and data collection tools. The data will be used to track and sort disaggregated data by gender, nationality, and age group. The appeal activities will be

monitored against project level indicators at the output and outcome levels and remote monitoring and follow up may be made in areas that are insecure. Using the results framework, members will track project performance, identify results and learnings associated with the projects.

A joint monitoring plan with ACT Secretariat will be established within 2 weeks of publishing the appeal and this plan will be aligned with the requesting members M&E plans. It is planned for the ACT Secretariat from Nairobi Regional office will conduct a monitoring visit (subject to security clearance and access) to the appeal project locations.

Data will be collected monthly or quarterly through beneficiary lists, key informant interviews, focus group discussions, monitoring reports, attendance registers, training reports and documentation of success stories, best practices and lessons learnt. A learning event is planned at the end of the appeal period.

Safety and Security plans

South Sudan is a country that has faced years of conflict, displacement, and fragile governance. The country continues to experience localized conflicts and violence particularly in states like Unity, Jonglei and Upper Nile. These conflicts often involve ethnic groups and armed factions, which can lead to the targeting of humanitarian conveys or aid works.

The security situation in flood affected areas is unpredictable with potential threats from both armed groups and militia. Risk to humanitarian access to armed groups may block or divert aid, either for political leverage or as part of a broader conflict strategy.

Banditry and criminal activities are still challenges in the country due to extreme poverty conditions, inflation /economic hardship, and instability. There is an increased risk of theft, hijacking of humanitarian convoys and attacks on staff.

Inter-communal tensions particularly those where displacement is high exist and floods can exacerbate existing tensions between different ethnic or community groups. Displaced persons seeking shelter or aid may be caught in disputes over resources, such as land, water, or food resources.

Christian Aid, NCA, FCA, LWF, DKH and PRDA staff have country safety and security plans with Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Project staff have undergone security training. The forum security focal points undertake continuous joint risk assessments, performs security management checks and cross checks if protocols are followed.

The safety and security plans have contingency plans that require that staff adhere to, and each organization offers continuous communication on safety and security plans to its staff and these plans integrate localized security information.

Key risk prevention and mitigation measures are often put in place and security focal points constantly update conflict and Do No Harm analysis during critical times.

For example, for cash distribution, a risk analysis will be conducted with county level actors to ensure households are protected at distribution points and on their return. In addition, when cash distribution is conducted, often members will use a third party to transport and distribute cash. Due to the unstable security environment, there may be restrictions on travel to certain areas. ACT will work closely with local authorities, UN agencies and security forces to obtain permits and ensure that staff can move safely within insecure flood affected areas.

PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY

Does the proposed response honour ACT's commitment to safeguarding including PSEA? All staff and volunteers of requesting members, particularly those involved with the response, will be required to sign the requesting members' Code of Conduct. If you do not have one, members can use <u>ACT's Code of Conduct</u>. Yes 🛛 🗌 No

As ACT Alliance secretariat is CHS certified, ACT appeals will be implemented with adherence to CHS commitments.

Code of Conduct

ACT South Sudan staff members are trained, and signatories to the Code of Conduct. In addition, staff implementing the project will receive regular orientation on the Code of Conduct during the project period.

Targeted communities will be encouraged to use the already set-up feedback or response mechanisms to address grievances against staff if any. In all aspects of delivering the project work, members will ensure that protection measures are in place to ensure that children are safe guarded, and there are no cases of sexual exploitation and abuse, misconduct, fraud, exploitation, discrimination, or corruption.

Safeguarding

All requesting members have subscribed to ACT global safeguarding policy and each will promote the safety and wellbeing of everyone involved in the delivery and receipt of humanitarian support, development, and peace initiatives. (community members, staff, service providers among others) that may be involved during the project implementation.

Specific measures for children

Members recognise that all children have equal rights to protection from harm and exploitation, and that some children such as those with disability are vulnerable especially when living in areas impacted by disasters. Members will promote equal treatment of children, irrespective of gender, nationality, or ethnic origin, religious or political beliefs, age, or other markers. Members will ensure that any decision concerning or potentially impacting the well-being of children will be taken according to the best interest of the child.

Safeguarding others

Each member will protect other persons from all forms of harm, including sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment. Members will ensure that no harm is done to communities and individuals with whom they are in contact. Members will ensure clear communication to staff, volunteers or service providers on expected behavior and ensuring safe working environments. Members will also show genuine commitment to safeguarding and preventing cases of abuse from happening which may tarnish the reputation of ACT Alliance and its partner organizations. Members will show genuine commitment to safeguarding and preventing cases of abuse from happening.

For example, all staff and others will behave appropriately towards children., staff will never abuse the position of trust that comes with their position, staff will be aware of and respond appropriately to issues of child abuse and sexual exploitation of children among other measures put in place to ensure that commitments are integrated withing the project.

Conflict sensitivity / do no harm.

Analysis

Community structures like water points, schools and markets are crucial in connecting host communities, IDPs and returnees, but they may also become sources of tension among the same groups, tribes, and families as each compete for the same resource. In addition, humanitarian support in the form of in-kind distributions, cash distribution, livelihood inputs may be sources of division and have historically led to conflict (loss of life, abduction of women and children) among other atrocities.

Before any activity is conducted, a thorough analysis of potential sources of division and conflict will be conducted and Response.

Peacebuilding and social cohesion efforts will prevent conflict and encourage peaceful coexistence. Community leaders will be involved in selection of beneficiaries to avoid causing harm during beneficiary selection.

