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Dear Friends of JRS Family - Western and Eastern Africa Regions!
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On behalf of the JRS Sudan Conflict Crisis Group (JRS SCCG), we are writing to you to provide some updates on the Sudan Crisis and our responses.

Since our first update, hundreds keep crossing Sudan frontiers in search of safety to Chad, Ethiopia and South Sudan on a daily basis. This number includes South Sudanese and Chadian, Sudanese returnees and other nationalities. As of May 1, nearly 9,000 people have crossed to Ethiopia, a total of 23,943 to South Sudan, and more than 21,000 to Chad. In all these 3 countries, JRS is present and is part of the inter-agency response and reception teams.

With these new displacements, JRS has undertaken the following actions:

JRS South Sudan sent a team on Friday April 28, for an **Assessment Visit to Renk**, frontier with Sudan and main point of entry in the country for displaced people. The purpose of the visit was:

- To assess the general situation of displaced populations into South Sudan.
- To define which are the best areas of support for JRS to work in a coordinated manner with other organizations.

Out of that visit we already identified potential gaps or areas of expertise where JRS can best support, these being: receiving referrals for people in need of Psychosocial Support and physiotherapy services, providing information to new arrivals, offering pastoral accompaniment for those who need it, and identifying and referrals from people in need of medical support and Non-Food Items.



JRS team in Renk



Hub for information sharing and receiving referrals for sudanese refugees in Renk



A detailed budget is being developed as we continue to assess the magnitude of the crisis and the next movements of displaced people. Notwithstanding, **an urgent emergency fund is needed for early response.**

JRS response in Chad and Ethiopia are still in the early stages and a concrete action plan has yet to be developed. Nevertheless, in Chad, it is being considered to support with the education of new arrivals as well as offering protection services to the most vulnerable ones, profiting the expertise on JRS Chad in both areas.

We will continue being present where the needs are greatest. This response equips us to be prepared and contribute to cope with the human consequences of this outbreak of violence, as we continue to **serve, accompany, and advocate** for those who need us most during this difficult time.

In case new significant updates arise, we will notify you using the same means after our bi-weekly meetings.

We continue to be at your disposal for any queries or to address any topic related to the above information shared.

Thank you for your continued support.

- JRS Eastern and Western Africa Sudan Conflict Crisis Group

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Sudanese people arriving in Renk, a border town in South Sudan.