



South Sudan

CAPITAL: Juba

POPULATION:

12,703,000

LANGUAGES: English

(and around 60 other

languages)



"Providing cash support gives communities an opportunity to access or buy what they need to survive"

Ibrahim Njugana, Head of Humanitarian, CAFOD



Restoring Dignity and Building Resilience in Magwi.

In the heart of Eastern Equatoria State, amidst the rolling green of Magwi County, resilience is taking root.

When conflict broke out between local communities and herders seeking pasture, many families were forced to flee their homes. Amidst this hardship, our local partner, Consortium of Rural Women for Agribusiness Development Organization (CORWADO), stepped in with urgency and compassion to support those most affected, particularly internally displaced people (IDPs) and the communities who supported them.

With special care for the most vulnerable – women-led households, people living with disabilities, and the elderly – all groups often left behind in humanitarian responses, CORWADO distributed food vouchers that allowed families to choose and purchase essential items from trusted local vendors. These vouchers not only gave people back a sense of choice and dignity but also helped strengthen local markets at a time when they were struggling to recover.

At CAFOD, we believe that Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) is a powerful tool in emergency response, and they form a significant part of the humanitarian aid we deliver. When local markets are functioning, CVA gives people the autonomy to meet their own needs and avoid risky coping strategies. It also helps reduce waste and the need to sell unwanted items at a loss—choices no one should have to make during a crisis.

In Magwi, these vouchers have meant more than food. They've meant a return to choice, dignity, and self-reliance—while also breathing life back into the local economy.



A story of Hope Restored: Paska Adye Savan

One of the families who received support is that of Paska Adye Savan, a 33-year-old widow and mother of five. After losing her husband in the conflict, every day became a battle just to feed her children. But in March 2025, Paska's family was among 300 households selected to receive multipurpose food vouchers as part of our Emergency and Resilience Building Programme.

"I could choose what to buy sorghum, cooking oil, even salt just like anyone else at the market," Paska recounts with a proud smile. "Before this, I was hopeless, I lost my husband in the conflict. Now, I buy what my children eat."

Paska, a widow and mother of five receiving her voucher, she expressed happiness after receiving her multipurpose food voucher from the distribution site in Omeo.

Grace Ichang:- Women leader in Losurak Boma

"My village was destroyed due to the conflict and since then we fled to Magwi for refuge and we have never had good food, today I am grateful that with this voucher I am able to purchase food for my children, my children will be happy for a change in their diet today"



Key Achievements of this project:

- Many vulnerable households supported with food vouchers - including 112 female-headed households, 93 elderly-led, and 42 households with persons with disabilities.
- Over 1,600 individuals indirectly reached through household-level support.
- Local traders engaged and empowered – helping boost rural economies stability.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

CAFOD has committed £50,000 to help the conflicted-affected communities in South Sudan. Any donations you make to this appeal will be used to pay for this vital work. If we raise more than £50,000, any additional funds will go to Every Second Counts, our emergency response fund—helping other vulnerable communities prepare for, survive through, and rebuild after crises.

If you would like further information about this project, or our other emergency response work, or would like to arrange a meeting with CAFOD staff please contact

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