

A young girl with dark skin and braided hair, wearing a red hair tie, is holding a large green watermelon. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is blurred, showing other people in a crowd.

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SOUTH SUDAN

IMPACT REPORT

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

2.1 MILLION

People reached through multi-sectoral interventions

1.4 million

Most vulnerable children reached through multi-sectoral interventions and *advocacy*

900,000+

Most vulnerable people received food and cash assistance, Nearly **70%** of those who benefited were children

800,000+

children, including nearly **300,000** children under five and **70,000** pregnant and lactating women, received curative and preventive care

10,000+

Metric tons of assorted food commodities distributed

110,000+

learners received school meals under the World Food Programme's School Feeding initiative

US\$600.7M

Budget spent for implemented programmes

US\$60.2M

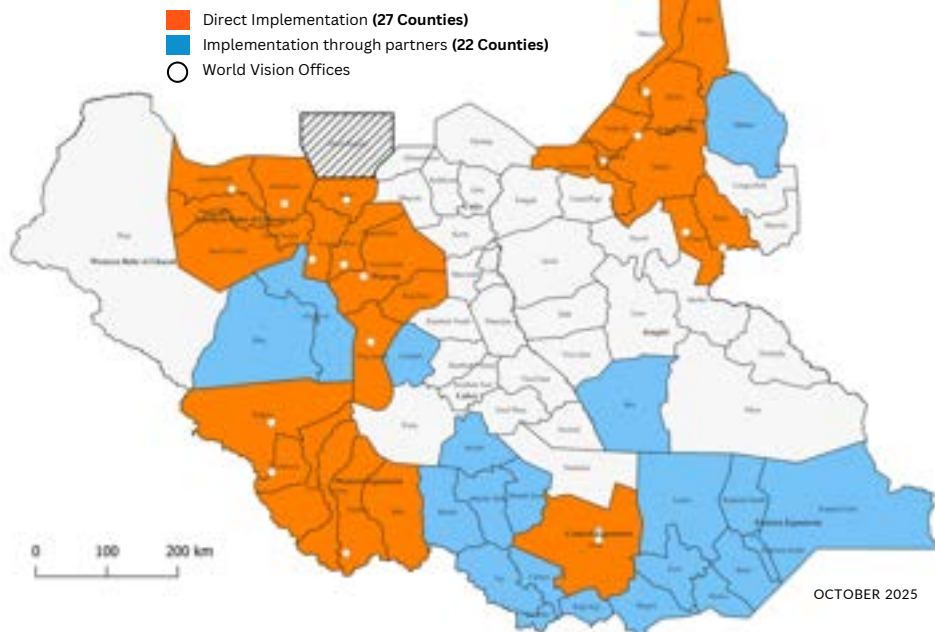
Food and Cash Voucher Transfers



PRESSING FORWARD WITH BOLD FAITH & ACTION



FY2025 SOUTH SUDAN PROGRAMMING AREAS



2025 had been a challenging yet productive year. Despite funding cuts and growing humanitarian needs, we pressed on—guided by our faith and our commitment to serve. The year had been a testament that when Christ is placed at the centre of our work, hope endures and impact is possible, even in the most difficult circumstances.

With the support of donors, local organisations, and communities, World Vision South Sudan continued to deliver life-saving assistance. These efforts were especially important as people faced flooding, intercommunal conflict, the ongoing Sudan crisis, the arrival of returnees and refugees, and a severe economic crisis driven by inflation. Through our work in food assistance, food security, health and nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, and education, we reached over two million people, including 1.4 million of the most vulnerable children.

Throughout the year, we prioritised partnerships, community participation, protection, and emergency response. This enabled families and communities to meet immediate needs while building resilience for the future. At the same time, we began developing a new Country Strategy for 2026–2030, with a stronger focus on children’s health, nutrition, and protection. This strategy reflects our long-term promise to put children first and to respond more effectively to the challenges they face.



