

Strengthening the Food Security and Nutrition Information Network through a Formalized Partnership Agreement – South Sudan

The Opportunity

The high level of interest by stakeholders to improve food and nutrition security information and analysis for enhanced evidence-based decision making prompted individual agencies to offer support, which was largely uncoordinated. With the roll-out of the global Food Security Information Network (FSIN), FSIN South Sudan members (FAO, WFP, FEWS NET, and UNICEF) opted to formalize a collaboration agreement to harmonize network capacity building efforts.

The Goal

Building a coordinated, robust, resilient, and sustainable food and nutrition information system that supports evidence-based decision making through a collaboration agreement that improves the effectiveness of network development.

The Network

The targeted network is government-led and comprises relevant ministries and agencies, including the Food Security Council, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, National Bureau of Statistics, and others.

Key Activities

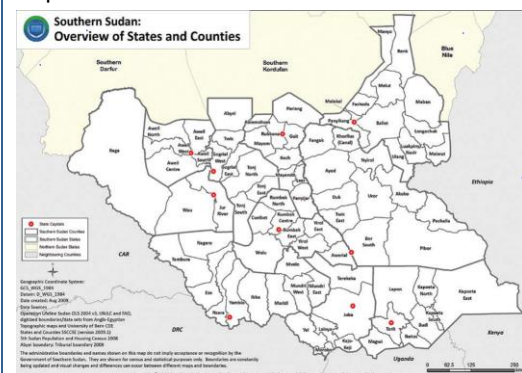
- Joint capacity strengthening, harmonization of approaches to data collection, analysis, and reporting.
- Collaboration to enhance IPC analysis through targeted training on FEWS NET’s analysis methods.
- Collaboration to strengthen climate and markets and trade analysis and reporting.

South Sudan IPC analysis workshop, January 2018



Source: South Sudan IPC/TWG

Map of South Sudan



Source: National Bureau of Statistics, 2009

Factors that have Enhanced Success

Partners’ collective responsibility in implementation of the joint operational plan, adherence to agreed reporting timelines, peer review of reports, and the ongoing drive for better data gathering and information sharing.

Factors that have Hindered Success

Differences in organizational business models, governance structures, operational set ups, and communication strategies, and a lack of effective partnership monitoring and evaluation system. Additionally, given the ongoing conflict, full implementation of the joint operational plan did not occur.

Key Elements Enhancing Sustainability

- The existence of host government institutions with a mandate to ensure coordinated food security programs and information systems, and capacity building efforts.
- The open-ended partnership agreement, backed by a joint operational strategy and implementation plan.