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Welthungerhilfe: People in South Sudan must not starve to death

Bonn/Berlin, 21.02.2017. Welthungerhilfe is calling on the international community to provide additional humanitarian aid for South Sudan as quick as possible. Around 5.5 million people can no longer take care for themselves due to the ongoing fights. For years, Welthungerhilfe has been working in Unity State, the federal district hit by a famine, and is currently providing food to about 350,000 people.

„In those areas where we support with survival relief, we were able to prevent the worst. Humanitarian aid will continue to play an important role for crisis areas in Africa. In times of Africa summits and an envisaged Marshall Plan for the continent, we should not accept any deaths related to hunger“, emphasises Dr Till Wahnbaeck, Welthungerhilfe CEO.

Also the Horn of Africa is threatened by a hunger crisis affecting more than 12 million people in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia due to a prolonged drought. There was no rainfall during the last rainy seasons in these countries, and the first animals have died already. At the same time, prices for basic food are increasing sharply.

Dr Till Wahnbaeck has been on a field visit to South Sudan only a few weeks ago and is available for interviews.

***Welthungerhilfe** is one of the largest private aid organisations in Germany, politically independent and non-denominational. It fights for **“A World without Hunger by 2030”**. Since its establishment in 1962, more than 8,120 overseas projects in 70 countries have been supported with 3,033 billion euro. **Welthungerhilfe**'s work is based on the principle of **“Help for Self-Help”**: from rapid disaster relief to reconstruction and long-term development cooperation projects with national and international partner organisations.*

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