

The self-determination referendum for Southern Sudan on January 12, 2010. There is some time left to help the residents of S. Sudan to organize for violence.

In our continued support of the accomplishments of [HTPVA](#), and in preparation for Southern Sudan's Referendum in January 2011, MHI International, in collaboration with [Project C.U.R.E](#), will on September 15, 2010 load and ship medical equipment and supplies to Kuron, Eastern Equatoria State, Southern Sudan.

The items estimated at \$1.8 million will equip Kuron's newly completed community health center that will serve an estimated 20,000 beneficiaries within 52 square miles. The health center will act as a resource center for four satellite trauma centers to be located at strategic places within our targeted area of operation (see map below). About 12% of the 1.3 million of Southern Sudan's IDPs currently remaining in the north are projected to relocate in this area after the referendum. With the collaborative efforts of HTPVA and the government of Southern Sudan, MHI's plan is to reduce the shortage of resources which are known to be the greatest violent-inducing issues in the South.

The new center is going to be the best equipped modern community health center in Eastern Equatoria State and one of the best in Southern Sudan. Above all, so many Southern Sudanese have been unable to receive needed treatment for themselves and their children for so long that it will be a dream that became true.

A long and sustainable term life for this project will not be achieved without training the local people how to:

- ❖ Use the equipment
- ❖ Maintain the equipment
- ❖ Provide health care service.
- ❖ Operate trauma centers.

MHI Plans to Send:

- 2 medical technicians
- 3 nurse instructors-
- 1 psychologist trainer
- 1 physician trainer
- 2 public health worker trainers

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We are budget constrained and will need your kind contributions. Please HELP!

MHI will take advantage of the opportunity to train and equip 200 capable people from the local population as first-responders to care for and protect the vulnerable, especially women and children. The concern for an outbreak of violence has been expressed by many human right-watch organizations, civil and religious leaders:

In order for the 1.5 million IDPs in the North to return home to Southern Sudan and participate in the upcoming referendum, a swift, safe, dignified and sustainable plan is required. The proposal reads as follows:

 "Violence still afflicts many parts of Southern Sudan. Incursions by the Lord's Resistance Army continue. Many people still suffer food insecurity and lack of basic services ([SCBC, July 22, 2010](#))."

Insecurity caused by internal infighting and deadly conflict is a single major problem that holds development of post-war Southern Sudan back and Judging from the present situation in Southern Sudan a worst case scenario where weeks and months leading to the Referendum will be imploded with all-out-violence within the South has been predicted by human right watchers and advocates ([Refugee International](#)).

"Planning now needs to move from scenarios to action. International actors need to start thinking in concrete terms about the possible risks to vulnerable communities... and make specific plans about how the international community, as represented by UNMIS and the UN country team, will respond," Mr. Glickman wrote in the letter ([Dan Glickman to Ambassador Rice](#))."



Old Community Health Center on ou 07 arrival



NewlyCompleted Community Health Center



MHI will take advantage of the opportunity of trainers in the area to establish five satellite trauma centers at strategic locations within the 52 square miles served by the medical center in the event of a violent outbreak. Those who staff the satellite centers will serve as first responders to people affected by the conflict, to screen, evaluate and provide medical and psychological intervention, relief services, and to refer patients to the main center if necessary, or to mitigate problems for the vulnerable people.



Model of a trauma center



Pre-referendum preparation & rehearsal for expentant and nursing mothers, children and the disabled.



Storage of food and essential supplies for the vulnerable population.

Locally trained and equipped para-medical field workers responding to previous election casualty.

[More photo of preparations](#)

