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### **From Kenya to South Sudan: Midwest Food Bank Mobilizes International Network to Deliver Emergency Food Relief**

**Normal, IL** - Midwest Food Bank is expanding its international hunger relief efforts, coordinating shipments from its East Africa hub in Kenya as food is actively being mobilized and transported into neighboring South Sudan, where ongoing instability and food insecurity continue to impact millions. This cross-border effort highlights MFB's growing global footprint in 2025, now serving nonprofit partners across 29 U.S. states and 6 countries, all at no cost to recipients.

"This is what our mission looks like in action, removing barriers and getting food to people who need it most, no matter where they are," said Jada Hoerr, Midwest Food Bank Chief Resource Officer. "Through our Kenya base, we're able to respond quickly to urgent needs in South Sudan and support organizations already serving on the ground."

From warehouse floors in Kenya to distribution points near the South Sudan border, Midwest Food Bank teams and partners are working step-by-step; sorting, packing, and staging food for rapid deployment into communities facing severe shortages.

#### **Impact on the Community**

South Sudan remains one of the most food-insecure regions in the world, with more than 7 million people facing acute food insecurity, driven by conflict, displacement, and climate challenges limiting access to reliable nutrition. Midwest Food Bank's East Africa division is stepping into that gap by leveraging its infrastructure and partnerships in Kenya to move food efficiently across borders.

By providing food at no cost, Midwest Food Bank enables partner organizations to reach more families, expand into remote areas, and respond faster during emergencies without financial barriers.

#### **A Growing Global Mission**

What began as a Midwest-based hunger relief organization has evolved into an international operation with a broad and expanding reach. In 2025 alone, Midwest Food Bank continues to strengthen its ability to respond to both chronic hunger and sudden disasters whether in the United States or across the globe.

“Our growth isn’t just about numbers, it’s about access,” said Hoerr. “The more places we can reach, the more lives we can impact. And we do it by partnering with organizations who know their communities best.”

*Midwest Food Bank is a faith-based nonprofit founded in 2003 in Illinois that provides food at no cost to nonprofit agencies. What began as a local effort founded on a family farm has grown to serve communities through multiple U.S. and international locations. Since its origin, Midwest Food Bank has distributed food and relief supplies valued at more than \$4.5 billion to help meet basic needs, including disaster response efforts that support communities during emergencies. Powered by thousands of dedicated volunteers, Midwest Food Bank operates with exceptional efficiency, with more than 99 cents of every dollar going directly to hunger relief and disaster relief programs. The organization is a registered 501(c)(3) organization committed to serving all people with compassion and care, without discrimination.*

*As a faith-based organization, it is the mission of Midwest Food Bank to share the love of Christ by alleviating hunger and malnutrition and providing disaster relief. Our vision is to serve those in need with excellence, providing physical and spiritual nourishment.*

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