

Supporting Health Integrated Emergency Response, and Linking Disaster Preparedness (Shield)



Country: **South Sudan**

Location: **Aweil North County, Northern Bahr El Ghazal State**

Duration: **1st July 2026 to 30th June 2027**

Consortium lead: **Concern Worldwide**

Sub-partner organisation: **RACBO**

Donor: **European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)**

Background

The situation in Aweil North County reflects the broader humanitarian crisis affecting South Sudan. In 2026, more than 10 million people, two third of the country's population—are estimated to require humanitarian assistance. Humanitarian needs remain severe, driven by ongoing armed conflict and insecurity, recurrent climate shocks, economic instability, disease outbreaks, and the continuing impact of the conflict in neighbouring Sudan.

The conflict in Sudan continues to place considerable pressure on South Sudan's already strained humanitarian and socio-economic systems. By the end of November 2025, nearly 1.3 million refugees and returnees had entered South Sudan from Sudan since the conflict began in April 2023. A further 380,000 arrivals are projected by the end of 2026. This continued influx is placing additional pressure on essential services and resources in receiving communities, including already fragile health, education and social service systems.

Through this project, HealthNet TPO, with the support of the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), will implement an integrated, multi-sectoral approach. The aim is to meet urgent humanitarian needs while simultaneously strengthening long-term resilience among communities in Aweil North County.

Objectives

The project aims to reduce morbidity and mortality among crisis-affected populations in Aweil North County by improving equitable access to lifesaving health and nutrition services. It integrates WASH, protection and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), while promoting gender-sensitive, inclusive and dignified access to services.

Through 14 supported health facilities and community-based outreach, the project seeks to ensure that vulnerable host communities, returnees, refugees and other crisis-affected populations have sustained access to quality, integrated and safe services. The project also strengthens local health systems and preparedness to respond to disease outbreaks and other emergencies.

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Activities

- Provide integrated preventive and curative health services, including maternal, newborn and reproductive healthcare.
- Strengthen the capacity of frontline healthcare workers and the local health system.
- Mobilise community health workers and outreach teams to provide community-based health services.
- Support immunisation, disease surveillance, outbreak prevention and early detection.
- Provide essential medicines, medical supplies and equipment, and facilitate referrals for lifesaving and specialised care.
- Provide treatment and referral for acute malnutrition among children under five and support infants at risk of poor growth and development.
- Conduct nutrition surveillance and assessments to identify and respond to emerging needs.
- Provide protection and psychosocial support to children and adults, including survivors of gender-based violence, and strengthen community capacity on MHPSS.
- Rehabilitate supported health facilities where required, including improvements to WASH infrastructure and services.
- Strengthen emergency preparedness and response through early warning, contingency planning and crisis modifier mechanisms.



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