

What's happening in South Sudan?

Last July, the peace that held together came to an abrupt halt. With this new outbreak of violence, hundreds of thousands of South Sudanese people found themselves directly in harm's way. Since then, violence has spread throughout the country and very few areas have been left unscathed. In the 9 months since then, **1 million** South Sudanese people have fled into Uganda. This means that, on average, more than 3,500 people have fled into Uganda every single day for these 9 months.



One million South Sudanese families have taken refuge in Uganda; many of these are children.

The Government of Uganda's response has been incredible. They have welcomed these refugees and given land for them to live on, including space for shelter and land to grow crops. In spite of this generosity, these families have come with nothing, and they are arriving in areas where there essentially is nothing. No consistent drinking water sources, no hygiene facilities, no infrastructure, and limited access to food. World Renew is responding in a refugee camp called Bidibidi. In July, this camp didn't exist; today it is home to more than 300,000 people. NGOs have been working together in

northern Uganda to provide the basics like food, water and shelter.



World Renew's local partner staff building latrines in Bidibidi refugee camp

However, one of the most significant gaps that remain is proper sanitation facilities. With thousands of people living together, there is significant risk of diseases like cholera spreading. To address this, World Renew is constructing latrines for families. These latrines are critical in ensuring that diseases do not spread and that the South Sudanese families can remain healthy.

World Renew Reaches out to South Sudanese Refugees

With the fragile peace in South Sudan broken, violence has spread like wildfire throughout the country, sparing few areas. This young nation is now facing life-threatening challenges caused by conflict displacing thousands daily. The displacement has meant that farmers are unable to work their fields, causing significant food insecurity. This in turn has forced even more families to flee in search of both food and safety.

Over one million South Sudanese families have already escaped the violence and famine and are taking refuge in northern Uganda. While the government of Uganda is welcoming these refugees, the infrastructure needs are great. Bidibidi is a refugee camp that has been created in Uganda since the outbreak of fighting last year. In the span of just 6 months this camp, which now stretches 22 kilometers, has become a home for nearly 300,000 people. One of the greatest needs in Bidibidi is proper sanitation. Without sanitation facilities, thousands of families are at risk of cholera and other preventable diseases.



UNHCR tarps cover the latrines recently constructed by World Renew

As a member of the Integral Alliance, and working with local partner Here is Life, World Renew has already constructed 770 communal latrines, serving 38,500 people. These communal latrines, each built to serve 50 people, have been vital and effective in preventing the spread of disease and meeting the needs of the refugees in their settlement process. With the conflict showing few signs of slowing down, the South Sudanese families cannot expect to return home and will likely remain housed in Bidibidi for years to come. As families settle, there is now a need to build more permanent household latrines.

Your donation will enable World Renew to construct these household latrines, providing much needed support to the thousands of South Sudanese families who have fled conflict and famine in their own nation. Please give generously today. We also request your prayers for God to bring peace and reconciliation for the South Sudanese people.