**South Sudan: Letter to Editor template**

[INSERT NAME], can you imagine waking up tomorrow to a civil war? To a conflict that forces you to flee your home for fear of your life?

That’s the reality today for over 150,000 people who have fled to South Sudan from an armed conflict in Sudan.

**I have just returned from a transit centre in Renk, south of the Joda border crossing.** I saw children severely malnourished, four of whom died on my first day alone. **This is a humanitarian emergency.**

**I am therefore appealing to you to pray with us and write to your local MP.**Please urge them to demand the UK Government provides all possible diplomatic and long-term financial support to stop the situation descending into a greater humanitarian crisis.

**Act now**

What is happening at the transit centre?

* When people arrive at the border, they are exhausted. Due to overcrowding they are forced to build makeshift shelters or sleep in the open, left exposed to the elements.
* People don't have enough food. There are no toilets, so hygiene and sanitation are major challenges.
* **Our local partners are providing cash to families to buy food and other essentials, to women and girls for soap and sanitary towels, and working to provide communal shelters.**

**Stand with us today**

It is not too late. By standing with us today, we can give lasting hope and meet the pressing needs of people fleeing conflict.

Thank you,

Rosamond Bennett

Chief Executive

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