In May 2017, ACTED conducted a baseline assessment with 173 vulnerable households located in three Payams of Tonj South. The challenges of the nation-wide economic and political climate have been underscored by successive years of drought, flooding and livestock disease in this county. In order to address this issue, HelpAge and ACTED supported by Disasters Emergency Committee, are working together on the provision of unconditional cash transfers to the most vulnerable older people and person with disabilities to support them and their households in meeting basic food needs. ACTED set out to assess the level of vulnerability in order to focus its programme and to ensure the voice of those affected is considered. The primary objective of this study was to assess the current situation of the households targeted and to capture key food security indicators which will help to measure the effect of the programme.

In their household:
- 84% reported usually eating only once a day
- 90% experience food shortage on a daily basis
- 52% declared that they are not able to afford food items
- 68% noted that, sometimes, there is no food of any kind to eat

Households’ Monthly Food Need
- 78% would need at least 3,000 SSP to meet food needs
- 65% reported not being able to meet their monthly food need