Rapid Response Fund
2019 | Quarter 3 Report

IOM SOUTH SUDAN

4 grants administered and managed during the reporting period

386,772 individuals reached through various sectors

5 international and national NGOs trained on financial reporting

6 supportive monitoring visits conducted by the monitoring team for 6 projects

Beneficiaries reached by sector

Sectors funded by RRF

Programme Overview

Through support from the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA/USAID), the Rapid Response Fund (RRF) provides sub-grants to international and national non-governmental organizations (I/NNGOs) to rapidly respond to natural and man-made disasters in all ten states of South Sudan and Abyei Administrative Area.

The RRF aims to support the needs of the most vulnerable internally displaced persons (IDPs), host communities, and returnees by providing a quick and flexible funding mechanism for I/NNGOs to deliver effective and needs-based humanitarian aid. The RRF funds partners in eight different sectors (see pie chart on the left).

During the reporting period, RRF funded 11 implementing partners to provide life-saving services to IDPs, host community members and returnees throughout South Sudan.

One of the implementing partners supported during the reporting period is a national NGO known as South Sudan Development Agency (SSUDA). It provided emergency life-saving non-food items to most vulnerable IDPs and host communities in Longochuk, Baliet and Manyo counties in Upper Nile State.
Achol, a 65-year old grandmother, lives in Baliet with her daughter and four grandchildren. After the death of her daughter’s husband, Achol’s daughter decided to join her in Baliet since there was no one to take care of her and the children. Achol is one of the many returnees who came back to Baliet in 2019 after the displacement to Akoka in 2013.

As for many returnees, Achol’s life was difficult in her place of habitual residence as she returned with very little household items and clothing from Akoka. “When my family and I came back to Baliet, life was not easy for us because I did not bring anything with me and there is no one helping me here in Baliet,” states Achol. Achol was exposed to environmental elements. She stated that, “I did not have any shelter or blanket, and I was without a mosquito net which exposed me to Malaria”.

Achol’s life drastically improved after receiving a blanket, mosquito net, plastic sheet and cooking set from SSUDA, with support from the Rapid Response Fund. Achol expressed that, “I no longer use firewood in my house while I sleep to keep warm and deter mosquitos. I now use the firewood for cooking because I am protected from the cold, rain, and mosquitos”. Achol expressed her gratitude to SSUDA and the RRF, saying that she and her family’s health and living standards had improved due to the non-food items provided by the NGO.