



## Our Purpose in Action

It is 2024 and the humanitarian situation in South Sudan remains dire and at a critical point, with over 2.4 million people urgently needing emergency shelter and non-food items (NFIs) due to the ongoing conflict and severe flooding that had devastated the country. The conflict, marked by violence, displacement, and instability, disrupted communities, leaving them without secure housing and basic necessities. Continuous clashes and strife forced many families to flee, rendering them vulnerable and in desperate need of shelter solutions. The scarcity of stable living conditions exacerbated the already dire situation, as families struggled to find safety and security amidst the unrest.

Furthermore, in 2023, after the conflict broke out in Sudan in April, South Sudan continues to experience a high influx of refugees and returnees from its neighbor as they search for safety. This influx continues to strain the already fragile humanitarian situation in South Sudan, increasing the demand for emergency shelter and NFIs.

Looking ahead, the situation is expected to deteriorate as the cycle of conflict and flooding persists. Projections indicate that the number of people requiring shelter solutions will continue to rise, underscoring the urgency of immediate and sustained humanitarian efforts. Addressing the escalating need for shelter, NFIs, and humanitarian assistance requires coordinated, timely, and targeted interventions to provide essential relief and initiate the process of rehabilitation and recovery for the affected population. Without such measures, the plight of the people in South Sudan remains a pressing and heartbreaking concern.

## Sector Goal

The main goal of the Shelter & Settlements sector is to provide solutions and basic services to people in emergency situations and long-term displacement. This includes supporting individuals in refugee camps, informal settlements, or hosted arrangements by offering temporary shelters, repairing damaged homes and infrastructure, and rebuilding permanent homes. These initiatives aim to help vulnerable displaced populations live with dignity and security, ensuring privacy, protection, and a sense of home. By addressing their essential needs, expedient and efficient Shelter and Settlements interventions improve the well-being of displaced individuals, making them more resilient to future crises and reducing their vulnerability during displacement. These efforts have empowered vulnerable communities in South Sudan to live dignified lives in a secure environment.

## What We Do

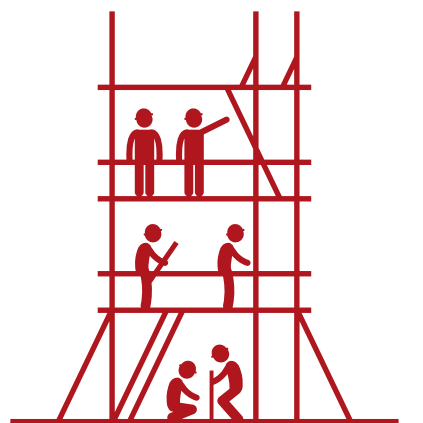
### Provision of Shelters



DRC constructs emergency shelters and transitional housing for displaced populations affected by conflict, natural disasters, and other crises. These shelters offer immediate protection and relief, providing a safe place to stay. DRC focuses on building durable, weather-resistant structures and collaborates with local communities and authorities to ensure they meet specific needs and are in suitable locations.

### Site Maintenance

DRC conducts regular site maintenance in refugee camps and displacement sites to ensure safety, functionality, and livability. This includes repairing shelters and infrastructure, clearing debris, improving sanitation, and ensuring access to mobility. These efforts create safe and dignified living environments, promoting the well-being and resilience of displaced populations.



### Developing Strategies

DRC develops strategies and sustainable ideas to enhance the resilience of displaced communities by identifying their challenges, strengths, and needs. This involves initiatives like livelihood programs, training, and community-building activities. DRC also promotes sustainable practices to protect the environment and natural resources, empowering communities to thrive despite adversity.



