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Economic Recover Sector Profile - South Sudan



Our Purpose in Action

Throughout the nation's period of independence, South Sudan's economy has been grappling with instability, fragility, and stagnation, which is particularly concerning considering the nation's heavy dependence on agriculture, fishing, and pastoralism as its primary sources of income. The production of these sectors has been disrupted by climatic shocks, such as floods and prolonged droughts, resulting in significant losses in productive assets. Furthermore, ongoing conflicts and security issues have compounded the economic challenges faced by the country. The macroeconomic conditions have worsened due to a depreciating currency and high inflation, particularly affecting food prices. These shocks have created economic volatility, making it difficult to plan for the future and attract investments.

Despite these challenges, South Sudan possesses significant untapped economic potential, including, but not limited to its agricultural resources, abundant natural resources, livestock and fisheries, and renewable energy sources. If effectively utilized, these opportunities have the potential to drive sustainable growth and development. Fully capitalizing on these prospects requires addressing obstacles such as inadequate infrastructure, security concerns, and capacity limitations.

Sector Approach

DRC's Economic Recovery work is a crucial intervention area for the overall programme in South Sudan. Its primary focus is to assist individuals and households affected by conflict in transitioning from reliance on external aid to self-sufficiency. This involves restoring their ability to cope with future shocks and reducing chronic vulnerability. Economic Recovery activities are tailored to meet their specific needs, aiming to address immediate food security concerns and provide resources for long-term self-sufficiency. DRC's goal is to empower vulnerable individuals, uphold their dignity, and create a sustainable and resilient community.

What We Do

DRC's Economic Recovery work is divided into three subsectors: a) Food Security, b) Decent Livelihoods, and c) Financial Inclusion, all striving toward self-reliance. By integrating market systems approaches and protection programs, DRC aids communities in achieving self-sufficiency. This self-reliance model underpins efforts to enhance economic well-being. DRC's Economic Recovery Sector initiatives targets those impacted by conflict and displacement. This includes climate-adaptive agriculture, natural resource management, and fortifying market systems to enhance resilience. Efforts extend to promoting sustainable livelihoods through skill development and income generation.

Food Security



DRC through its projects, ensures access to safe, high-quality food in selected implementation states. The focus is on sustaining access to nutritious food and fostering overall livelihood improvement. Strategies include interventions to support vulnerable individuals and households in accessing food, as well as ensuring resilient market systems and value chains.

Financial Inclusion

This involves enhancing access to affordable, suitable financial products and services, delivered responsibly and inclusively. DRC collaborates with individuals, households, and communities to build financial access, knowledge, and understanding. They also work with formal and informal financial service providers to make relevant products and services available and tailored to vulnerable needs.

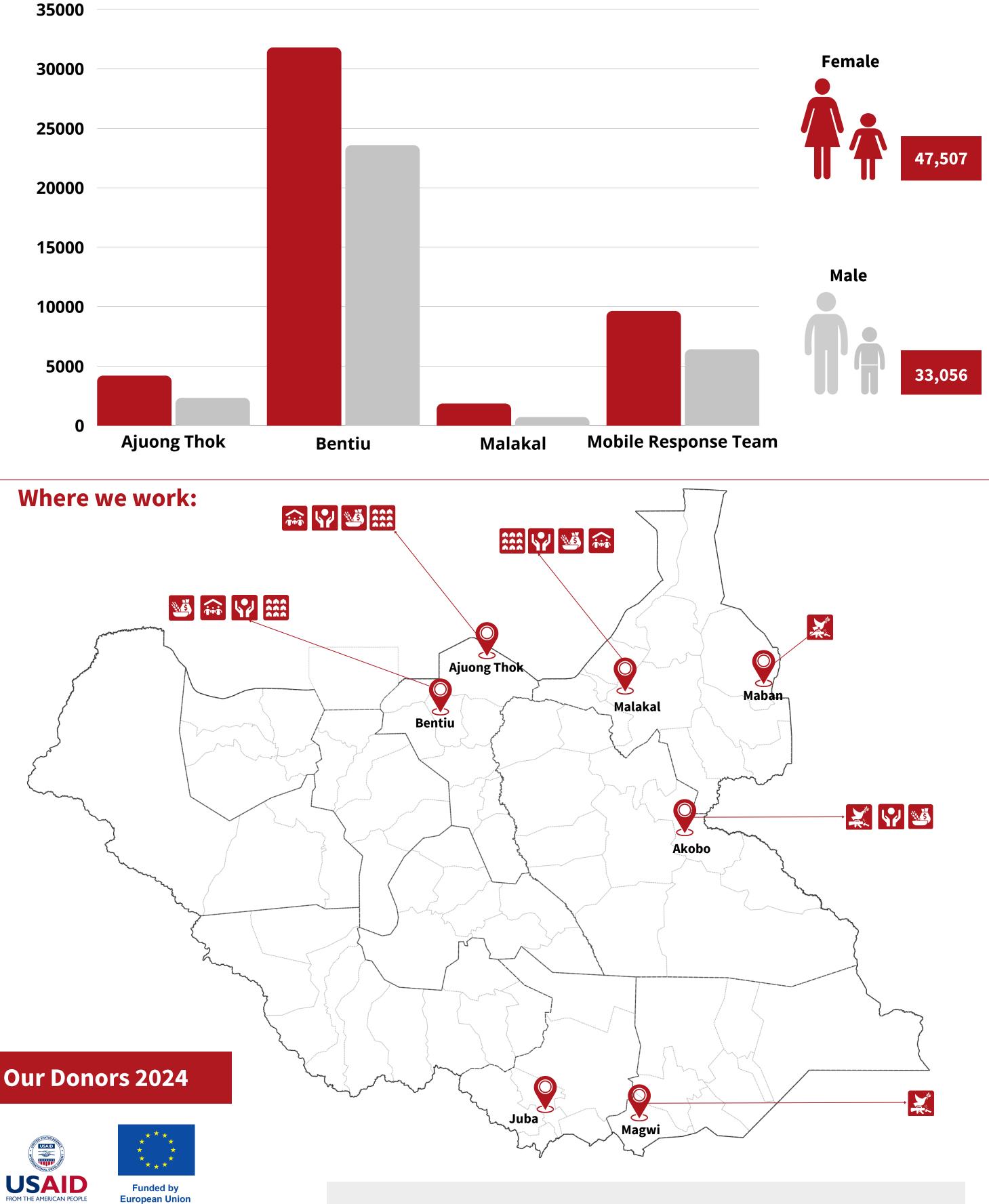
Decent Livelihoods

Ensuring individuals and households have access to resources for sustenance or income generation is key. This is achieved by increasing employability through skill development and facilitating access to assets. DRC also generates diversified, sustainable employment opportunities for displaced populations such as working for cash, the private sector, and individual employers.





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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.