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**USAID Transports 67 Tons of Humanitarian Supplies
from Nairobi to South Sudan**

On February 3 and 4, 2014, USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance airlifted 67 tons of life-saving relief supplies from Nairobi to Juba for distribution to South Sudanese people who have grown destitute following weeks of violence.

In total, USAID transported heavy-duty plastic sheeting to assist 10,000 families with emergency shelter needs and enough hygiene kits to help 4,500 families and



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prevent the spread of disease. The supplies will be further distributed to towns and areas where they're needed most by USAID partner World Vision International.

Ambassador Susan D. Page traveled to the airport to inspect the first wave of supplies. "Our work here is people-centered; we are continuously dedicated to improving the humanitarian situation here in South Sudan" she stated.

The provision of these emergency supplies comes weeks after the U.S. government announced an additional \$50 million in humanitarian assistance to help provide safe drinking water, emergency health care, vaccinations, improved sanitation, and shelter to those displaced by the violence. The U.S. government has provided nearly \$320 million in humanitarian funding to South Sudan over the past two years.

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