Sudanese refugee mother Kadija Hussein collecting water at the Majoknyinthiou border entry point—a testament to her resilience

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Food Security, Livelihoods, and Climate Action

3,500+

people received food security and livelihoods training

15,000+

farmers received agricultural tools and seeds to pursue climate-smart agricultural practices

3,000+

people, of which the majority are women, learned and practiced savings and loans

15,000+

people engaged in environmental stewardship activities

World Vision in South Sudan advanced integrated Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) programme that places people, resilience, and systems at its core. Working in highly fragile, climate-affected environments, World Vision simultaneously addressed urgent, life-saving food needs while strengthening families' and communities' capacity to withstand, adapt to, and recover from shocks. Through a blend of emergency assistance and livelihood support, communities were supported to produce food, generate income, and meet basic needs through food and cash assistance, livelihood asset provision, and inclusive capacity-building—empowering caregivers, reducing protection risks, and enhancing accountability to affected populations.

Guided by Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) principles and the Humanitarian–Development–Peace (HDP) nexus, World Vision deliberately linked humanitarian response with recovery and longer-term development outcomes. Key interventions included climate-resilient agriculture and nutrition, watershed management for sustainable agro-pastoral systems, food assistance and school feeding, cash transfers, and peacebuilding, among others—strengthening food systems while addressing the root causes of vulnerability.

These efforts were supported by a diverse partnership network, including the Government of South Sudan, Australian Aid, the German Federal Foreign Office and BMZ, Global Environment Facility, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, World Food Programme, UNDP, UNHCR, and several World Vision offices.

Through these collaborations, the FSL and climate action interventions promoted knowledge exchange between communities and technical experts, improved agricultural productivity, diversified livelihoods, and strengthened environmental stewardship. Collectively, these interventions enhanced community resilience and adaptive capacity to both human-induced and natural hazards, including the increasing impacts of climate change.



IN FOCUS: Knowledge on early warning systems empowers South Sudan farming communities



Knowledge of early warning systems is a powerful driver of resilience for farming communities in South Sudan. As climate change, floods, droughts, and conflict-related shocks increasingly threaten food production and livelihoods, strengthening community understanding of weather forecasts, seasonal outlooks, and hazard alerts helps families plan ahead, protect crops and livestock, and reduce losses.

One such farmer is Akuac Tong Kon, a mother in Aweil East. Through her involvement with the Disaster Risk Reduction and Early Warning Systems Committee in her community, she learned about flood risks and their early signs. Through local training, she also learned how to identify flood risks and monitor rising water levels using simple tools such as labelled sticks. All of these allow her to adjust her farming practices in a timely manner and become better prepared.

With the new knowledge she has gained, Akuac feels more confident in her farming and is less concerned about losing her crops to floods, which had been her biggest challenge. This understanding of how to identify early signs of disaster has made her hopeful about better harvests in the near future.



Women farmers in like Akuac are learning about climate change, early warning systems, and preparedness.

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2025 has been an exceptionally challenging year for South Sudan. More than 9 million people required humanitarian assistance as funding declined sharply amid compounding crises. Communities faced severe food insecurity and malnutrition, a worsening economic crisis, recurrent cholera outbreaks, and widespread displacement driven by inter-communal conflict, devastating floods, and the ongoing crisis in Sudan.

In response, World Vision continued to provide life-saving assistance in areas affected by cholera outbreak, flooding, and inter-communal conflict across Upper Nile, Western Equatoria, Warrap, and Northern Bahr el Ghazal – including the refugees and returnees from Sudan—while continuing to address the deepening impacts of hunger and malnutrition nationwide.

Operating under a Sustained Humanitarian Response, World Vision reached more than 1.8 million people, including an estimated 1.4 million of the most vulnerable children (through policy advocacy). Programming focused on emergency response, health and nutrition, food security, peacebuilding, and livelihoods.

In partnership with organisations such as the World Food Programme, World Vision distributed 15,531 metric tons of food and US\$2.92 million in cash assistance, reaching more than 900,000 people affected by multiple crises.

900,000+ people

630,000+ children

reached through the **food and cash assistance** in collaboration with partners

\$2.9 million

cash assistance distributed

15,500+

metric tons of food distributed

Emergency Response

2+ million people

reached through multi-sectoral emergency interventions

Sudan Crisis and Migration Emergency Response (SCRAMER)

600,000+ people

400,000 children

reached through multi-sectoral interventions

IN FOCUS: Against all odds: How health and hygiene campaigns are empowering Sudanese refugee mothers to defeat Cholera in the camp

In Joda, a small border town just 37 miles from Renk in South Sudan's Upper Nile State, displaced families living in the transit settlement are slowly finding renewed hope.

