

# MEDICAL TEAMS WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC RELIEF FOR TONJ, SOUTH SUDAN AND KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP, KENYA

SUMMER 2020



## SOUTH SUDAN: THOUSANDS FACE NEAR STARVATION .



A mother prepares plant leaves for tea to decrease hunger.



Pregnant mothers wait for food in Tonj, South Sudan



South Sudan has had immense humanitarian needs stemming from many years of armed conflict starting with a 10 year war of independence followed by a 5 year civil war. Millions live in displacement camps all over the country. The recent civil war occurred mainly between the two biggest tribes in South Sudan, the Nuer and Dinka tribes. However, smaller armed tribes, and their militias, hold a significant resentment due to appearing to be left out of the peace plans. These recent events compound long held existing tribal strife and conflicts. The country has been plagued for decades by ethnic clashes over land and cattle and blood feuds.

Culturally, cattle are the equivalent to a family or a tribe's bank accounts. Each cow is worth hundreds of dollars and used for commerce, large purchases and wedding dowries. In the summer months grazing land is scarce and cattle raids are



Sudanese Refugees rest under the shade of a tree.





# A NUMBER OF REFUGEES HAD NOT EATEN FOR 3 DAYS AND SOME WERE FORCED TO EAT LEAVES OR GRASS TO DECREASE THEIR HUNGER.



Some of the 2000+ refugees who received food relief in So. Sudan

a common occurrence, pitching one large armed tribe against another in battles that may leave dozens to hundred's killed with villages burnt to the ground. These conflicts only amplify the displacement of families into unofficial "Internal Displacement Camps". One such camp with thousands of members exists in Tonj, South Sudan. Medical Teams Worldwide has a small base in Tonj working with In Deed and Truth Ministries. Food insecurity has also been amplified by last winter's massive locust clouds that devastated crops in Africa.

In May 2020 on large battle occurred Near Tonj and over 200 people were killed. Consequently, whole villages were displaced and added to the existing refugees in displacement camp near our base. Due to COVID 19 shutdowns and the insecurity for road transportation, aid convoys were unable to reach Tonj. Thousands of women and children were near starvation. Often our partners in country would hear stories like this : " A single pregnant mother with 6 children approached our partners on site and asked for food because **they had not eaten for 3 days.**" A number of families were forced to eat leaves and grass to decrease their hunger pains. The director of In Deed and Truth ministries , Suz Kuj, struck a deal with a local grain merchant for 40 dollars for 50lb bag of grain which will feed a large family of 8 for 1-2 weeks.



A disabled woman receives her allotment of food in Tonj .



Two widows who received food supplements

On learning of the immediate need for funds for food, Medical Teams World immediately sent \$5000 for food purchases. That amount purchased over 3 tons of grain that was distributed to 2,000 refugees the following weeks.



Widows and mothers receiving food relief near Juba, South Sudan



Two children waiting for relief.



# MEDICAL TEAMS WORLDWIDE PURCHASED OVER 2.3 TONS OF FOOD FOR THE REFUGEES IN KAKUMA CAMP. ALSO 5000 DEWORMING DOSES WERE GIVEN TO CAMP CHILDREN

## KAKUMA CAMP FOOD RELIEF CONTINUES

In addition to Indeed and Truth Ministries, Medical Teams Worldwide has continued to work with Charis Ministry to help some of the 200,000 Sudanese refugees in Kakuma camp in Kenya-South Sudan border. Along with food, bars of soap were also distributed. 5000 children received deworming treatments at the refugee camp.

Our food supplementation program for 200 of Nairobi's poor also is continuing.



Adults and children use grain sacks to receive their relief food of corn and beans



A Sudanese refugee mother takes her food home.



A young girl is ready for her food donation.

Refugee Children and a widow show their family's supplies.





## ONGOING PROJECTS

### PORTABLE CLINIC ARRIVES AT THE TAMALAKI SCHOOL IN KISERIAN, KENYA



Due to the medical needs around the Tamalaki School with a over 20 mile walk to the nearest clinic, Medical Teams Worldwide purchased and donated this clinic to the Maasai community. We plan to hire a local community nurse practitioner along with a rotating doctor to offer daily care.

### DIAGNOSTIC X-RAY FOR TONJ, SOUTH SUDAN

There is a total lack of any diagnostic x-ray capability in Tonj, South Sudan, the nearest unit is 80 miles away that is unreachable in rainy season. Diagnostic x-ray capabilities would be open for the benefit of all the citizens of Tonj county. The Digital printer system has finally arrived and In Deed and Truth Ministries is presently building a dedicated shielded room for the diagnostic x-ray unit .



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