

Complementary Action for Resilience Building (CARB)

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Repeated Shocks in Communities

Since 2019, South Sudan has experienced heavy rains that swept across the country and affected millions of people. The situation worsened because of internal conflicts that continue to displace millions of people. According to World Food Programme, more than 7.76 million people are likely to face acute food insecurity by 2023. With funds from USAID, BHA - FFP (Office of Food for Peace), and the Danish Refugee Council in partnership with four other international NGOs aims to build sustainable coordinated support for displaced persons and host communities within selected areas.



A women support group of Farmer Field School group posing for a photo after harvesting vegetables from their garden.

The CARB Project

The project aims to build resilience among conflict and climate-affected people by promoting the integration of activities from different sectors to provide comprehensive support under a consortium called Complementary Action for Resilience Building in South Sudan. To ensure effectiveness, the project includes an emergency crisis fund as well as social cohesion outputs. The project will be achieved through the following activities:

- Enhancing innovative agricultural food production techniques such as flood adaptive agricultural mechanisms and Aquaculture.
- Forming and training farmers who can become champions and agents of change to train more farmers on sustainable agricultural systems to increase food production.

Project Location	Jur River, Wau, Rubkona and Guit Counties
Donor	USAID, OHA - FFP (Office of Food for Peace)
Budget	30,000,000 USD for CARB consortium (DRC - \$6,500,000 USD)
Duration	2021-2024

- Supporting communities to build small businesses, rehabilitate already existing markets, and establish farmer markets associations to increase agricultural production and exchange of ideas.
- Promoting the adoption of optimal hygiene and nutrition practices through cooking demonstrations and hygiene promotions.
- Strengthening referral pathways for Gender-Based Violence survivors and introduce mothers to mother-care support groups.
- Developing community resilience and social cohesion by conducting conflict-sensitive analysis with peace committees and promoting housing, lands, and property rights.
- Preparing for current and future shocks through prompt disaster risk reduction response mechanisms to prepare for safety plans through community dialogues.



Community members in Guit county participate in an agricultural food production activity through a cash for work modality

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Achievements

Over the past two years, the project has noted tremendous achievements in creating resilience practices within communities, for instance;

- 5200 farmers were supported with agricultural inputs such as assorted vegetables, cannula crop seedlings, and tools.
- A group of 13 women's associations generated 5,000,000 South Sudanese Pounds in sales of vegetables. With this amount, they are now investing in village savings and loans.
- 1400 women, youth, and men received fishing kits, local canoes, and fish smoking ovens to help generate income through aquaculture.
- We established 12 community safety planning committees, a structure that supports peace-building and social cohesion within communities.

Who DRC Serves through CARB

DRC is targeting 90,000 individuals (44,100 male and 45,900 female) in Bentiu, Wau and Jur River. DRC activities add value to existing resources contributed by our additional partners, WFP and FAO, to enhance food security and help affected communities become resilient to future shocks.



Community members constructing a Chinampa garden in Bentiu where floods continue to displace people and wash away their livelihoods year in year out. With this agricultural technique, gardens are raised up and protected from being washed by the floods



Chinampa, a flood adaptive agricultural technique assisting households to cope with climatic shocks in Rubkona.

Partnering Approach

The project builds on the technical expertise of several NGOs in a consortium that is led by Norwegian Refugee Council and includes, ACTED, International Rescue Committee, REACH and Danish Refugee Council. All partners are implementing the same package of interventions across Unity State and Western Bahr El Ghazal.



DRC Peace-building team conducting a follow-up meeting with the Community Safety Planning committee on their Action Plan for 2023.



Women receiving training on entrepreneurship and business skills