



#### Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable populations to food crises and climate stresses in South Sudan

**PROJECT CODE**

OSRO/SSD/105/EC

**RESOURCE PARTNER**

European Union

**CONTRIBUTION**

EUR 4 million (USD 4 854 368)

**IMPLEMENTATION**

01/08/2021–31/07/2023

**TARGET AREA**

South Sudan

**BENEFICIARIES**

1 521 government, United Nations (UN) and non-governmental organization (NGO) staff

**KEY PARTNERS**

Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management, National Bureau of Statistics and Ministry of Health

### Objective

To improve food security and nutrition governance and crisis preparedness through evidence-based policymaking, early warning, strengthened institutional capacity and orientation of strategic investments for food systems resilience.

### Activities implemented

- Prepared and drafted several policies and policy briefs including a South Sudan food security policy document, food security crisis preparedness and response plan, food system policy document, a policy for private sector development as well as proposals to formulate a Strategic Food Reserve, establish a Food Reserve Agency and revitalize the Food Security Council.
- Trained 160 government staff on food security policy and 40 staff in Eastern Equatoria State on food systems pathways and policy development processes, with an emphasis on food security and national policy formulation.
- Trained more than 250 experts on institutional set up and food security monitoring through 15 policy dialogue platforms.
- Contributed to preparing and implementing the new Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) governance structure.
- Conducted two IPC food security and nutrition situation analyses and trained 237 technicians on IPC for Acute Food Insecurity and IPC for Acute Malnutrition and five government members of the IPC technical working group on how to conduct food security and nutrition data analysis.
- Trained 95 government, UN and NGO staff on Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring System (FSNMS) through a Training of Trainers, who then trained over 400 enumerators.
- Supported the completion of two rounds of the FSNMS survey and trained 375 field-level enumerators on methodologies and field procedures for conducting food security and nutrition assessments.
- Trained 17 government experts and national UN staff on how to formulate the country's food balance sheet and supported the production of South Sudan's first food balance sheet.
- Trained 342 crop monitoring enumerators on how to conduct crop assessments.
- Supported the publication of two Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission reports and the continued functioning of 64 county crop monitoring committees established to improve the state and county level capacity to collect reliable and accurate data on the cropping season's performance.



- Supported the management of the Crop and Livestock Market Information System portal through which information on 173 rain gauge stations in 55 counties and 90 markets in 58 counties was shared.
- Conducted two FAO Data in Emergencies surveys on the impact of shocks on agricultural livelihoods and food security.
- Developed two six-month projections of forage and conducted a flood impact analysis for three counties as well as crop area estimation using GIS tools in three counties.
- Supported the development of a concept note for USD 20 million to operationalize the Platform for Peace, Recovery and Resilience in Ulang and Nasir counties of Upper Nile State.
- Generated the resilience capacity index for South Sudan at the county level using the Resilience Index Measurement and Analysis methodology and supported the inclusion of resilience measurement indicators in the annual FSNMS survey to enable the tracking of resilience capacities in the country.
- Participated in the development and publication of two impact assessment reports to assess the impact of COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine on food security and nutrition in South Sudan.

## Results

- Contributed to improving the country’s capacity to prepare for and prevent food crises.
- Improved policymakers’ collective understanding of local food systems’ resilience in fragile settings.
- Contributed to the successful resumption of the IPC process in the country.
- Contributed to the development of the 2022 and 2023 Humanitarian Response Plan and Humanitarian Needs Overview by providing information from the FSNMS and IPC processes and strengthened policy and institutional development.
- Enhanced the capacity of various stakeholders and partners to conduct food security and nutrition-related assessments and analyses.

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