The Rapid Response Fund (RRF)

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What the RRF is:

- A funding mechanism that **enables organizations to respond to emergencies** happening in all former 10 states of South Sudan and the Abyei Area with lifesaving activities for conflict-affected populations.

- A funding mechanism that is **activated** by conflict-induced displacements or returns, outbreaks of highly communicable diseases, severe acute malnutrition or food insecurity, or natural disasters demanding humanitarian response.

- Implemented by **IOM**, with the support of **USAID/OFDA**.

- A **separate department within IOM**, independent of other operational units.

- Funds emergency, lifesaving projects that run for **three months**.
Thematic areas that RRF can fund:

• There are **eight thematic areas:**
  ✓ WASH;
  ✓ Nutrition;
  ✓ Health;
  ✓ Agriculture and Food Security;
  ✓ Logistics and NFIs;
  ✓ Emergency Shelter and CCCM;
  ✓ Protection;
  ✓ Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management.
Who can access the RRF Funds:

• Open to both **national** and **international NGOs** that are **eligible to apply**:
  • In 2018 the RRF funded **28 projects**, **23** of which were implemented by national NGOs.
  • Of the 28 projects, **3** were FSL projects (implemented by NNGOs)

Sample of RRF-funded projects, December 2018
What the RRF is Not:

• **NOT** a gap-funding mechanism for organizations to tap during gaps in funding streams.

• **NOT** a funding mechanism that allows partners to respond to development needs in South Sudan, including *peacebuilding* and *education*.

• **NOT** an open-access funding mechanism – funds are not guaranteed if an organization shows interest. All partners must be eligible and apply for RRF funding, as well as undergo an extensive review process.

• **NOT** a funding mechanism for other operational IOM units to use at will, without going through the standard procedure and proposal review.
Who is Eligible:

- Organizations that are **registered**, locally or international, as a humanitarian organization, NGO, or CBO.
- Organizations that have **established competence** in the area applying, e.g. experience implementing emergency WASH projects and applying for RRF funding for emergency WASH activities.
- Organizations that have **established physical presence** in the location proposed for intervention or **established capacity** to mobilize quickly.
- Organizations that have history and evidence of meeting standards of **financial probity and responsibility**.
- Organizations that have **capacity to meet reporting and M&E requirements**.
### Steps for Potential RRF FSL Partners:

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<td>Step 1</td>
<td>Emergency needs identified - IPC 3 or more, disaster impacted population that needs FSL support to increase food security</td>
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<td>Assessment undertaken shows need for emergency FSL response</td>
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<td>FSL Cluster liaises with FAO for emergency response FSL kit availability</td>
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<td>FSL Cluster advises potential partner whether the response will be endorsed</td>
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<td>If endorsed, partner should prepare proposal for RRF</td>
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<td>Step 7</td>
<td>RRF works with potential partner to develop proposal as needed</td>
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Selection of Grants:

• Proposals **outline a clear connection** between needs identified (IRNA) and activities proposed.
• Proposals **do not duplicate existing activities** implemented by the applicant or another organization.
  • Prior coordination with the relevant cluster and other partners on the ground is key.
• Proposals take into **consideration the actual needs** of the location and target population.
• Cost-effectiveness and **realistic budgets given the proposed activities**.
• Proposed activities will **build synergy** with existing community resources and resiliency of the population.
• Proposals should include a **realistic and viable transition/exit strategy**.
Thank you!

More information can be found at:
https://southsudan.iom.int/programmes/rapid-response-fund

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