

**Question for written answer E-005768/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Humanitarian crisis in South Sudan

In December 2013 civil war broke out in South Sudan, pitting the country's armed forces under President Salva Kiir against rebel troops under the command of Riek Machar, the former vice-president who stands accused of plotting a coup.

This conflict triggered an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. An outbreak of cholera came on top of the existing famine, and a large share of the population has been displaced.

International aid organisations are unable to cope given the urgency of the crisis which, it is estimated, affects some 5 million people.

In May the Commission made EUR 95 million in aid available for the year 2014.

1. What is the current situation? Where has the aid been distributed?
2. Looking beyond the humanitarian crisis, does the European Union intend to play a mediating role in South Sudan?