

## **SOUTH SUDAN FEED II**

## **2024 Project Summary**

In 2024, War Child Canada continued to implement the Fortifying Equality and Economic Diversification for Resilience II (FEED II) project across Wau and Jur River counties in Western Bahr el Ghazal State in South Sudan. This project is implemented in consortium with World Vision Canada and Care Canada and is funded by Global Affairs Canada. The project activities wrapped up in December 2024 after 5 years of implementation.

2024 was shaped by several significant contextual challenges. Intercommunal conflict in Wau County, particularly tensions between cattle keepers and SPLA-IO camps, disrupted agricultural activities and forced some farmers to relocate to safer areas. Climate-related issues such as delayed rainfall, crop pests, and flooding negatively impacted food production and displaced families. Additionally, the ongoing conflict in Sudan contributed to a large influx of refugees, placing added pressure on local resources. Meanwhile, the South Sudanese Pound continued to depreciate, compounding food insecurity and economic stress among households.

Despite these challenges, War Child reached a total of 6,258 individuals, including women, men, youth, and children through implementation of the FEED II project in 2024. The project made notable progress in integrating gender-transformative approaches into its programming. Over 5,500 participants took part in maternal infant and young child feeding trainings and cooking demonstrations. Trainings addressed household nutrition and included efforts to challenge and transform gender norms around food preparation and childcare.



In terms of climate resilience, more than 5,700 individuals accessed meteorological information services. Additionally, over 1,400 community members, including farmers and youth, were trained in traditional ecological knowledge and meteorological data collection. Post-harvest handling trainings reached over 7,000 participants, improving food preservation techniques within households.

Youth-led peacebuilding and conflict resolution activities engaged over 100 young people, with community events using sports and drama to promote gender equality and social cohesion. The adult literacy program continued for over 9,000 participants, enhancing their leadership, literacy, and financial skills.

The project also supported income generation and financial resilience. Over 60 savings groups were established with approximately 1,500 members, collectively saving over 800 million South Sudanese pounds (SSP).

Community members are preparing for the phase-out of the project by organizing into cooperatives and launching small businesses. Youth engagement through sports has proven to be a powerful tool for peacebuilding and social change. Meanwhile, inflation has prompted saving groups to adapt their financial practices, such as adjusting share values and expediting loan disbursements.

## **Key Results for 2024**

Indicator	Target	Actual
Participants trained in maternal and infant nutrition	57	1,148
Participants in cooking demonstrations	1,059	1,148
Women receiving post-harvest handling training	3,303	2,042
Farmers trained in climate early warning systems	1,399	1,439
Youth trained in gender-responsive conflict resolution	93	101
Participants in adult literacy & numeracy	362	376
Members in savings groups	922	920
Agribusiness trainees	126	131
Participants in gender equality sessions	3,403	2,693
Community gender-based violence awareness participants	2,613	1,396