Despite the lingering threat of cholera across parts of the country, especially in nearby Renk, mothers like Nasime are proving that knowledge can be as powerful as medicine. Through simple but life-saving hygiene and health practices, they're keeping their children safe, curbing outbreaks, and building resilience even in the harshest conditions.

World Vision South Sudan continues to address the urgent needs of communities affected by cholera and to prevent further outbreaks through the World Vision Nexus Accelerated Fund. In addition, with UNICEF funding, World Vision successfully completed a major water project in Joda-Renk, Upper Nile State, rehabilitating a 4,000-metric-ton water delivery system. This system now provides safe, clean water to more than 9,000 residents, significantly reducing the risk of cholera and improving the health and well-being of Joda's most vulnerable children and families.



Community health workers are doing a door-to-door cholera awareness campaign in Joda, Renk County.

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Health and Nutrition

HEALTH

900,000+

people received health services across over 91 health facilities

290,000+

children under 5

500,000

older children

supported through curative consultations

80,000+

women received maternal and child health services

Children's health and nutrition remained a top priority for World Vision in South Sudan, where food insecurity and malnutrition reached critical levels. In 2025, more than 7 million people experienced severe food insecurity, classified as IPC Phase 3 or higher.

World Vision continued to tackle the root causes of poor maternal and child health—especially among displaced families in IDP and refugee camps—by strengthening health systems and encouraging sustainable nutrition practices. Collaborating with humanitarian partners, donors, and health ministries, efforts aimed at reducing maternal and child morbidity and mortality, enhancing health infrastructure, and supporting communities—particularly mothers—to adopt sustainable nutrition practices, including kitchen and vegetable gardening.

Key achievements included launching refreshed strategic programming for child health and nutrition; ongoing advocacy through the ENOUGH Campaign to end child hunger and malnutrition; and strengthening disease prevention, surveillance, and immunisation systems to safeguard children from vaccine-preventable diseases. These efforts were delivered in partnership with the Government of South Sudan, humanitarian actors, and donors, including the World Bank, UNICEF, the US Department of State, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, and the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund.

NUTRITION

280,000+

children under 5

screened for malnutrition

100,000+

pregnant and lactating women

screened for malnutrition

11,500+

children under 5

3,800+

pregnant and lactating women

recovered from malnutrition through the 95 therapeutic feeding and nutrition sites supported and managed by World Vision

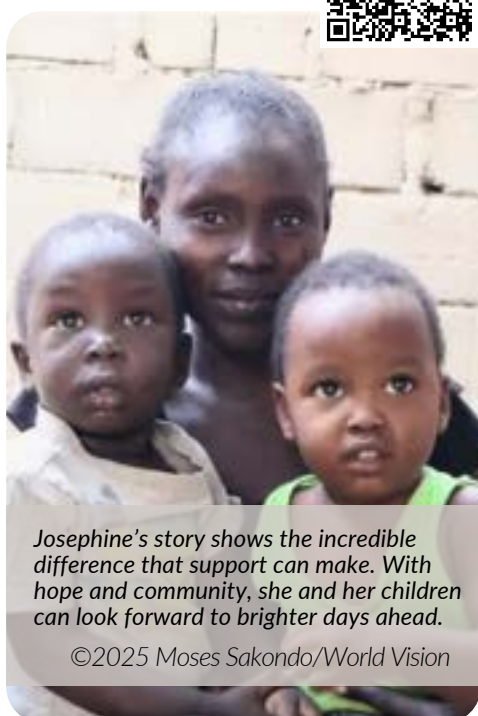


IN FOCUS: Nutrition and Mother-to-Mother Support: Saving lives and restoring hope

For vulnerable mothers and young children, access to nutrition education, malnutrition screening, and essential health services is not only about preventing illness and saving lives—it is also about restoring hope, strengthening families, and giving children the chance to grow healthy despite crisis and displacement.

