



Melissa Phillips is the NGO Secretariat Coordinator in Juba, southern Sudan. This is the forum where international and local NGOs coordinate with the Government of southern Sudan (GOSS) and international donors.

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SMART DEVELOPMENT IN PRACTICE

Dispatch from the field: Melissa Phillips, southern Sudan

Devastated after decades of civil war, southern Sudan is rebuilding through the help of international assistance and community involvement. Oxfam recently traveled to South Sudan to ask aid practitioners in Juba how predictable, multi-year funding can make aid more effective. Here's what Melissa Phillips, NGO Secretariat Coordinator, had to say:

"Multi-year funding is so critical in south Sudan. When you have a long dry season and a long rainy season, you need to have predictable funding that goes across multi-years. You also need to know at the end of the year if you are going to have funding for the following year in order to properly plan and implement your programs before the rainy season starts in the middle of the year; when it is virtually impossible to do work and access areas. Especially in the more remote underserved areas of south Sudan."

See more of what Melissa has to say in a short video Dispatch at www.reformaid.org.