



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

# Livelihoods Options Support to IDP Households (LOSIH) Project

### PROJECT GOAL

Improve the nutritional status for children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women at the household level in Ayod, South Sudan through improved food diversity from kitchen gardens, fishing, and purchase from local markets.

In August 2020, severe flooding in South Sudan's Ayod County displaced families, disrupted lives and livelihoods and severed access to markets and humanitarian services. Many affected were vulnerable internally displaced people (IDPs) already facing acute food insecurity and malnutrition. According to Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) reports, Ayod County is experiencing worsening emergency acute food insecurity and high rates of acute malnutrition among children and pregnant and lactating women. In addition to conflict and acute food insecurity, suboptimal feeding practices, lack of access to safe water and COVID-19-related disruptions are further exacerbating the rates of malnutrition in this area of South Sudan.

IMA World Health has implemented emergency nutrition interventions targeting IDPs and host communities in Ayod County since 2017. Now, as a permanent partner of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) under the Corus International umbrella of organizations, IMA can combine its expertise in nutrition programming with LWR's proven ability to strengthen rural livelihoods in South Sudan. The LOSIH Project takes this integrated approach to provide the resources and skills needed to both reduce severe and moderate acute malnutrition in children under five as well as to expand income-generating opportunities for households through nutrition-sensitive agriculture interventions focusing on kitchen gardening, fishing, and post-harvest handling.



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## EXPECTED RESULTS

- **60% of female participants** consumed the Minimum Diet Diversity (MDD)
- **60% of children 6-23 months** received the Minimum Acceptable Diet (MAD)
- **60% of households** practiced dietary diversification
- **100 people** trained on best practices in fish farming, preservation and processing
- **100 caregivers** trained on kitchen gardening and poultry farming
- **300 households** supported with fishing kits (hooks and twine)
- **4 fish processing sites** established
- **200 households** provided with vegetable and crop seeds
- **300 households** provided with breeding chickens
- **75% of households** demonstrated improved fishing and farming skills
- **300 households** sold surplus produce to local markets
- **5 peer-to-peer groups** formed for learning and support
- **5 Village Savings and Loans Associations** formed and trained on governance and business practices



## The Corus Effect

IMA World Health (IMA) and global development and aid leader Lutheran World Relief (LWR) jointly launched Corus International in 2020 to be the parent of a family of nonprofits and for-profits committed to ending poverty and building healthy communities together. In addition to IMA and LWR, the Corus family includes U.K.-based technology for development company CGA Technologies, impact investing firm Ground Up Investing — both for-profits — and direct trade coffee producer LWR Farmers Market Coffee.

Alongside communities and local partners in fragile settings, our dedicated experts across our organizations integrate disciplines, approaches and resources to overcome global health challenges, develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of climate change, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises.

With the support of our family's diverse set of partners and funding – from multi- and bilateral institutions and foundations to the private sector and individuals – we invest in solutions that are innovative, scalable, holistic and move the needle towards transformational change.



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