In flood-prone Munuki Payam, Juba, recurring floods have deepened health and nutrition challenges for vulnerable families, particularly single mothers and young children. One of such mothers is Josephine, a 27-year-old mother of twins, who struggled to provide food and medical care after being abandoned by her husband. One of her sons, Sabrin, became critically ill and severely malnourished, leaving Josephine overwhelmed and unsure how to help her children survive.

Josephine's situation changed when she participated in the Joining Forces for Food Security and Child Protection in Emergencies Phase II project. Through Mother-to-Mother Support Group training, Josephine gained practical knowledge of breastfeeding, infant and young child nutrition, balanced diets, and early screening for malnutrition. Her son was referred for treatment of acute malnutrition at a rehabilitation centre, while Josephine received essential household and hygiene supplies to support her family's recovery.



Josephine's story shows the incredible difference that support can make. With hope and community, she and her children can look forward to brighter days ahead.

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World Vision South Sudan's WASH programme improves health and child well-being by expanding access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services for vulnerable communities.

In 2025, over 125,000 people accessed safe, clean water through 21 Surface Water Treatment systems and rehabilitated boreholes and water treatment plants. Communities also benefited from latrines, household sanitation and handwashing facilities, reinforced by integrated hygiene and sanitation sensitisation campaigns that promote positive behaviour change and reduce water-borne diseases. World Vision continued to strengthen community and local government capacity to manage WASH systems, ensuring services are inclusive, climate-resilient, and sustainable, and contributing to improved health, nutrition, and education outcomes across South Sudan.

World Vision also launched its 2026–2030 WASH Business Plan, “Mapping the Blue Threads,” aligning with Sustainable Development Goal 6—Clean water and sanitation for all—to accelerate equitable access to WASH services, strengthen emergency response and quality assurance, prioritise vulnerable populations, and place communities at the centre to drive ownership, participation, and long-term sustainability.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)



125,000+ people
44,000 children

reached with clean water through **21** surface water treatment systems installed by World Vision

100,000+ people
54,000 children

reached with sanitation services such as access to latrines, bathing centre, and waste management facilities

55,000+ people
29,000 children

benefitted from integrated hygiene and sanitation campaigns such as good hygiene promotion to minimise the occurrence and spread of water-borne diseases



Faith & Development and Peacebuilding

23,000+ children

learned and reflected on their spirituality through the Spiritual Nurture of Children activities

700+ people

learned about creating safe and peaceful home environments through the Celebrating Families, Empowered WorldView, Wisdom that Saves trainings

800+ community and faith leaders

participated in peacebuilding activities under the Faith Leaders for Peacebuilding Initiative



David, a Payam (village) administrator in Gogriell West in Warrap State, once struggled with delayed salaries and financial stress. After an Empowered Worldview training, he embraced self-reliance through farming with his family. “I don’t have to wait for salaries to survive. We have our land and each other.”

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World Vision partners with and equips faith leaders and communities as trusted agents of change to promote gender equality, child protection, and the prevention of harmful practices and gender-based violence. Peacebuilding is strengthened through inclusive community dialogues that build trust, local ownership, and social cohesion, enabling communities—guided by faith leaders—to address the root causes of conflict and foster reconciliation. Through faith- and community-integrated approaches such as Empowered Worldview, Celebrating Families, and Spiritual Nurture for Children, families and communities are empowered to act collectively, restore dignity, and build lasting peace and improved wellbeing for children.

Education and Children's Participation

120,000

learners received healthy meals supported by WFP-WV School Feeding Programme

17,000

children received school materials

11,000

children supported for their school fees

25,000

Children participated in Unlock Literacy intervention

South Sudan faces a deep education crisis, with an estimated 2.8 million children out of school, more than half of them girls, due to prolonged conflict, displacement, poverty, and harmful social norms. Refugee, internally displaced, and conflict-affected children remain the most excluded from safe and quality learning opportunities. World Vision prioritised these vulnerable groups through integrated Education in Emergencies. Working with government, UN agencies, and partners, World Vision supported access to both formal and informal education by re-enrolling out-of-school children and youth, distributing learning materials to students and teachers, and rehabilitating classrooms and school latrines to create safer learning environments.

