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WFP provides cash assistance in nine of the country's 13 refugee camps including in the Greater Upper Nile, Unity as well as in the Central and Western Equatorias. Assistance is provided in cash where local markets are functional, allowing residents the freedom to buy preferred foods as well as to meet other pressing needs. On average, close to US\$1 million is transferred to refugees monthly.

So far in 2019, WFP has paid US\$35 million in cash-based transfers across the country including to refugees. By doing so, WFP gradually increases the flow of cash into local economies, strengthening them.

The Republic of Korea is a committed supporter of WFP, consistently among its top 20 donors. The latest contribution brings the total given to WFP in South Sudan to US\$3.5 million since South Sudan's independence in 2011.

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Korea supports thousands of refugees in S. Sudan

December 23, 2019 (JUBA) - The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in South Sudan has welcomed a contribution of \$500,000 from Korea as overall humanitarian needs are deepening in the young nation with 7.5 million people requiring support in 2020.



Sudanese refugees in a refugees camp in Maban, South Sudan (WFP Photo)

The contribution, WFP said in a statement, will provide cash-based transfers assistance to tens of thousands of South Sudanese refugees.

"Having contributed over US\$27 million through projects to assist refugees in Uganda and South Sudan since 2017, Korea remains committed to responding to the humanitarian needs of refugees in South Sudan," said Ha Byung-kyoo, Korea's envoy to South Sudan.

"It is crucial to maintain WFP's food assistance, as relief food is the first step in enabling refugees to restart their lives and embark on a journey towards self-reliance. We appreciate WFP in South Sudan and being at the forefront of humanitarian activities. We highly value our strong partnership," he stressed.

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The latest contribution from Korea brings the total given to WFP in South Sudan to \$3.5 million since its independence in July 2011.

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