

How does the Partnership work?

The Partnership currently operates across four distinct yet interlinked *work streams*. Each is designed to facilitate forward-looking solutions to defined challenges. Partners choose to engage on work streams based on their own added value, unique resources and expertise. This approach allows for flexible programming, the deployment of comparative advantages and adaptation to the unique contexts in which partners work.



i) Area Based Programming: The Partnership works in locations known as Partnership Areas, which are selected based on civil society and local authorities' ability to collaborate and leverage resources. Their commitment to Partnership objectives, stability and security conditions as well as Partner capacity also determine the selection of Partnership Areas. In each area, joint plans are developed, which are inherently community driven, informed by resilience profiles (see below) and supported with technical assistance from Partners.

- ii) Advocacy:** Advocacy activities are integral to the work of the Partnership. They include high-level visits to secure buy-in and support, outreach with state authorities, community leaders and the private sector. Through effective advocacy, the Partnership can change mindsets to advance humanitarian-development collaboration, and in so doing reduce needs, vulnerability and risk over the long-term.
- iii) Knowledge Management, Learning and Sharing:** Learning across all Partnership activities and sharing lessons on what works, what doesn't and why is an important means of building an evidence base to improve decision-making and programming over the long-term. The Partnership organizes regular learning events - both in Juba and in select Partnership Areas.
- iv) Data Gathering, and Monitoring & Evaluation:** Data collection and analysis are key to produce Resilience Profiles based on detailed, local data, which will be easily accessible through a central database. Monitoring and evaluation efforts focus on the production of indicators and monitoring tools to facilitate effective, targeted programming.



PARTNERSHIP FOR RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

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What is the Partnership for Recovery and Resilience?

The Partnership for Recovery and Resilience (PfRR) is a collective of donors, UN Agencies and NGOs working together to increase resilience and reduce vulnerability of the South Sudanese people and the institutions who represent them. It facilitates bottom-up solutions at the individual, household and community levels while also working closely with local authorities and institutions.

Formally established in March 2018, the Partnership champions local ownership and integrates conflict sensitivity and flexibility in all aspects of its work. This allows it to develop new, inclusive ways of doing business to better help communities adapt and cope with the multiple shocks they face.

What is resilience?

The Partnership works to strengthen the ability to withstand a wide range of shocks. These may include political upheavals, national and local level conflict, displacement, food insecurity, disease outbreaks, and other natural disasters and adverse events. This broad definition lends itself to a wide range of activities at the local level, centering on four pillars:

- i) *Re-establishing access to basic services;*
- ii) *Restoring productive capacities;*
- iii) *Rebuilding trust in people and institutions;*
- iv) *Nurturing and broadening effective partnerships.*

Six Commitments:



The Partnership adds value by promoting:

- i) collective action and approaches that reflect community aspirations;
- ii) area-based recovery and resilience initiatives to reduce vulnerabilities and build self-reliance toward development; and
- iii) applying common monitoring and evaluation tools for responsive programme adaptation. It includes programmes, projects and interventions aligned to the Partnership approach that contribute to and apply collective learning.

Governance:

Partnership activities are overseen by an 11-member Steering Committee made up of senior-level representatives from the UN, donors and NGOs. The committee is the main platform for decision-making and conducts high-level dialogue, promotes coordination, outreach and alignment of interventions. Individual projects and programs aligned to the Partnership have their own governance and accountability arrangements and coordinate with the local partnership committees in the areas where they operate.

The New Way of Working

The Partnership recognizes the important role of emergency assistance while also providing the foundations required to reduce humanitarian needs over time. This approach represents a shift in policy amongst Partners that draws on the New Way of Working, an international commitment agreed on at the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit. The Partnership is advancing the New Way of Working in South Sudan by:

- i) working closely with local-level stakeholders;
- ii) basing its interventions on quality, context specific, data and analysis;
- iii) collaborating closely with other organizations;
- iv) adopting conflict-sensitive approaches to programming; and
- v) undertaking joint monitoring and evaluation.