To address hunger as a barrier to learning, World Vision managed school feeding programmes in partnership with the World Food Programme, thereby improving enrolment, attendance, and retention. Targeted support for adolescent girls included the distribution of dignity kits, helping reduce menstruation-related absenteeism and enabling girls to attend school with confidence.

In 2025, children's participation in South Sudan was strengthened through consultations, school-based workshops, and national advocacy, underscoring the importance of safe platforms for children to speak and be heard. Meaningful participation enabled children to share insights that improved programme relevance and accountability. World Vision promoted children's leadership through life-skills education, environmental advocacy clubs, and child-rights platforms, while strengthening the capacity of school administrators and parents. Children highlighted how climate change disrupts education, launched Child Rights Clubs, and engaged lawmakers—prompting commitments to stronger child-centred planning, budgeting, and investment in children's rights.



IN FOCUS: Boosting school attendance in South Sudan—One school desk at a time

Who knew a desk could change a life? In Melut County, South Sudan, many children once sat on stones or bricks to learn. Today, with new desks in place, school finally feels like school.

For 12-year-old Zacharia, the change has a huge impact. "I'm excited to go to school now," he said with a smile.

He no longer balances on a stone on a muddy classroom floor. With a proper desk and classroom, learning has become an experience of dignity, comfort, and hope—proof that small changes can make a big difference.

In late 2024, Zacharia's school received 200 additional desks, bringing the total to 500, through the EMPOWER Project implemented by World Vision with funding from Irish Aid. The support responded directly to a long-standing need identified by students, many of whom struggled to learn without basic classroom furniture.

According to Zacharia, the desks made him and his schoolmates more motivated to go to school. Children are more eager to come to school when they can sit comfortably and learn with dignity—demonstrating the powerful impact of simple, child-centred investments in education.



Zacharia has become more eager to learn, thanks to his new desk.

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Protecting and advocating for children is a collective responsibility—especially in times of crisis. Children themselves are central to this effort: when empowered, they can shape, own, and protect their futures.

At World Vision, child protection is pursued holistically by strengthening children's voice and agency, supporting families, mobilising communities, engaging faith leaders, and influencing government systems to create safer environments for the most vulnerable children.

In 2025, South Sudan faced compounding humanitarian challenges, including conflict, displacement, food insecurity, and significant reductions in humanitarian funding. In this constrained environment, World Vision South Sudan intentionally deepened collaboration and partnerships—recognising that progress for children depends on stronger synergies and shared action. This period saw more focused engagement with government, civil society, faith actors, and children themselves, reinforcing a collective approach to child protection.

World Vision remained committed to prioritising the protection of displaced and crisis-affected children across all programmes. Through the Joining Forces for Food Security and Child Protection project—funded by the German Federal Foreign Office and implemented with Save the Children and Plan International—partners worked together to address violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation among children affected by conflict and food insecurity.

In FY2025, World Vision targeted 4 million children through programming and policy advocacy and contributed to three major policy achievements that could benefit the country's 5 million children. These included the National Nutrition Policy, formal recognition of the South Sudan Children's Parliament, and the National Parliamentary WASH Caucus Framework.

Achieved through coalitions such as Right2Grow and Joining Forces, this progress underscores a clear lesson from 2025 that coming together is not optional—it is essential for children.

Protection and Advocacy for Children

150,000+

People reached through protection and advocacy awareness activities, particularly on child protection, children's rights, safeguarding, gender-based violence

53,000+ girls and boys

experienced safe environment to learn and play in child friendly centres and youth centres set up by World Vision

100,000+ people trained to become child protection advocates

These include women, youth and community volunteers who were equipped with knowledge and skills to prevent gender-based violence, intervene in child protection issues, and use available reporting systems



IN FOCUS: Children are showing up and speaking up



The children came to play. For peace. For their future. Over 500 children across Melut County in Upper Nile State kicked off celebrations for the Day of the African Child and World Refugee Day in a spirited sports festival aimed at promoting peace, resilience, and hope for a better future.

Scan the QR code to read the story.

