



FAQs Regarding the Current and Future Status of the CSRF

What is happening to the CSRF?

The CSRF was the first conflict sensitivity facility of its kind, sparking the establishment of similar facilities in DRC, Ethiopia, Honduras, Sudan, and elsewhere. However, after 10 years, the CSRF's multi-donor funding is coming to an end on 31 October 2026. An alternative funding arrangement is being pursued, but is unlikely to be in place for some months. The CSRF will go on hiatus for a period of time. A plan and timeline for resumption of CSRF activities will be shared as soon as practical. The resources on the website will remain available during hiatus.

Why is this happening?

The CSRF has been funded by a mix of donors over ten years, including the UK, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Canada, and the EU, with strong interest and strategic support from Germany throughout. The most recent funding arrangement ends on 31 October 2026. CSRF support is valued by many stakeholders in South Sudan, and the change of funding is a result of extreme pressures on aid budgets globally and in South Sudan.

Will the services, research, and other resources be available?

CSRF services will be put on hold. The CSRF website will be maintained until March 2027 and the research and resources will be accessible on the site.

Will the CSRF be fully operational again?

We have reason to hope that this is a temporary hibernation period. A new proposal for funding has been submitted to interested donors, and a timeline for possible re-opening should be known soon. In the meantime, the current organisations/partners who host and oversee the CSRF, Saferworld and swisspeace, will continue to strategically engage with donors and other aid actors to find ways to sustain the CSRF, including partially until we are able to fully operationalise the CSRF again.

What does this mean for aid actors (Donors, UN, INGOs, NNGOs) in South Sudan?

There will be a gap in operational engagement with aid actors in South Sudan while the CSRF is on hiatus. The CSRF's research and analysis resources and the training materials on the *Introduction to Conflict Sensitivity* are still available on the CSRF website, which will be maintained until March 2027 regardless of the funding situation. The 40 extraordinary conflict sensitivity champions and mentees from across South Sudanese civil society are still active and may be able to provide conflict sensitivity advice while the CSRF is hibernating.