



# Response to Gender-Based Violence in South Sudan

Dining for Women and UNICEF USA Join Forces For Good

## Background

South Sudan's independence in 2011 occurred after more than two decades of near continuous war. The new republic continues to face internal conflict and, on February 20, 2017, famine was declared, deepening the humanitarian crisis in the region.

More than two million people have been displaced by violence in South Sudan, 87 percent of whom are women and children. Gender-based violence (GBV) is an urgent issue, with high levels of sexual violence prevalent throughout the country.

## The Project

Dining for Women's (DFW) \$100,000 partnership grant will provide GBV prevention and response services for women and children:

- GBV mitigation — This includes ensuring sufficient lighting and security patrols at displacement camps and protective patrols to help women who go outside the camps to search for firewood.
- Psychosocial support — to help girls overcome difficult experiences such as rape, sexual abuse, and other forms of GBV.
- Awareness campaigns — engaging communities in a process to explore, debate, and ultimately alter norms that influence behaviors, practices, and beliefs that contribute to GBV.
- Capacity building — strengthening national capacity to deliver quality GBV prevention



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and response services. This includes addressing the lack of medical services available to the survivors of sexual violence.

## Projected Impact

DFW's investment of \$100,000 will support critical GBV prevention and response services for approximately 2,640 women and children in South Sudan.

With support from DFW members, our UNICEF partnership will respond to the survivors of GBV, while mitigating risks of GBV to protect women and girls today and in the future. By investing in this project, thousands of girls in South Sudan will be given a second chance to grow in stable, nurturing, and protective environments. ●

## About UNICEF

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