



Letter from the Executive Director,

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of South Sudan Voices of Hope, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for prayers and financial support over the years. However, the four-year civil war has created political instability and has displaced 2 million South Sudanese as internally displaced persons (IDPs) and over 2 million as refugees in the neighboring countries. According to the United Nations, 85% of the refugees who have fled South Sudan are women and children.

The continued strife is taking its toll on the most vulnerable through trauma, fear, stress and physical upheaval. Nearly three-quarters of the country's children are out of school — the highest proportion of out-of-school children in the world. The UN has declared South Sudan a Level 3 emergency, the most serious humanitarian crisis designation based on criteria such as its scale, urgency, complexity and the global response capacity needed to address it.

The main humanitarian needs are food, clean water, healthcare, shelter, sanitation, hygiene and protection, as well as response to epidemics, in particular cholera. The food situation in South Sudan is worsening. According to the United Nations, an estimated 7 million people are expected to face life-threatening food shortage in 2018. Please pray for peace and stability in South Sudan, the of work of South Sudan Voices of Hope.

**Financial Contributions can be made to:**

South Sudan Voices of Hope  
PO Box 4603, Wheaton, Ill 60189.

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If you have any questions or if you would like one of our staff to address your group or organization about the crisis, please contact Kenneth Elisapana at [k.elisapana@southsudanhope.org](mailto:k.elisapana@southsudanhope.org) 773-315-5495 or Rev. Tony Asta at [t.asta@southsudanhope.org/708-705-8669](mailto:t.asta@southsudanhope.org/708-705-8669)

We are grateful for your continued support.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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