



MCC'S CRISIS RESPONSE APRIL-SEPT. 2017:

Kenya: 3,128 families received food assistance (beans, maize flour, cooking oil).

South Sudan: 245 families received food assistance (sorghum, oil, beans, cooking oil and salt).

*Helped treat malnutrition of more than **12,000** children under five, as well as pregnant and nursing mothers.

Ethiopia: 1,540 families in Afar region can access safe drinking water through the rehabilitation and construction of four cisterns.

Provided canned meat to refugees from South Sudan living in refugee camps in Ethiopia. Value of MCC canned meat and material resources received equalled over \$1.25 million (since April 2015).

***Somalia: 850** drought-affected families in Sanaag region received cash assistance for five months.

***Nigeria: 750** families in Maiduguri received food assistance for five months.

*supported by MCC and other Canadian Foodgrains Bank members



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Africa famine UPDATE

Fall 2017

Providing food for hungry families in South Sudan

In Rubkona County, Unity State, insecurity forced people to flee violence, leaving their crops to rot in the fields. In May, MCC partner Episcopal Church of South Sudan-South Sudanese Development & Relief Agency (ECSS-SSUDRA) distributed a two-month supply of sorghum (grain), beans, cooking oil and salt to **245** families who had fled their homes and fields.

In July, MCC and ECSS-SSUDRA evaluated the results of the initial distribution and decided that it was critical to continue providing emergency food to **750** families who are most in need. To provide protection against malaria and other weather-related diseases, **500** families will also receive blankets and mosquito nets.

Thank you for your generous support of hungry families during this food crisis.

MCC is responding to famine and hunger in South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya and Nigeria. Our projects range from food distribution to cash transfers; from clean water to canned meat; from nutrition training to trauma healing. The causes of hunger and food insecurity are complex, and we are grateful to work with local partners who are resilient and creative in the face of this crisis.

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Meet Loice Nyakouth

Loice is a widow and mother of eight children in South Sudan. She has been displaced from her home and is currently living in Rubkona camp, where she struggles to make ends meet for herself and her children. Loice and her family are benefitting from the food recently distributed by ECSS-SSUDRA through MCC funding. Patrick Mulu, program manager of ECSS-SSUDRA, asked Loice how this food that she received is impacting her life. She shared,

“I have been earning money to feed my children by collecting and selling fire wood, washing dishes in the restaurants or sometimes washing people’s clothes. However, due to a number of needs and scarcity of low cost food varieties, the money I get is not enough to bring a day’s meal to my eight children. My children used to sleep on empty stomachs or with only porridge for several days.”

“I thank God for bringing MCC and ECSS-SSUDRA to our rescue. I was selected as a beneficiary due to my condition. Since then, my life has changed from the most difficult and hopeless condition to a better condition after

I received food rations for two months. The children at least take two meals a day.

They are very healthy now. Their prospects of survival and growth are now improved and higher. I have also regained my dignity as a caring mother even though I do not have a husband or someone to look up to for help.”

Loice concludes, *“May the Almighty God bless the funders and the staff who have laboured to deliver the relief food assistance to us, Amen.”*

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With your donations, the most vulnerable families affected by this famine are receiving emergency food and necessary supplies during this time of crisis.



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