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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **IGAD Regrets the Famine Threatening the People of South Sudan**

*Djibouti, 31 July 2014:* It is a great tragedy that the threat of famine is yet again looming over South Sudan, the youngest member state of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

The United Nations has stated that about 200,000 children are at risk of severe famine in South Sudan at this point in time. Out of these 50,000 would face eminent death if food aid does not arrive where it is needed urgently. There are 1.5 million people who are already displaced out of which 100,000 are crammed in various UN camps in the vast country. The funds needed to tackle this calamity are estimated at about 1.6 billion USD.

IGAD believes that though this is not a small amount, it is not beyond the capacity of all those who are ready and willing to assist the people of South Sudan. IGAD further believes that help will certainly arrive as it is in the nature of human beings to assist each other at tragic moments like this.

IGAD however remains hopeful and convinced that two main protagonists to the conflict will amicably resolve the conflict and be able to stop this tragedy as soon as possible. ##

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