### Cluster Coordination

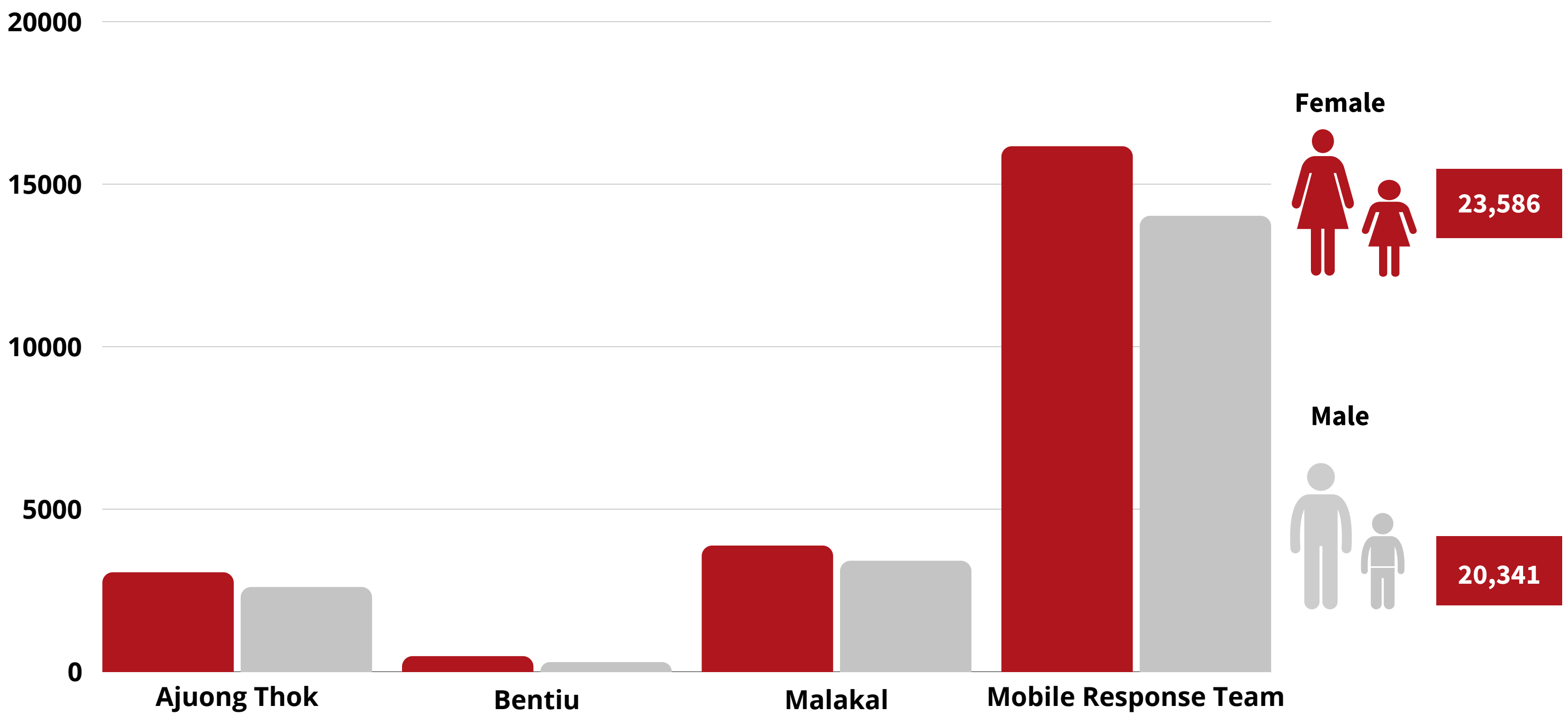
As the Shelter and Non-Food Item Cluster Lead in Upper Nile, DRC coordinates the provision of shelter solutions by various actors in the region. This involves working closely with other organizations, government agencies, and local communities to assess needs, develop strategies, and implement programs that address shelter-related challenges faced by displaced populations. DRC ensures communication and collaboration among cluster members for efficient resource use.



