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South Sudan



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## Saving money is saving lives

In just two years, UNICEF South Sudan has saved US\$12 million by prepositioning food, medicines and other critical supplies before the seasonal rain sets in.

**For every dollar saved, more children are helped.**

### RAIN AND MUD

South Sudan is a country the size of France, but with less than 200 kilometres of paved roads. During the rainy season – which runs from May to November – dirt roads turn into muddy tracks, which become impassable for the heavy UNICEF trucks carrying up to 15,000 tonnes of life-saving supplies.

On the other end of the road, children and families are waiting. Vulnerable communities are often isolated for months at a time with no access to basic services such as food, water and medicines. Their lives rely on the help UNICEF and partners can provide.



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## The solution

Moving supplies during the rainy season would mean relying heavily on aircraft, which is five times more expensive than transporting by road. To avoid these costs, UNICEF uses the dependability of the dry season to put everything that will be needed in place before the rains start.

Through the prepositioning of supplies, UNICEF has been able to **save US\$12 million** over the last two years, moving over **30,000 tonnes** during the dry months **via road** to seven strategically located warehouses around the country.

This allows communities to access critical supplies year-round, and for timely assistance to children in need. It's an achievement that wouldn't be possible without the support of donors who make funds available for UNICEF to procure and dispatch supplies in a timely and cost-effective manner.

## Save more, help more

During the 2018–2019 dry season (November 2018 to May 2019), UNICEF plans to move over 16,000 tonnes of life-saving supplies to its strategic hubs. **TO DO THIS, UNICEF IS APPEALING FOR US\$18 MILLION TO ALLOW THE SUPPLIES TO BE PURCHASED AND TRANSPORTED.**

Without this support, UNICEF South Sudan will assist fewer children and their families. Help us save money on transport and save more lives.



### KEY HUBS FOR PREPOSITIONING ARE:

- Unity State (Bentiou)
- Lakes (Rumbek)
- Western Equatoria State (Yambio)
- Northern Bahr el Ghazal State (Aweil)
- Upper Nile (Malakal)
- Jonglei State (Bor and Akobo)
- Eastern Equatoria State (Kapoeta)

## In a nutshell



**192 kilometres** or just **2%** of the roads are paved



For **6 months** of the year, **60%** of the roads are **inaccessible**



Transport by **air** is **5 times more expensive** than transport by **road**



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