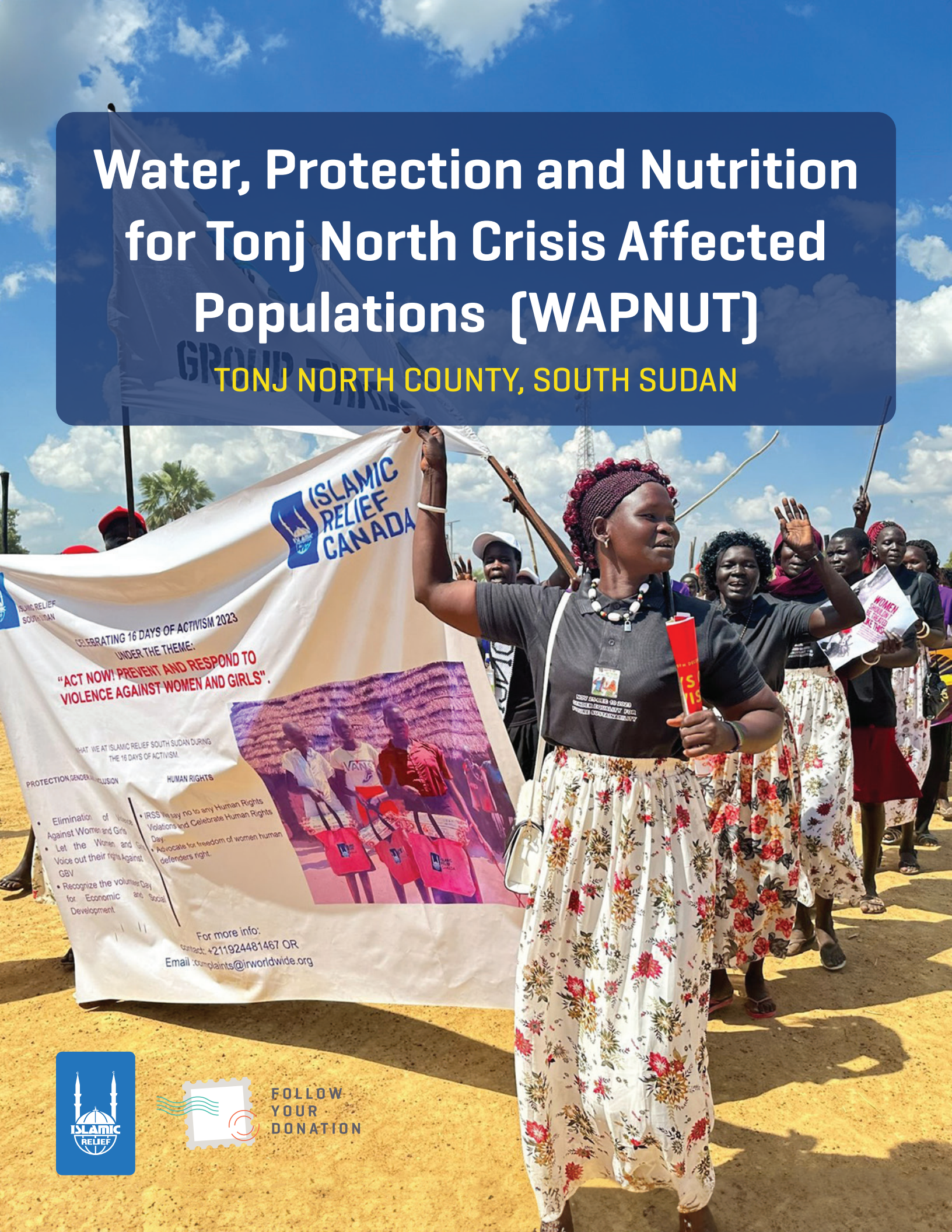
Water, Protection and Nutrition for Tonj North Crisis Affected Populations (WAPNUT)

TONJ NORTH COUNTY, SOUTH SUDAN



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Your Support Changes Lives

Assalamu Alaikum,

On behalf of Islamic Relief Canada, thank you for your generous support. Alhamdulillah, your contributions have made a profound impact on the lives of people in South Sudan. Because of your generosity, vulnerable families now have access to clean water, improved health services, and food security, providing a foundation for a brighter and healthier future.

Your donation supports more than immediate needs; communities are able to thrive long-term with the use of sustainable resources. Households across South Sudan can now manage essential water wells, access nutritious food, and sustain their livelihoods with dignity.

We pray that Allah accepts your efforts and grants us the ability to continue helping those in need in South Sudan and across the world, Ameen.

