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# MASS DISPLACEMENT IN SOUTH SUDAN: THE FIRST EVER DUE TO CLIMATE CRISIS

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## PERMANENT DISPLACEMENT

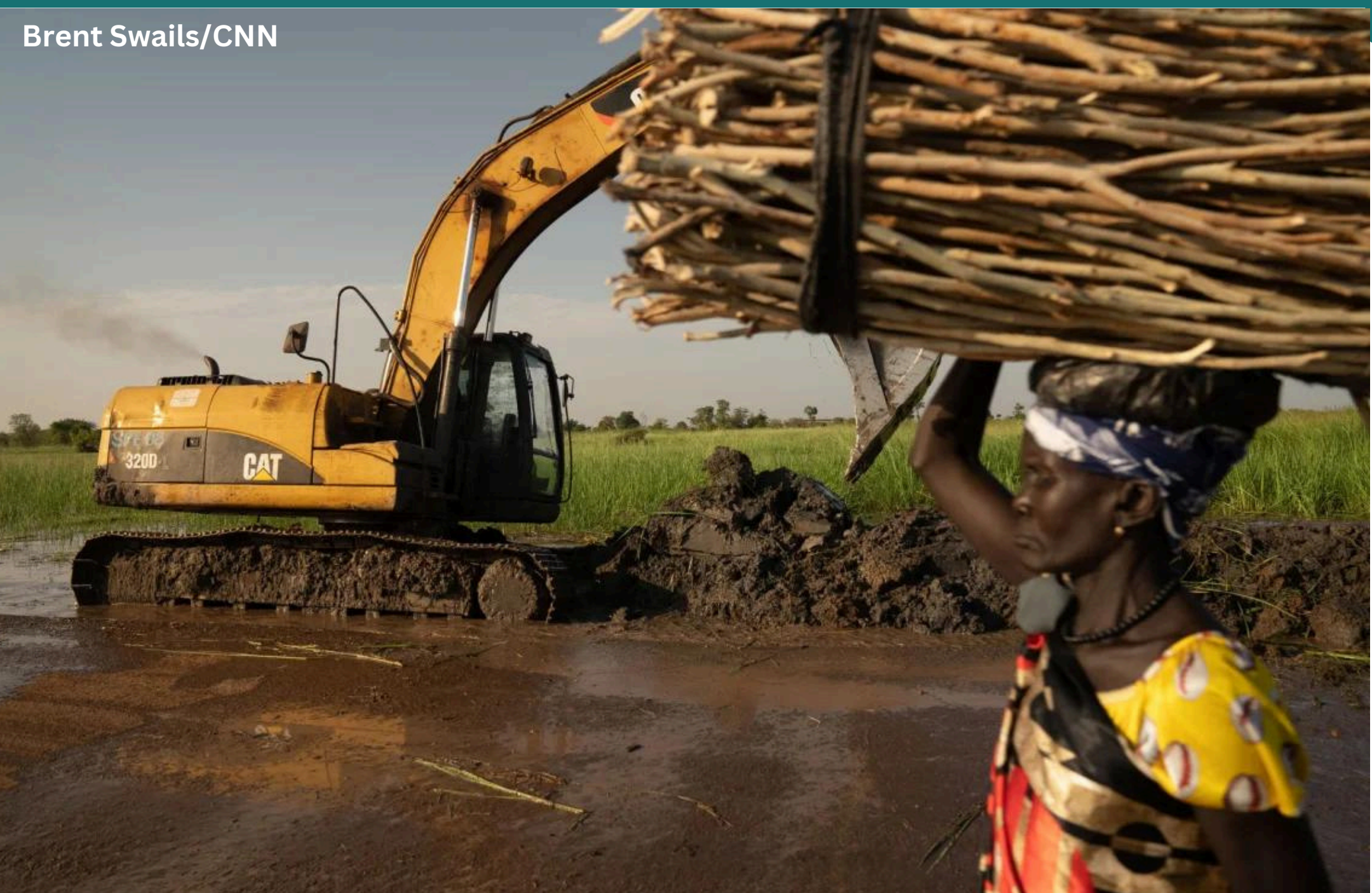
**SOUTH SUDAN IS EXPERIENCING THE WORLD'S FIRST EXAMPLE OF MASS DISPLACEMENT DIRECTLY CAUSED BY THE CLIMATE CRISIS. RECORD-BREAKING FLOODS, FUELED BY GLOBAL HEATING, HAVE SUBMERGED ENTIRE COMMUNITIES, DISPLACING OVER 700,000 PEOPLE. THESE FLOODS ARE THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS DRIVEN BY CLIMATE BREAKDOWN**



# LIVELIHOODS UNDER THREAT

**IN SOUTH SUDAN, 95% OF THE POPULATION RELIES ON FARMING AND LIVESTOCK, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVASTATED BY FLOODWATERS. FAMILIES THAT ONCE THRIVED ON AGRICULTURE ARE NOW FACING CHRONIC FOOD INSECURITY, WITH MANY DEPENDING ENTIRELY ON HUMANITARIAN AID.**

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A close-up photograph of a woman with dark skin and short hair, wearing a vibrant orange and blue patterned shawl. She is looking down at a young child in her arms, who is wearing a red garment. The woman is holding a white spoon to the child's mouth. In the background, another person is visible, and the setting appears to be a rural area with a thatched roof structure.

## A HUNGER CRISIS

THE DESTRUCTION OF CROPS AND PASTURES DUE TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS HAS CAUSED SEVERE FOOD SHORTAGES ACROSS SOUTH SUDAN, PUTTING OVER **7.2 MILLION PEOPLE**, INCLUDING **1.6 MILLION CHILDREN UNDER FIVE**, AT RISK OF FAMINE AND MALNUTRITION BY 2024.



# HEALTH AT RISK

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**FLOODWATERS CREATE IDEAL CONDITIONS FOR WATERBORNE DISEASES, SUCH AS CHOLERA AND HEPATITIS E. OVERCROWDED DISPLACEMENT CAMPS ARE ALSO HOTSPOTS FOR MALNUTRITION AND DISEASE OUTBREAKS. THE COMBINATION OF MALNUTRITION, CONTAMINATED WATER, AND POOR SANITATION IS A DEADLY THREAT**

# WOMEN BEAR THE BRUNT



*Peter Caton for Action Against Hunger*

**WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SOUTH SUDAN ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY THE CLIMATE CRISIS, FACING HEIGHTENED RISKS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE WHILE PERFORMING DAILY TASKS LIKE COLLECTING WATER OR FIREWOOD, WITH DISPLACEMENT AND THE DESTRUCTION OF LIVELIHOODS WORSENING THEIR PLIGHT.**

# BUILDING RESILIENCE



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**DESPITE THE OVERWHELMING CHALLENGES, HOPE REMAINS. COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH SUDAN, SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS, ARE BUILDING DIKES AND EXPLORING FLOOD DEFENSE STRATEGIES. THE FUTURE OF SOUTH SUDAN DEPENDS ON GLOBAL EFFORTS TO SUPPORT CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE PROJECTS**