

Protection Sector Profile - South Sudan



Our Purpose in Action

South Sudan continues to face one of the most severe protection crises globally, characterized by elevated levels of gender-based violence (GBV) and numerous reports of significant gross human rights violations throughout the nation. Approximately 2 million individuals remain internally displaced, while an additional 2.3 million South Sudanese refugees have sought refuge in neighboring countries.

DRC Protection sector is among the five core sectors implemented in South Sudan operations. The objective is to ensure that conflict and displacement-affected people enjoy their human rights and have no displacement- related protection needs.

Sector Approach

DRC is one of the leading protection agencies in South Sudan mandated to extend life-saving and essential protection services to those affected by single or multiple displacements. In line with the Centrality of Protection, the Protection Sector is guided by DRC's Response Framework. Protection is center to DRC's interventions at all stages of the displacement continuum – from acute crisis, during displacement and in achieving durable solutions. Similarly, protection is central to DRC's Programme Platforms – Addressing Root Causes, Responding to Emergency, and Protracted Displacement and Solutions.

Recognizing and building on the national and local capacity, DRC Protection Sector works in partnership with various organizations to rapidly implement protection initiatives which are designed to cater to the communities, affected by crisis.

What We Do

Psychosocial Support Services (PSS)



DRC provides psychosocial support to individuals affected by displacement, conflict, and crises. Services include counseling, education, and recreational activities, aiming to restore well-being and resilience. DRC integrates psychosocial support into broader humanitarian efforts, ensuring beneficiaries receive holistic care.

Prevention and response to Gender-based Violence (GBV)



DRC implements comprehensive measures to prevent and respond to GBV, raising awareness about its causes and impacts. They provide vital information and services such as counseling, medical care referrals, legal aid, and safe spaces, empowering individuals to protect themselves and others.

Housing, Land and Property (HLP)

DRC raises awareness about House, Land, and Property (HLP) policies among displaced populations and host communities, crucial for protecting their rights amidst displacement and conflict. Through media campaigns and outreach, DRC informs communities about their HLP rights and responsibilities. DRC also trains local authorities and leaders to effectively implement these policies.



Distribution of Dignity Kits

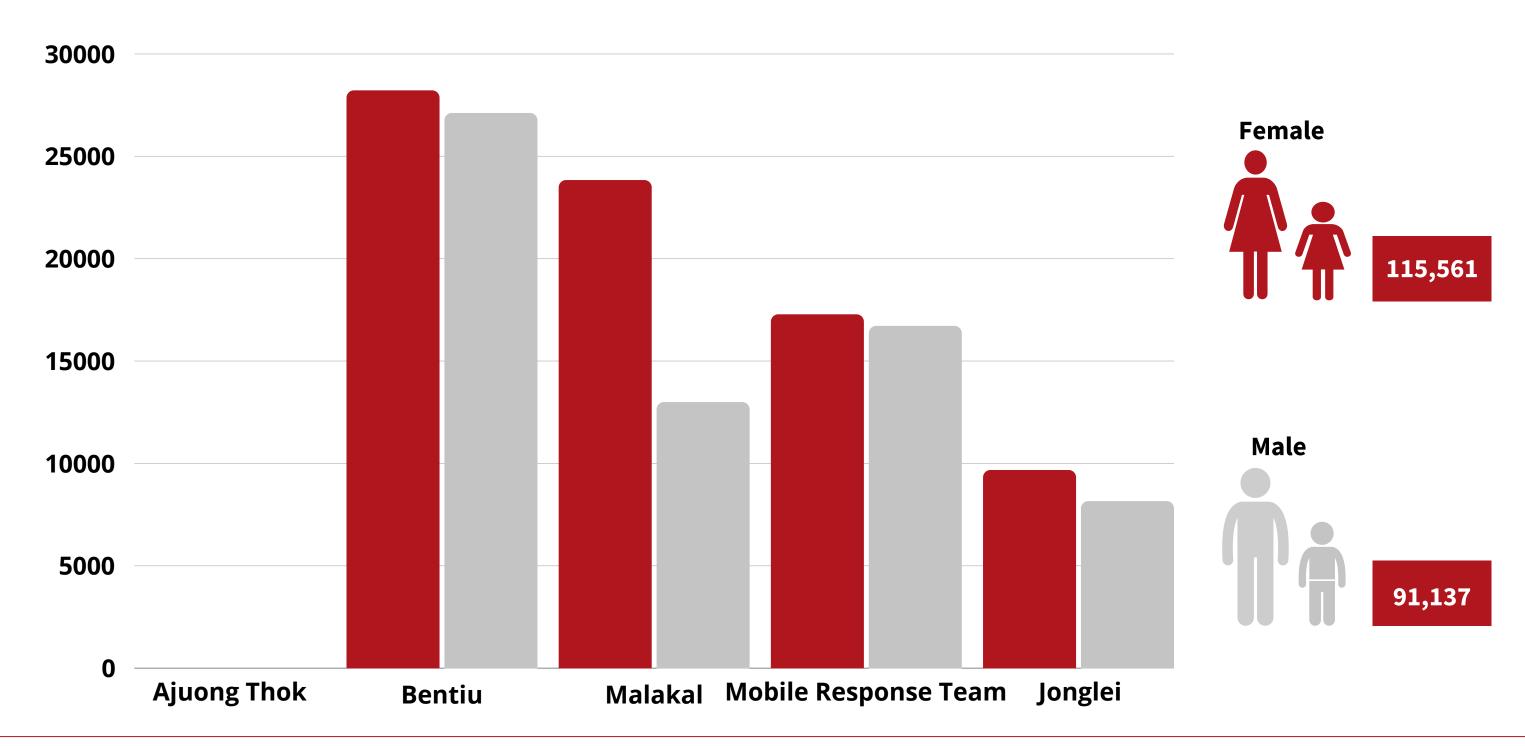
DRC provides dignity kits to displaced populations and refugees, addressing their hygiene needs while preserving their dignity and rights. These kits contain items like soap, sanitary pads, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, promoting crucial hygiene practices in challenging environments like IDP sites, refugee camps, and areas affected by conflict and disasters.

