

# WHH (WELTHUNGERHILFE) IN SOUTH SUDAN

## **Country Program**

#### **WHO WE ARE**

Welthungerhilfe (WHH) is one of the largest private aid organizations in Germany, with no political or religious affiliations. It was one of the first global initiatives to address hunger when it was founded in 1962 as the German chapter of the Freedom From Hunger campaign, which was led by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

From rapid disaster relief to reconstruction and long-term development cooperation projects with local partners, we provide assistance based on the needs of people we work with and their context. In 2023 alone, with **630 projects** implemented globally, we were able to support **16.4 million people** in **36 countries**.

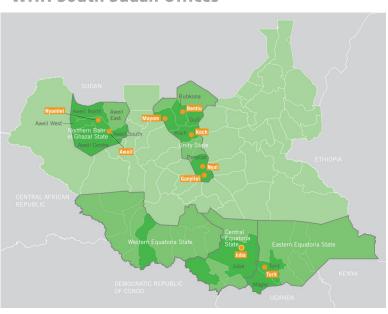
#### WHAT WE DO IN SOUTH SUDAN

Our vision is a world in which all people have the opportunity to live a self-determined life in dignity and justice, free from hunger and poverty. It shapes the way we implement our projects: we are committed to fostering sustainable development and resilience among vulnerable populations. Guided by an approach based on climate resilience, we aim to empower communities to address both immediate needs and long-term challenges through inclusive and integrated interventions in Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Development, Nutrition, and WASH. Together with partners, we strive to build a more resilient future for the people of South Sudan.

Since the country's independence in 2011, WHH has implemented **95 projects** with an overall portfolio of **over 350 million Euro**. In **2023** alone, we supported more than **800,000 people** through **20 projects** in **three states**: Northern Bahr el Ghazal, Unity and Eastern Equatoria.

WHH South Sudan is an active member of the **UN Cluster System** (Food Security and Livelihoods, WASH, Nutrition and Logistics). We cooperate with national and local authorities to align our work with their policies and strategies and to strengthen institutional capacities. WHH is also part of South Sudan's **NGO Forum** and a member of its Steering Committee.

### **WHH South Sudan Offices**



222 STAFF MEMBERS WORKED IN

3 STATES IMPLEMENTING

20 PROJECTS IN 2023 WITH EUR

54.0 MILLION IN FUNDING ALLOWING US TO SUPPORT

809,795 PEOPLE WITH

1 GOAL TO ACHIEVE

ZERO HUNGER

#### **BUILDING RESILIENCE**

Our program in South Sudan prioritizes **long-term sustainability and resilience**, aiming to break the cycle of dependency on humanitarian aid. We work with progressive farmers, youth, women groups, private sector and state departments as catalysts for increased **agroproduction and enterprise development for sustainable and resilient food systems**.

Our Agriculture program follows a **holistic approach** by fostering climate-adapted methodologies. The aim is to improve efficiency of smallholder farming to increase production and productivity while preserving ecosystems.



Achok, a 35 year old farmer in a vegetable garden set up by WHH in Agor, Northern Bahr el Ghazal.

We strengthen **food systems** by bringing farmers together and linking them to markets, where they can sell their

produce for fairer prices and exercise their collective bargaining power. As part of the process, we support them with comprehensive training that cover key aspects from crop and seed production to financial literacy and investment planning.

Improving **nutrition** is an integral part of our Agriculture program. We provide access to and knowledge about nutritious food, while incorporating cross-cutting issues related to **gender** roles and decision-making power in households.

#### ANTICIPATING AND ADDRESSING CRISES

South Sudan experiences the convergence of food insecurity, economic challenges, conflict and climate shocks. The lives and livelihoods of the communities we work with are exposed to significant risks. Recognising that, we continue to address complex crises in areas where humanitarian needs are high. At the same time, we strive to strengthen the capacities of communities and ecosystems to **adapt, anticipate, and respond** to shocks, especially extreme weather events.

We support crisis-affected and at-risk communities to meet their immediate needs through food and cash distributions and behaviour change communication. With the creation of collective community assets and climate-sensitive nutritious crops our projects not only guarantee a balanced diet to entire families but also an additional source of income for vulnerable households.

With financial and technical support from **WFP**, we have achieved remarkable progress in Unity and Northern Bahr el Ghazal States. In 2023, we reached over 500,000 people with food assistance, school feeding programs, social protection and livelihood support for smallholder farmers and vulnerable communities.

We invest in pioneering locally-led **Anticipatory Action** projects that place people, their knowledge and needs at the centre. Vulnerable communities identify the most likely climate-related events they are exposed to, together with related risks and vulnerabilities. To address them, they develop appropriate anticipatory measures to mitigate the impact of hazards before they fully unfold.

Individuals, communities and institutions should be ready not only to absorb shocks, but also to adapt and **transform** after overcoming the peak of a crisis. We are there to support them throughout this process of systemic change.

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