

CRS GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Established in 1943, CRS is engaged in humanitarian relief and development efforts in nearly 100 countries throughout the world. We strive to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas, promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person. CRS acts to:

- promote human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies
- serve Catholics in the United States as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world

Although our mission is rooted in the Catholic faith, our operations serve people based solely on need, regardless of their race, religion or ethnicity.



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Back: CRS staffer Mark Snyder (center, in white cap) with Bishop Ricard (front right, in blue cap) in South Sudan.

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Catholic Relief Services in South Sudan

How CRS is supporting the people of South Sudan

CRS GLOBALLY

CRS was established in 1942 to respond to natural and man-made disasters. Today, we help people in 101 countries around the globe – from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe.

IN SOUTH SUDAN

After the first major civil war in Sudan in 1972, CRS started to resettle internally displaced Sudanese, and when the civil war resumed in 1984, we shifted our operations to the South. We remained in the country throughout the second civil war and led a comprehensive response to assist thousands of displaced persons.

In 1989, CRS was a pioneer member of Operation Lifeline Sudan, a consortium of United Nations and non-governmental organizations that provided relief to southern and northern Sudan.

Today, the agency's South Sudan program is based in Juba and implements interventions across the country and in the Abyei Administrative Area. CRS has field offices in Nimule, Eastern Equatoria State; Torit, Central Equatoria State; and Bor of Jonglei State.

OUR GOALS

CRS is helping communities and marginalized groups obtain sufficient assets and learn coping mechanisms to escape the cycle of underdevelopment. We are also assisting Sudanese stakeholders at all levels to identify threats to peace and manage conflicts effectively. Lastly, CRS is helping civil society to actively promote transparency, accountability, and effective service provision, and empowering women and youth to participate in all facets of life to achieve their full human potential.

PROGRAMMING OVERVIEW

CRS has a diverse programming portfolio including agriculture, education, emergency preparedness and response, governance, health, microfinance, peacebuilding, and water, hygiene and sanitation.



RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Agriculture and livelihoods: CRS met the seed needs of 4,037 vulnerable households through 12 seed voucher fairs. CRS also mobilized 1181 local seed sellers, half of whom were women.

Education: CRS constructed four schools and built the capacity of the government and local communities to support education efforts.

Emergency preparedness and response: In addition to undertaking emergency responses in Abyei in 2009 and 2011, CRS leads two major Caritas Internationalis emergency preparedness and response programs in collaboration with other Caritas Member Organizations, aimed at strengthening the humanitarian response capacity of Diocesan partners.

Governance: CRS leveraged its extensive partner network to disseminate voter rights and voting procedures reaching an estimated 1.4 million voters in South Sudan through initiatives funded by USAID, through the National Democratic Institute.

Water, sanitation and hygiene: CRS has provided clean water, sanitation and hygiene education to over half a million people throughout South Sudan.

Health: CRS supported its partner, Sudan Medical Care, to provide quality health education, antenatal care and form village health committees for up to 200,000 people.

Microfinance: In 2011-2013 CRS South Sudan will facilitate the formation of 180 savings and internal lending communities (known as SILC groups), mobilizing financial resources for 3,600 women, youth and vulnerable populations.

Peacebuilding: CRS facilitated the High-Level Dialogues in September 2010, a process through which church leaders collaborated with President Salva Kiir and other high-ranking government officials to forge and commit to a joint action plan for conflict mitigation. Also, CRS supported a “101 Days of Prayer Towards a Peaceful Referendum” campaign that united church, government, military and non-governmental organizations in approaching the referendum period non-violently.

OUR APPROACH: PARTNERSHIP & CROSS-SECTORAL INTEGRATION

In South Sudan, as elsewhere, CRS relies on its strong partnerships with local Church and secular organizations, the host government, non-governmental organizations, and international agencies to efficiently and effectively deliver services to those most in need. One priority of CRS is to help bolster the technical, managerial, and financial capacities of its partners, as we collectively work towards greater sustainability.

COUNTRY PROGRAM EXPENSES

