

# South Sudan

## Economic Development

### Farming Co-ops Empower Drought-Susceptible Communities

#### THE CHALLENGE

The food security situation in South Sudan continues to deteriorate with 4.9 million people at risk. Many families eat only one meal per day, relying on one food type (mainly sorghum). Extremely poor diets result in severe malnutrition, especially among pregnant and lactating women and children under five years.

#### THE SOLUTION

World Concern has incentivized improved diets through income generation, as farming co-ops cultivate and sell vegetables, grown during the dry season with hand irrigation tools. Women co-ops (25-30 members) grow, preserve, consume and market produce. Their success depends on their ability to work together, sharing land, tools, seeds and labor.



#### THE IMPACT

3000 farmers learned how to grow their own food from demo farms and are now saving seed and replanting. World Concern heard testimonies of improved household economic status. Women now pay school fees for their children and spend less time and fuel preparing meals for their families.