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Children's voices matter. Their future depends on how we plan and budget today. In the lead-up to the 2025 Day of the African Child, child leader Beyonce joined other members of the National Children's Council for a meaningful dialogue with national lawmakers at the Transitional National Legislative Assembly.

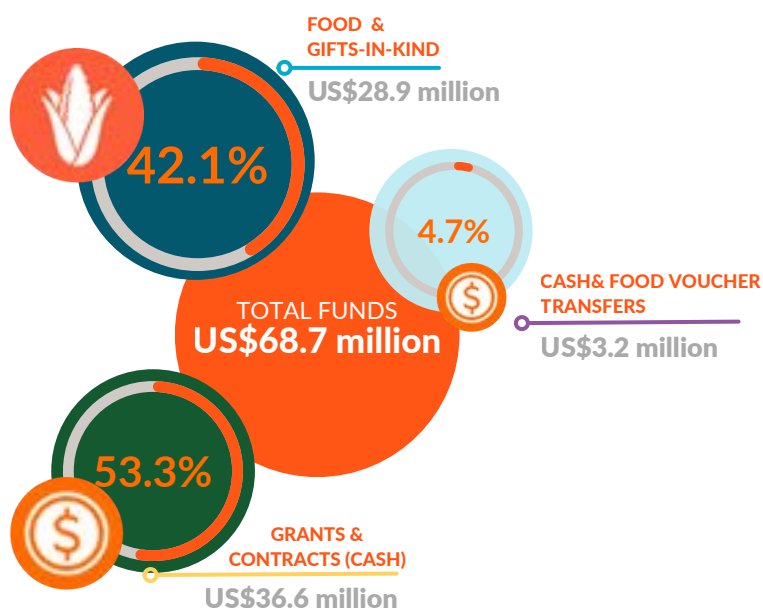
Scan the QR code to listen to her speech.

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FINANCIALS & LINKAGES

Through the support of World Vision's partners, staff, and volunteers, we are able to continue serving and partnering with the most vulnerable children and their communities in South Sudan.

In FY25, World Vision's 38 active projects were undertaken in partnership with 4 INGOs, and 36 national and local organisations, including faith-based organisations.



Humanitarian Collaboration

World Vision South Sudan has established a strong foothold in eight states, by implementing multi-sectoral and integrated programmes with humanitarian partners and local communities. We also maintained good relationships with the national government and traditional and local authorities to address the priority needs of vulnerable people, with particular attention given to children.

CO-LEAD: Food Security and Livelihood Cluster
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Renewing Our Promise to the children of South Sudan

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COUNTRY STRATEGY 2026-2030



2026-2030 Strategic Direction

South Sudan's fragile context—marked by extreme deprivation, violence, and disasters—continues to undermine the well-being of children, families, and communities. In response, World Vision South Sudan's FY26-30 strategy aims to *"Transform the lives of 5 million most vulnerable children in South Sudan by 2030"* through direct programme interventions and advocacy.

World Vision Impact Priorities

Child well-being issues around—**Protection, Health, and Nutrition**—will be the primary focus of humanitarian and development work.

Donor & Humanitarian Reset

Responsive to Mega-trends, emphasizing localization, climate action, and inclusion.

World Vision Value Proposition

Delivering integrated, climate-smart, and resilience-building programming in fragile contexts.

World Vision commits to remain adaptive, collaborative, and learning-driven to stay relevant and resilient in South Sudan's evolving humanitarian landscape.

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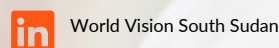
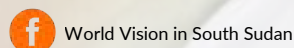
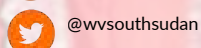
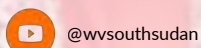
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FRONT COVER: A young girl in Aweil East proudly offers an eggplant from her family's vegetable garden. Vegetable gardening is among the livelihood interventions of World Vision, along with the provision of access to clean and safe water, education, health and nutrition, and protection.

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BACK COVER: A young Sudanese refugee girl interacting with Paula Atimango, a midwife at the emergency health clinic inside the refugee and returnee transit centre in Renk County, Upper Nile State. The clinic has been operated by World Vision since 2023 to support the displaced people from Sudan.

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