KEY CONSIDERATIONS: RESPONDING TO FLOODS IN SOUTH SUDAN THROUGH THE HUMANITARIAN-PEACE-DEVELOPMENT NEXUS

SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT

Provide short-term investment for relief from recent flood disasters and medium- and long-term investment for sustainable flood-resistant infrastructure to prevent future catastrophic flooding and displacement.

Make river management and water infrastructure investment decisions with open acknowledgement and discussion of broader political, cultural, economic, legal and environmental concerns.

Recognise affected populations’ preferences and long-term and multidimensional needs for water management infrastructure.

Support smaller scale and/or locally led infrastructure projects that enhance flood resilience, assist local organising, learning, and offer livelihood opportunities.
Support negotiations for customary climate-resilient migration practices, recognising that intensified flooding and conflict may strain arrangements between mobile and host communities.

Engage youth in flood- and conflict-prone areas through long-term peacebuilding strategies and livelihood opportunities to reduce violence.

Ensure flood response and mitigation activities do not inflame existing or create new conflicts.

Balance building local-level resilience with building high-level institutions to support effective government action on flood and conflict prevention and response in the medium- to long-term.
Develop or use existing platforms to bring together humanitarian, development and peace actors at all levels to design and deliver acute flood relief and to promote longer-term flood resilience.

Share flood-related innovations across sectors and actors to inform crisis-wide ways of working.

Adapt humanitarian assessment methodologies to integrate learning about the medium- to long-term impacts of floods and conflict, and engage diverse stakeholders to create agendas for sustainable action.

Integrate research on community perspectives of flood responses into project evaluations and reflections on new sector strategies and innovations.

Build on and learn from the holistic approaches of local civil society and faith communities to peace, humanitarian and development challenges.