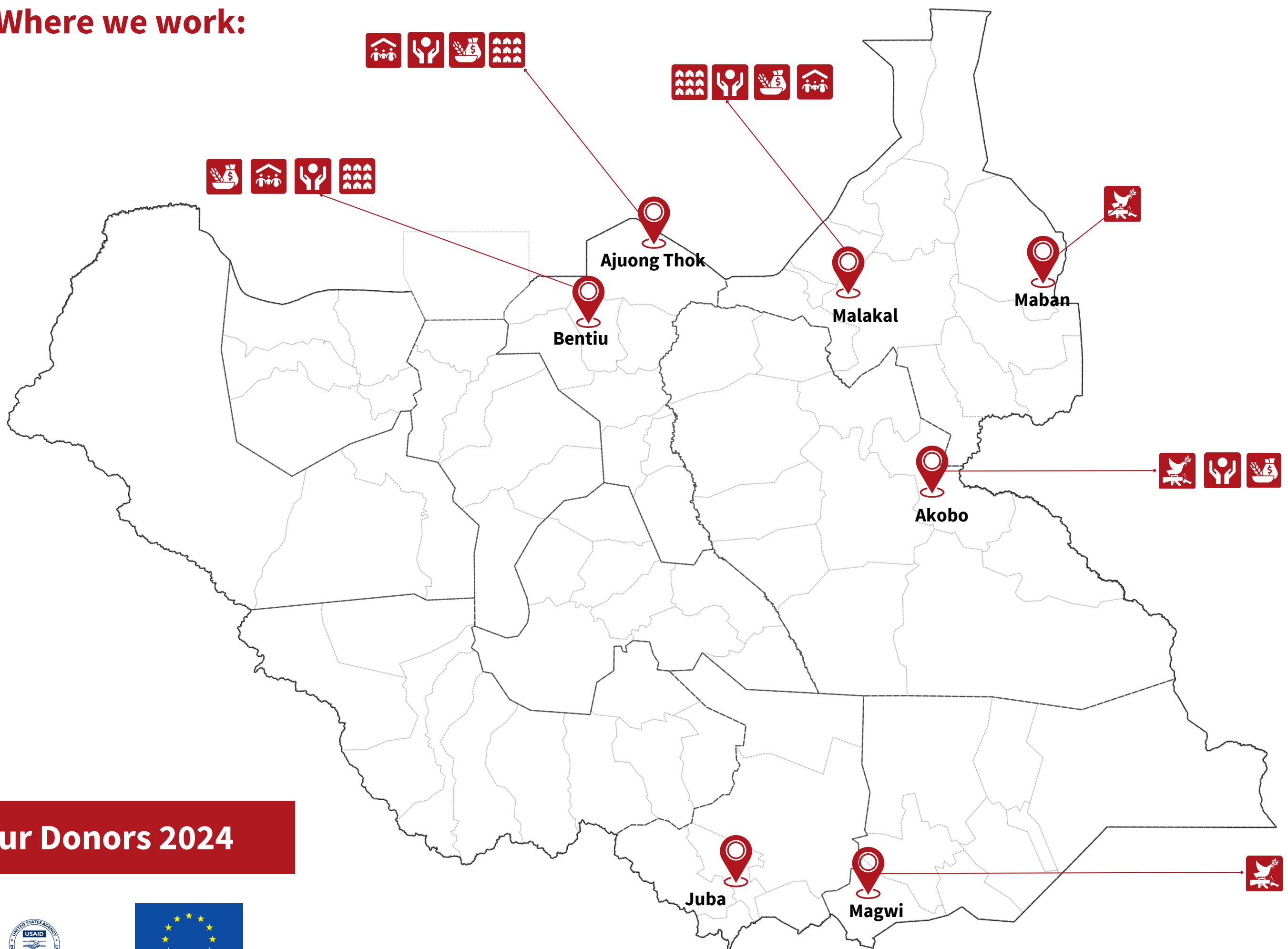
To support immediate needs, strengthen local market dynamics, and build the resilience of people affected by conflict and displacement, DRC also offers cash grants and distributes Non-Food Items (NFIs), such as hygiene kits, emergency bedding, cooking utensils, and other critical supplies.

An integrated approach, particularly in situations where conditions have significantly worsened and fallen below accepted humanitarian standards. Our aim is to alleviate suffering, safeguard displaced individuals from displacement risks, and empower them to lead dignified lives.

# Shelter and Settlement Data Reach 2023



## Where we work:



## Our Donors 2024



**The DRC Mobile Response Team (MRT)** is an operational unit that is ready to provide urgent responses whenever and wherever needed. This team is equipped and trained to swiftly deploy to any location in South Sudan to address pressing humanitarian needs. The Mobile Response Team collaborates with other national and international NGOs to ensure comprehensive coverage in planning, access, and implementation of effective interventions in response to emergencies or critical situations, thereby contributing to the overall humanitarian efforts in the country.