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South Sudan Famine SCRIPT
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**INTRO**

Famine has officially been declared by the South Sudanese government for some parts of the country.

The UN is warning that areas hardest hit by war and a collapsing economy have left about 100,00 people facing starvation and a further 1 million people classified as being on the brink of famine.

To elaborate more on the situation is Luca Russo, a senior strategic advisor on resilience with the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome.

**QUESTIONS**

1. Humanitarian access has been impeded for some areas where famine has now been declared, how is this affecting humanitarian support?
2. What do the next steps need to be to support these vulnerable populations?
3. What are the implications if timely support isn’t received?