



Dear Friends,

Breaking news! Another war... another genocide... another earthquake... another flood... Another wave of families fleeing their homes in South Sudan in search of refuge - only to be trapped without food and water in a drought-stricken region with no way to go home and no safe destination in sight!

When they escape the war zone and can't walk any further, they stop. There is no one there to befriend and welcome them. They are not refugees since they have not crossed a border, so they are called Internally Displaced People and they collect themselves into a camp, like the children of Israel in the desert without a Moses. And not being actual refugees, they don't qualify for the kind of aid they so desperately need.

They are mostly women and children. Often, the men have been killed or conscripted to fight. Long days are spent looking for water, foraging for food, and caring for the weakest and sickest. The conditions in the camps are deplorable. Little children are succumbing to the lack of food and water. Diseases like malaria, measles, and pneumonia are raging through the crowded camps and taking lives in numbers that have not been seen in our part of the world for more than a century. It doesn't take long for the most vulnerable to get to the point of death. As their children are dying, some mothers try to walk to a hospital, knowing their child's death would be preventable, but are turned away for lack of money to pay for basic medications. The word gets back to other mothers of dying children: "Don't even try to get help. It is hopeless." So, the grieving, crying mothers just hold their very sick children until they quietly die in their arms.



Community of refuge seekers comfort a grieving mother and visit the makeshift grave of the child she just lost, after walking for four days with no food or water.



Large international agencies have been unable to expand their programs to include these IDP camps of 20,000 people. Some visited and explained to the people why they couldn't help. The war in Ukraine and too many crises all over the world competing for resources were some of their very logical reasons.

Then a glimmer of hope.... A small FBO (Faith Based Organization) of their fellow citizens from South Sudan who have formed a non-profit called Transformation of the World in Christ, led by Rev. Paul Lueth, witnessed their desperate situation and started reaching out to find help for them. MAMA Project got an email from Rev. Paul as he was reaching out on behalf of the suffering people in the camps. He then visited MAMA Kenya and met Evelina and Julia Christensen from MAMA. He asked for help with the extreme needs in the camps for water, food, and medicine.



The new refugee seekers appeal for plastic sheets to cover their shelters as the rainy season is beginning.

Of course, we had to say YES!!!! We will partner with you and the communities to find help!

When mothers of starving children ask us personally for help, we cannot say "Not now", "Ask somebody else", or "We are too busy". With confidence that our network of friends and supporters will join us in meeting these needs, we have jumped in. We are sending systems to purify water, meds, and treatments for malaria, diarrhea, intestinal parasites, and, of course, malnutrition. We know that we can't feed every starving child in the world, but if someone asks us to help them, we can find the strength and resources to help ease their suffering and be their friends in need.

Right now, the women, who are lifelong subsistence farmers, are searching desperately for seeds and tools to grow their own food. The essential rains have just begun, but the window for planting is short. June and July are the planting months that they cannot afford to miss or there will be no chance of growing food. For 20,000 people, the supplies to grow food for the coming year will cost about \$20,000. The need is huge but working together, even the smallest amount of support will help us to get these supplies to these suffering people. MAMA is sending about \$20,000 for seeds and supplies - which sounds like a huge amount but actually represents less than \$1 per person. And the need in the camps continues to grow.



With support from MAMA, Rev. Paul and his team have begun a feeding program.



Thirsty children walk for hours to find and drink from muddy water holes.



New refuge seekers continue to arrive!

Will you consider helping us today?

Please share about this crisis with your friends and contacts who might be interested in helping, forward this email, and like and share our [Facebook posts](#).

Donations may be sent to:

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Or donate through PayPal at [mamaproject.org](https://www.paypal.com/mamaproject.org).

While South Sudan is “stealing the headlines,” MAMA Project and our partners are busy at work on the ground in rural villages and urban slums. We are expanding work with WATER, WORMS, and MALNUTRITION in many new and innovative ways, reaching new communities.

We want to keep you all informed! Please send us your email address so we can keep you up to date with breaking news more often!

It is painful to be a victim or even a witness to the enormous suffering caused by cruelty, hatred, arrogance, hunger for power, war, injustice, famine, and human greed! We want to look away, but we are asked to divide our bread with the hungry, give the thirsty something to drink, invite the homeless into the house, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and imprisoned. When we, as individuals and as a group, decide to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God, then we WILL want to care for the poor. And where there is a WILL, there is a WAY! Let's continue to find the WAY together!

Thanks for being part of this work of love!

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