Warmest Regards,



Usama Khan
CEO, Islamic Relief Canada

Our Work in the Region

In South Sudan, Islamic Relief Canada has positively impacted over **142,000 lives** by improving access to clean water, education, healthcare, and sustainable livelihoods. Our initiatives focus on building resilience through livestock care, resource management, and community protection training.

Additionally, we provide vital health services and food security programs in refugee camps, prioritizing support for displaced women, children, and vulnerable groups. Our women's savings and loan groups boost local economies, while enhancements to schools—like new latrines and classrooms—create better learning environments.

Together, our holistic approach to programs in the country provides immediate relief while building lasting resilience in the communities we serve.

Project Overview

Project Name:

Water, Protection and Nutrition for Tonj North Crisis Affected Populations (WAPNUT)

Project Start Date:

March 1st, 2022

Project End Date:

May 31st, 2024

Location:

Tonj North County, South Sudan

Project Status:

☑ COMPLETED



Primary Outcomes Achieved:

Improved access to clean water and established community-led maintenance and repair systems

+ Drilled **36 new boreholes and repaired 6 existing** ones to supply clean, safe water to 28,500 people, including 855 individuals with disabilities.
+ Built **2 water stations** to serve both household and livestock needs, ensuring a sustainable water source for communities.
+ Formed and trained **48 water management committees**, comprising 336 community members to oversee and maintain water sources.

196 women **140 men**

8 with disabilities

+ Equipped **15 local mechanics** with training to handle repairs and upkeep of the boreholes, promoting community-led water management.

2 women **13 men**

Enhanced sanitation and hygiene practices across communities and schools

+ Delivered **hygiene and sanitation education** to 20,059 people, including 640 individuals with disabilities, through community campaigns and household visits.
+ Supported **10 community hygiene promoters to share essential hygiene practices** and distributed information materials.
+ Built **4 waste disposal facilities in health centers and 8 accessible ventilated latrines** in 4 schools, benefiting 1,600 students and staff, and helping to prevent waterborne diseases.
+ **Provided hygiene supplies, such as basins, jerry cans, soap, and water purification tablets**, to 2,400 households and installed 30 handwashing stations in health centers and schools.

5 women **5 men**

TOTAL RIGHTS-HOLDERS IMPACTED
28,500
individuals

Supplied essential hygiene and menstrual items

+ **Distributed dignity kits** (including sanitary items, soap, a towel, and other essentials) to 2,300 women and girls to encourage menstrual hygiene.
+ Supplied 1,950 households with **family hygiene kits** to ensure safe water storage and personal hygiene.
+ **Provided 100 sets of tools to community members for building household latrines**, held 6 community sanitation meetings, and distributed supplies for the construction of 600 household latrines to promote a clean and safe environment.

Project Activities

This project aimed to support vulnerable people in the community, ensure food security, access to clean water, and health and nutrition. The following activities were carried out:

Collaborative Planning and Stakeholder Engagement

The team held meetings to plan the project's implementation and ongoing communication with municipality members and partners.



+ **Strategic Planning Meetings:**
  + Islamic Relief South Sudan convened multiple planning sessions with local authorities, community leaders, and project stakeholders to ensure seamless project implementation.
  + These sessions introduced the project's scope, roles, and responsibilities, fostering transparency and mutual accountability among all partners.



+ **Monthly Review Meetings:**
  + Regular reviews allowed for tracking progress, addressing emerging challenges, and refining strategies. These meetings ensured that all activities aligned with the project's goals and adapted swiftly to the dynamic field conditions.



+ **Key Outcomes from Stakeholder Meetings:**
  + **Baseline Surveys:** Provided crucial data on existing water access and sanitation facilities, helping to tailor interventions to the specific needs of each community.
  + **Communication Plans:** Developed for consistent engagement with rights-holders, ensuring that rights-holders were informed and actively involved throughout the project lifecycle.
  + **Implementation Plan Updates:** Allowed for flexibility and responsiveness, ensuring that the project remained effective and relevant despite changing circumstances.

Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Rights-holder Selection

The team conducted a needs assessment and evaluation to select the project's rights-holders and evaluate challenges.



+ **Targeted Assessments:**
  + These in-depth evaluations conducted across Tonj North identified priority needs, focusing on the most vulnerable, including **women-headed households, orphans, and families affected by displacement**.
  + Data-driven selection processes ensured fairness and maximized the impact of interventions.



+ **Personalized Evaluations:**
  + Field visits to individual households enabled the tailoring of support packages to meet specific needs, thereby enhancing the overall effectiveness and sustainability of the assistance we provided.

