

Call for Application to join South Sudan Hub (SSH)

Start Network & South Sudan Hub - Membership Application Pack

About Start Network and the South Sudan Hub

[Start Network](#) is made up of 145 non-governmental organisations across six continents, ranging from large international organisations to local and national NGOs. Our programmes allow members to deliver humanitarian action around the world.

Our mission is to create a new era of humanitarian action that will save even more lives. We aren't driven by media headlines or political will, we're here for the communities affected by and at risk of crises.

In South Sudan, the network is evolving into a locally led humanitarian hub, with a vision to strengthen crisis response systems that are:

- *Locally led*
- *Risk-informed*
- *Rapid and early*
- *Rooted in community priorities*

About SHH

The South Sudan Hub originated when some local South Sudan women-led organisations reached out to the START Network, in 2019, spearheaded by the Titi Foundation. The organisations had engaged with the Accelerating Localisation Through Partnership. This also developed their linkages with CAFOD, Christian Aid, Tearfund, Oxfam, and CARE. These international organisations had their initiatives in partnership with local and national organisations.

The result of the contact by the Women-led organisations with the START Network led to engagements that then evolved through due diligence processes. This eventually reached the stage of the Incubation period aligned to the approaches of the START Network.

For the time being, the South Sudan HUB comprises of 4 local organisations namely; STEWARD WOMEN, Hope Restoration South Sudan, MaCDA, and Women for Change; then 5 International organisations - Christian Aid, CAFOD, Tearfund, CARE and Oxfam.

The thrust of the South Sudan HUB is towards improving the humanitarian sector particularly catalyzing locally-led anticipatory fast access to funding and action in

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humanitarian responses. It is anticipated that the HUB will be an Umbrella Network of local Networks reaching out at the State, County, and community levels

Vision: Vibrant local national organisation’s networks leading anticipatory community-led humanitarian systems.

Mission: Enhancing inclusive locally led leadership engagement in humanitarian systems addressing priority community needs.

Hub’s Strategic Pillars

Applicants are encouraged to reflect on how their work aligns with the South Sudan Hub’s five strategic areas:

Strategic Pillar	Implications for Member Selection
Locally Led & Networked	Rooted in local contexts, trusted by communities, strong local partnerships
Risk-Informed & Adaptive	Work on climate/conflict; able to anticipate, adapt, and respond to changing risks
Collective & Inclusive and Safeguarding	Women-led, disability-led, community-led; inclusive governance
Evidence & Learning Driven	Track record of using data for decision-making and learning
Sustainable & Impactful	Long-term presence and ability to deliver lasting impact

Rights & Benefits of Members

Funding & programmes	Access to SSH and Start Network programmes.
	Access to more programmes through the aggregating power of the hub.
Relationships & advocacy	Reputational benefits of belonging to a global network of change-makers.
	Ability to build connections and equitable partnerships, with mutual capacity sharing.
	Opportunity to build a powerful collective voice.
Innovation & learning	Opportunity to co-create, influence and test innovative programmes and approaches to humanitarian aid delivery and community led innovation.
	Mutual sharing of technical knowledge and expertise between hub members.
Governance & operations	Participation in the global and hub's governance, and direct influence over its strategic direction of the Hub.
	Access to a global standardised tiered due diligence framework.

Expectations & contributions from the Membership

Your contribution to the South Sudan Hub and Start Network is vital in fostering an effective and localised humanitarian response. As a member, we expect you to:

- **Share Time:** Dedicate your time and commitment to actively participate in the South Sudan Hub's activities, meetings, and initiatives. Your involvement will enhance collaboration and knowledge sharing among humanitarian agencies.
- **Contribute Resources:** Offer your organisation's resources, including financial support, technical expertise, and material assistance, to strengthen the Hub's capacity and facilitate impactful interventions.
- **Provide Local Expertise and Context:** Share your in-depth knowledge and understanding of the local context, culture, and challenges to help inform and

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shape effective humanitarian responses tailored to the needs of affected communities in South Sudan.

- **Support Localisation:** Champion the localisation of humanitarian response by actively promoting and implementing strategies that empower local actors and strengthen their capacity to lead and coordinate emergency and anticipatory response efforts.
- **Collaborate and Innovate:** Engage in collaborative efforts with other members, fostering a culture of innovation and continuous learning. Contribute your
- insights, ideas, and best practices to drive positive change and improve the overall effectiveness of humanitarian interventions in South Sudan.

Membership criteria

To be eligible for membership in the South Sudan Hub, an organisation must meet the following criteria:

- a. Be a local or national non-governmental organization (NGO) that is registered in South Sudan.
- b. Work in humanitarian contexts, with primary accountability to communities affected by or at risk of crises.
- c. Have a minimum of 03 years of experience in humanitarian assistance.
- e. Demonstrate a commitment to advancing the localisation agenda.
- f. Obtain references from organisations that have worked in humanitarian contexts with the applicant or collaborated with the applicant in the past.
- g. Not be listed on the UN, US, UK, South Sudan government/humanitarian sector list of sanctioned organisations.
- h. Demonstrate a commitment to the hub vision.

Membership intake process

The membership intake process for the South Sudan Hub (SSH) involves a transparent application process overseen by the Membership Committee, in collaboration with the Start Network. The process comprises three stages:

1. *Application and selection*
2. *Due diligence*
3. *Induction and Onboarding*

Application form and Submission Timeline

You can access the application form here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5209289>

Timeline

S.No.	Step	Timeline
1.	Application Form Launch	22 nd January 2026
2.	Deadline for Submissions	13 th February 2026
3.	Review and Shortlisting	February 2026

Attend the Webinar to Know more

Please register to attend the upcoming webinar for prospective members on the 5th of February, to find out more about Start Network and South Sudan Hub, as well as the membership process and expectations:

Topic: SSH Membership Webinar

Time: 5th of February 2026, 2 pm Juba time

Register in advance for this meeting:

Hi there,

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Feb 5, 2026, 14:00 Juba time

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/HuSbdKqgSfG9bmtMYVVd3A>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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