



## South Sudan



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In 2001, JAM began operations in what is now known as South Sudan, in the isolated community of Boma in Jonglei State. In 2009, after years of developing the capacity, skills and infrastructure needed to effectively operate in what is the world's youngest nation, JAM partnered with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).

JAM implements Food For Education (FFE), Food For Assets (FFA), General Food Distribution (GFD) and Blanket Supplementary Feeding (BSF) in Warrap, Jonglei, Lakes and Northern Bahr el Ghazel states. The country is currently classified as an Emergency Operation (EMOP) due to the current instability and rampant food insecurity experienced there. These programmes are specifically designed to save lives, build infrastructure and human capital by encouraging school attendance and improving the capacity of people to feed themselves.

The UN Security Council in July 2014 called the situation in the country a "catastrophe" and the food crisis facing the county was "the worst in the world." Together with the WFP, JAM is currently storing and distributing 38,000 tons of food destined to feed 694,000 people facing hunger and starvation. The number of people needing emergency food relief is likely to rise, as the effect of conflict becomes more pronounced and food stocks diminish. The country's torrential rainy season (May – November) further exacerbates and hampers relief efforts as large parts of the country are cut off and only reachable by airdrop during this period. In Mingkaman, Lakes State, at the country's largest Internally Displaced Person (IDP) camp, JAM is supplying life saving nutrition to 120,000 people sheltering there.

## Programmes in South Sudan

- **General Food Distribution:** The unconditional distribution of food to people unable to feed themselves who would otherwise die from starvation.
- **Blanket Supplementary Feeding:** BSF is a child focused programme designed to combat malnutrition in small children aged between 5 and 59 months.
- **Food For Education:** FFE encourages children to attend school by providing food at school or in the form of a take home ration.
- **Emergency Operation:** South Sudan is classified as EMOP, due to the current instability, famine and conflict experienced there.
- **Food For Assets:** FFA builds a 'hunger free future' by paying with food for development in infrastructure and food security such as roads, vegetable gardens, water troughs for cattle and dykes to prevent flooding.

