

Established in 2006, RI's South Sudan program in Maban County, Upper Nile State, serves 40,000 Sudanese returning to their home villages with support for the re-development of health, shelter, water, and sanitation infrastructure and services decimated by 21 years of war. RI's reconstruction partners include: US Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; CAFOD; UNICEF, UNHCR; local government ministries; and community leaders.

Health [Beneficiaries: 18,000; Direct Beneficiaries: 335 / week average caseload; Cost Per Beneficiary: \$0.70]

Maban County has not had a functioning health care network since 1986. Residents must walk six hours to reach the nearest facility. In partnership with the Sudan Ministry of Health, RI is rebuilding of the county's village health network via facility rehabilitation, procurement of essential medicines and equipment, and training. RI opened the Bounj Primary Health Care Clinic in August 2006, the first clinic accessible to all residents of the county.

- **Facilities:** In collaboration with the local Ministry of Health, RI is supporting the first village clinic in Bounj, in Maban County center, and plans to extend the network with additional clinics and mobile units. RI's partners UNICEF and CAFOD have provided essential primary health care medicines and supplies for the initial rehabilitation of the clinic. Children under 5 constitute 27% of the caseload. The leading causes of morbidity are malaria, diarrhea, and bronchitis.

- **Services:** RI will bolster the growing village health network with expert support for the establishment of preventive and curative services, with an emphasis on maternal and child health, an expanded program of immunization, sexual and reproductive health, treatment and care for sexual and gender-based violence, HIV/AIDS/STIs education, a community therapeutic care nutrition center, and community health education.

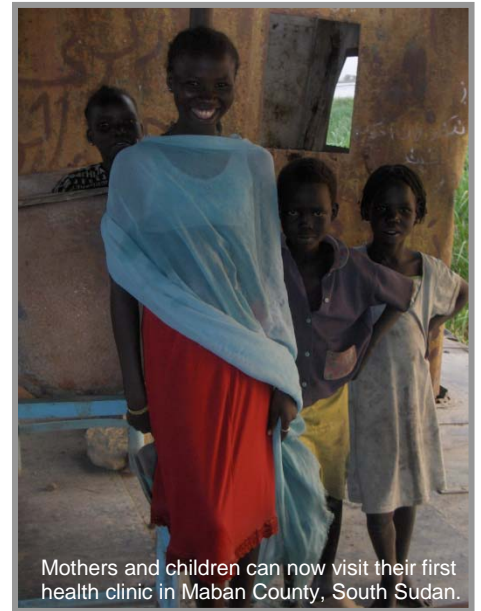
- **Capacity Building:** RI provides support to the Ministry of Health and local medical staff to increase skills, standardization, and quality of case management. RI is guiding the ministry on the establishment of a Health Information System and is increasing its readiness for participation in region-wide immunization and emergency outbreak response in coordination with WHO and UNICEF.

Water [Beneficiaries: 5,500; Cost Per Beneficiary: \$30.00]

In Upper Nile State, only 2% of people consume treated water and 74% use open water sources for drinking, washing, and household needs. Lack of potable water increases transmission of communicable diseases such as malaria, cholera, and meningitis. RI is providing Maban County with support for drilling and construction of water points and training for technical maintenance.

- **Facilities & Services:** RI is supporting the construction and maintenance training for 11 water points to serve 5,500 people with potable water. RI is also rehabilitating the many defunct boreholes across the county.

- **Capacity Building:** RI is training 2 local technical staff per well on how to maintain and repair boreholes, which will ensure their longevity and reliability for the community.



Sanitation & Hygiene [Beneficiaries: 5,000; Cost Per Beneficiary: \$20.00]

In Maban County there are no sanitation systems. Raw human waste has degraded already insufficient drinking water sources and living conditions. Poor sanitation and water are driving the leading causes of morbidity in South Sudan, malaria and diarrhea, which can be fatal to children under 5. RI is ensuring that households have functioning latrines and hand washing facilities and that villages develop systems for hygienic waste disposal.

- **Facilities & Services:** RI is supporting the construction of 250 household latrines and 130 hand washing stations to serve an estimated 5,000 beneficiaries.
- **Capacity Building:** RI is training local technical staff on how to construct, maintain, and relocate latrines, which will ensure their longevity and reliability for the community.
- **Education:** RI is training 10 Community Hygiene Promoters to sensitize the population on the importance of personal and household hygiene and break the cycle of communicable diseases. Hygiene education includes demonstration and distribution of guinea worm cloth, hand washing with soap, and safe water storage.



Shelter [Beneficiaries: 2,622; Cost Per Beneficiary: \$65.00]

In Maban County, an estimated 90% of the original residents abandoned their homes to escape the violence of war and military occupation of the region rendering these organic-material households inhabitable due to decay and deliberate burning. RI is providing temporary shelter kits and permanent shelter construction materials, striving for a sustainable foundation on which returning families can rebuild their lives.

- **Facilities & Services:** RI distributed 300 temporary shelters to immediately benefit 1,422 returnees. RI is facilitating support for permanent housing designed by the community using local materials for the traditionally preferred units, resulting in 170 culturally acceptable structures to shelter 1,200 beneficiaries.

- **Capacity Building:** Via community committees (see below), RI is training local representatives on beneficiary selection and site selection to ensure that the community itself is accountable for allocating shelter resources to the most appropriate families in need, with an emphasis on the most vulnerable such as women heads of household.

RI SUDAN CROSS-CUTTING COMMITMENTS

Protection issues must be addressed if civil society is to be safe for the most vulnerable. RI's South Sudan protection awareness activities are inclusive of women *and* men to ensure that perceptions are discussed and changed across the entire community. **Women's Development** ensures that women heads of household, widows, and girls receive increased opportunities for education, leadership, and access to services that can improve their welfare. Examples include: safe motherhood services and consultation of female focus groups on determination of priority household needs, such as water. **Community Participation** is essential for local ownership and sustainability. RI supported the establishment of 10 community committees in Maban County—the first ever—that will direct collaborations with INGOs. Autonomous in function, RI's only mandates to committees is to strive for 50/50 gender balance, cross-community representation, and to prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable.

