



South Sudan – A role for New Zealand

South Sudan is one of the world's worst – and most overlooked crises. New Zealand can help end the destruction and suffering.

Talking Points



Dr. Darren Brunk, Humanitarian Aid Coordinator, CID.

“South Sudan matters to New Zealanders. Our generous public has donated \$7 million over the last two years to NZ NGOs, providing needed humanitarian assistance on the ground. Our defence forces are there too, helping protect civilians as part of the UN mission. And we’re presiding over the Security Council, where international political action is needed to push the reluctant peace process forward. New Zealand is perfectly positioned to do enormous good in South Sudan.”



Simon Day, Head of External Affairs, World Vision New Zealand

“New Zealand has the opportunity to contribute to the long term peace and development of South Sudan. All the people I met trapped inside UN bases for the own protection, and in the villages ravaged by the war, all wanted peace and a chance for their new nation to reach its potential.

“In South Sudan I saw a country wrapped in fear and tension. But I also saw hope. New Zealand an opportunity to help harness that hope, but we need to do it before another generation is forced into violence.”



Mark Mitchell, Humanitarian Programmes, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

“Programmes are underfunded. Joint UN/NGO Humanitarian Response Plan is seeking \$1.3bn (NZD1.78bn) to Support 5.1 million people, but only 40% has been pledged.”

“Although NZ has a natural focus in the Pacific we can and must do more in responding to the needs around the world in countries such as South Sudan where the population is facing ongoing conflict. Channelling funds through NZ NGOs is a tangible way of doing this.”



Abann Yor, General Manager, Auckland Refugee Community Coalition

“There are two things New Zealand can do immediately: first, we can help resettled refugees who already make New Zealand their home be reunited with their family members living in refugee camps. Second, New Zealand can respond as it did in Syria, increasing the refugee quota.”



Carsten Bockemuehl, Research & Policy Manager, Amnesty International

"For peace to stand a chance, New Zealand should press for the immediate imposition of an arms embargo by the UN Security Council. Halting any further flow of weapons into the country will reduce the likelihood of political disagreements resulting in widespread death and destruction."

"New Zealand should promote an end to the pervasive culture of impunity for war crimes - the lack of accountability only fuels further cycles of violence. Now is the time to push and support the African Union in setting up the long-awaited Hybrid Court for South Sudan."

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