Complaints mechanism and feedback

ACT South Sudan SSD 241 requesting members have trained their staff on complaint and feedback mechanisms and each member has a well-established complaints and feedback mechanism in place to ensure that all participants and stakeholders are informed about all the activities taking place. Community based complaints and feedback response mechanisms (CBCM) will provide opportunities to provide feedback from community members.

The members will approach accountability in a proactive and reactive way and will look for the most appropriate and culturally appropriate way to open lines of communication for example by sharing information during project launch/inception workshops and seeking other appropriate means to facilitate participation and openness.

To ensure the full participation of host communities, IDPs and refugees, consultative planning with all the groups will take place before selection of project right holders and location of activities. Regular reviews will be organized to provide an opportunity to receive feedback from community leaders, women, youth, persons living with disability and other disadvantaged groups. To encourage women to provide feedback on the project, men and women feedback sessions will be done separately to encourage women to talk freely without feeling intimidated.

Communication and visibility

Members in the appeal will follow ACT communication policy to ensure appropriate branding of ACT Alliance. To improve visibility, ACT logo will accompany the requesting members logo during ecumenical and other networking meetings at state and national levels.



Annexes

Annex 1 – Summary Table

	Lutheran World Federation								DKH			
Start Date	9 December 2024					ecember 2024		9 December 2024				
End Date	10 December 2026					December 2026			10 C	ecember 2026		
Project Period (in months)		24	l mont	hs		24	l mont	hs		24	mont	hs
Response Locations	Jonglei State (Twic East, Bor South &Duk)					•	, Warrap, Greater e, Greater Pibor	A	Upper Nile, Jonglei, Grader Pibor Administrative Area, Central Equatorial, Eastern Equatoria State			
Sectors of	Ì											
response		Public Health		Shelter and household items		Public Health		Shelter and household items		Public Health		Shelter and household items
		Community Engagement		Food Security		Community Engagement		Food Security		Community Engagement		Food Security
		Preparedness and Prevention		MHPSS and Community Psycho-social		Preparedness and Prevention		MHPSS and Community Psycho-social		Preparedness and Prevention		MHPSS and Community Psycho-social
		WASH		Gender		WASH		Gender		WASH		Gender
		Livelihood		Engagement with Faith and Religious leaders and institutions		Livelihood		Engagement with Faith and Religious leaders and institutions		Livelihood		Engagement with Faith and Religious leaders and institutions
		Education		Advocacy		Education		Advocacy		Education		Advocacy
Targeted Recipients (per sector)	Preparedness, WASH, Education, Shelter, Food Security, MHPSS					WASH, MHPSS, Gender				Community Engagement, Preparedness, Livelihood, Food Security, Gender, Engagement with Faith leaders.		



Requested budget (USD)	USD	498,463			USD 499,837					USD 483,378			
	PRDA							Christian Aid					
Start Date	9 De	ecember 2024			9 De	ecember 2024			9 De	cember 2024			
End Date	10 D	ecember 2026			10 D	ecember 2026			10 D	ecember 2026			
Project Period (in months)		24	l mont	hs	Jon	glei, Lakes, Upp	er Nile	, Central Equatoria					
Response Locations	Jonglei State (Twic East, Bor South &Duk), Malakal, Renk, Pochalla, Pibor						er Nile State.	, Central Equatoria	Jonglei, Unity, Upper Nile, Ayod, Fangakin Jonglei, Bentiu, Rubkona, Mayendit and Leer in Unity State.				
Sectors of response		Public Health		Shelter and household items		Public Health		Shelter and household items		Public Health		Shelter and household items	
		Community Engagement		Food Security		Community Engagement		Food Security		Community Engagement		Food Security	
		Preparedness and Prevention		MHPSS and Community Psycho-social		Preparedness and Prevention		MHPSS and Community Psycho-social		Preparedness and Prevention		MHPSS and Community Psycho-social	
		WASH		Gender		WASH		Gender		WASH		Gender	
		Livelihood		Engagement with Faith and Religious leaders and institutions		Livelihood		Engagement with Faith and Religious leaders and institutions		Livelihood		Engagement with Faith and Religious leaders and institutions	
		Education		Advocacy		Education		Advocacy		Education		Advocacy	
Targeted Recipients (per sector)	Preparedness, Education, Food Security, Gender, Engagement with Faith leaders, Advocacy				Community Engagement Livelihood, Food Security, Gender.					Livelihood, MHPSS, Engagement with faith leaders, gender, advocacy			
Requested budget (USD)	USD	510,388			USD	499,800			USD	512,282			



Annex 2 – Security Risk Assessment

Principal Threats:

Threat 1: Floods

Threat 2: Inter communal Clashes.

Threat 3: Political Violence/ Instability

Threat 4: Economic hardship / monetary inflation

Threat 5: Armed Robbery

Place the above listed threats in the appropriate corresponding box in the table below. For more information on how to fill out this table please see the ACT Alliance Security Risk Assessment Tool (<u>http://actalliance.org/documents/act-alliance-security-risk-assessment-tool/</u>)

Impact	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Severe	Critical
Probability					
Very likely	Low	Medium	High	Very high	Very high
Floods					
Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	Very high
Inter					
communal					
clashes					
Moderately	Very low	Low	Medium	High	High
likely					
Economic					
Hardship					
Unlikely	Very low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
Political					
Instability					
Very unlikely	Very low	Very low	Very low	Low	Low
Armed					
Robbery					