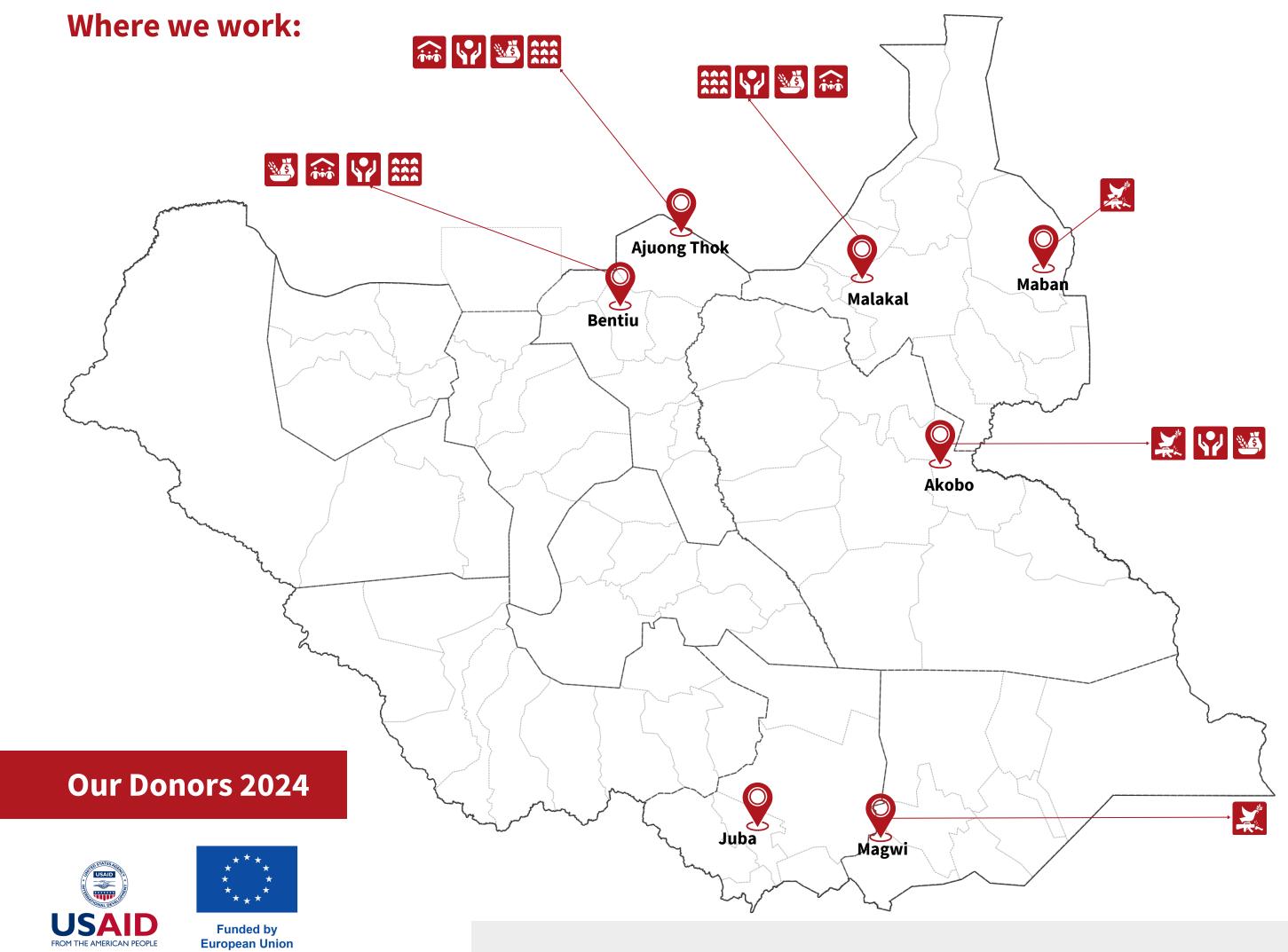


Other DRC's response Protectection activities include case management, protection information management, safe identification and referrals, psychosocial support, provision of non-food items, including dignity kits, provision of cash assistance and service mapping. DRC also carries out preventative activities, such as capacity building of communities and partners, awareness-raising sessions (mass or door-to- door), safety audits, protection monitoring, community dialogues and structured training (e.g. SASA! Together and Girl Shine). DRC is an active member of the protection cluster and the GBV Area of Responsibilities (AoR) of South Sudan, co-leading the Protection Clusters in Malakal (Upper Nile State) and Bentiu (Unity State).

Furthermore, DRC supports the establishment and builds the capacity of the community-based protection networks and women networks to enhance outreach to the communities and promote community-based protection. Additionally, the protection team in Unity State provides HLP and raises awareness on HLP rights through advocacy and individual protection cash assistance, supporting people with land registration and obtaining land documentation from the local authorities.

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Humanitarian Aid

The DRC Mobile Response Team (MRT) is an operational unit that is ready to provide urgent responses whenever and wherever needed. This team is equipped and trained to swiftly deploy to any location in South Sudan to address pressing humanitarian needs. The Mobile Response Team collaborates with other national and international NGOs to ensure comprehensive coverage in planning, access, and implementation of effective interventions in response to emergencies or critical situations, thereby contributing to the overall humanitarian efforts in the country.