

Australia increases humanitarian aid to Africa

An additional \$19.3 million in humanitarian assistance to Africa will provide emergency food, healthcare, water and sanitation to people in South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Nigeria and Kenya, the Australian Government has announced.



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The Australian Government will provide further assistance to the millions of people across Africa forced from their homes, with more than 10 million estimated to be on the verge of starvation due to ongoing conflict and widespread drought.

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This new funding will bring Australia's contribution towards the international response to conflict, drought and famine in Africa to approximately \$68 million, since July 2016. This new package of assistance supplements Australia's regular funding to United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund and humanitarian organisations

More than 5.8 million people in South Sudan are in need of assistance due to conflict and acute food shortages. Australia will provide support through the International Committee of the Red Cross and the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund to help meet the food, health and protection needs of these people.

Australia's funding to Uganda and Ethiopia will help these countries work with the United Nations High Commissioner for

Refugees to meet the humanitarian needs of more than 800,000 South Sudanese refugees and others fleeing conflict in the region. The funding will also support longer term education and livelihood opportunities for refugees and their host communities.

Australia's assistance will also help the World Food Programme and Red Cross meet the needs of over 7 million people at risk of starvation in northeast Nigeria due to ongoing conflict and drought, including 1.4 million acutely malnourished children.

In Kenya, Australia's funding through UNICEF will help to address the food and water needs of more than 2.7 million people who are affected by drought and have fled conflict in neighbouring countries.

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