

Response to Crisis in South Sudan

The people of South Sudan are suffering trauma and extreme hunger as they flee an armed conflict in their new nation. More than 800,000 people are displaced within the country, just formed in 2011, and more than 250,000 are refugees in neighboring countries, according to the U.N.

The conflict, which began in December 2013 because of a split within the ruling political party, escalated into widespread violence. Nearly a third of the population is facing starvation in South Sudan, according to Ken and Laura Litwiller, MCC's area directors in East Africa, from Lewistown, Pa. Those who have been displaced by fighting urgently need food, clean water, medicine and seeds.

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