Distribution of Life-Changing Goods and Services

Islamic Relief teams conducted the distribution of goods and services in an efficient manner. In this way, rights-holders reaped the benefits immediately and improved their quality of living.

- **Water Infrastructure Development:**
  - Boreholes and Water Yards:
    - Constructed 36 new boreholes and rehabilitated 6 non-functional ones, providing clean and safe water to over 28,500 individuals.
    - Established two new water yards with multiple kiosks to enhance water distribution.
  - Water Management Committees:
    - 48 committees, comprising 336 trained members, were established to oversee the maintenance and operation of the water systems. This ensures long-term functionality and community ownership.

- **Sanitation Enhancements:**
  - Latrines:
    - Constructed 8 ventilated improved pit latrines in schools, benefiting 1,600 students. These facilities significantly improved hygiene and reduced disease risks.
  - Non-Food Items:
    - Distributed essential hygiene kits, including jerry cans, soap, and water purification tablets, to 2,400 households. This initiative promoted safe water storage and personal hygiene practices.



Capacity Building and Community Empowerment

Recognizing that sustainable change comes from within, Islamic Relief focused on equipping community members with the skills and knowledge necessary to manage their resources and improve their quality of life. This capacity-building initiative aimed to foster self-reliance and long-term resilience across the communities we served.

- **Technical Training:**
  - 15 hand pump mechanics received training, equipping them with skills to perform repairs and maintain the new water infrastructure. This ensures sustainable access to clean water.

- **Hygiene Promotion:**
  - 10 community-based hygiene promoters were trained to distribute key messages on sanitation and hygiene practices, directly engaging over 20,000 community members through mass campaigns and door-to-door outreach.

- **Empowering Women and Families:**
  - **Mother-to-Mother Support Groups:** Formed to foster peer support and share knowledge on child nutrition and health practices. These groups were trained on using Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) tapes for malnutrition screening, promoting early detection and intervention.
  - **Dignity Kits:** Distributed to 2,300 women and girls, these kits provided essential items to support menstrual hygiene.

Sustainability and Community Ownership

Sustainability lies at the heart of every intervention. Islamic Relief South Sudan prioritized community involvement at all stages of the project, ensuring the benefits extend well beyond the project's lifespan.

- **Long-term Impact:**
  - By integrating community members in every stage of the project—from planning to implementation—Islamic Relief South Sudan ensured the sustainability of its interventions.
  - Training sessions and the establishment of local committees have built a strong foundation for community-led maintenance and ongoing health improvements.



Ongoing Monitoring & Support

Islamic Relief South Sudan accomplished essential groundwork for the project's success. For monitoring and additional support, they created a thorough monitoring plan, a strategic communication strategy, and a detailed implementation plan. These efforts ensure that the project is well-prepared and progressing smoothly.

Alhumdulilah, all project activities have been successfully completed!

Stories of Your Impact

Through the Water, Protection, and Nutrition for Tonj North Crisis-Affected Populations (WAPNUT) project, your support has brought life-changing benefits to families in Tonj North, South Sudan. Here's how your generosity has transformed the life of one resilient woman and her family, providing hope and stability for generations to come!



The Gift of Water

Adut Victoria, 34 years old

Story Highlight

Thanks to **YOUR** incredible support, Adut and her family in Tonj North, South Sudan now enjoy the essential gift of clean water.

Adut, a dedicated mother and community leader, relies on small-scale farming and raising livestock to support her family. However, the dry seasons and long distances to fetch water made their daily life difficult and unsafe.

Because of your generous contributions, Islamic Relief was able to construct a borehole in Adut's village that has transformed her life. She can now easily water her small vegetable garden to grow food for her family and community. Adut is also part of a women's farming group, using the new water source to irrigate their crops which provides her family with both income and sustenance during these difficult times.

"The construction of this borehole is a blessing. We longed for it. We used to walk long distances to fetch water with our daughter, and I was scared for my daughter's safety. Now I'm at peace because the borehole is close to home, and I know that my children are nearby and safe," shared Adut.

Your generosity has helped Adut's family — and the whole community — **flourish and live with newfound hope**.







Thank You

Jazakum Allahu Khairan, for your continued support and kindness for the world's most vulnerable.

We are incredibly grateful to donors like yourself for supporting our work in transforming the lives of the most vulnerable in South Sudan. Their lives will be forever changed, and their futures will be made brighter.

We could not do it without you, thank you.



"Whoever relieves the hardship of a believer in this world, Allah will relieve their hardship on the Day of Resurrection. Whoever helps ease one in difficulty, Allah will make it easy for them in this world and in the Hereafter..."

– Prophet Muhammad ﷺ





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