



Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (South Sudan) Declaration 2000

I, WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet, make this Declaration under subregulation 3 (1) of the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations*.

Dated 22 March 2000.

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

BILL HEFFERNAN
Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet

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1 Name of Declaration

This Declaration is the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (South Sudan) Declaration 2000*.

2 Definitions

(1) In this Declaration:

declared operation means the operation declared under section 3.

Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations means the Regulations set out in Schedule 1 to the Letters Patent dated 16 April 1999 given under the Great Seal of Australia, being the Regulations as amended from time to time.

Regulations means the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations*.

specified hazardous area means the hazardous area specified in section 5.

specified organisation means an organisation specified in Schedule 1.

(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a word that is used in this Declaration and in the Regulations has the same meaning in this Declaration as it has in the Regulations.

3 Declaration

The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the civil war in southern Sudan, being an operation that satisfies the conditions mentioned in paragraphs 3 (1) (a) and (b) of the Regulations, is a declared operation.

4 Name of operation

For the purposes of the Regulations, the name by which the declared operation is to be known is 'South Sudan'.

5 Geographical extent of hazardous area

The geographical extent of the hazardous area of the declared operation is:

- (a) South Sudan, comprising the regions of Southern Darfur, Bahr Ghaz, Bahr Al Ghazal, El Buheyra, Western Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria, Jonglei, Sobat, Southern Kordofan, White Nile and Blue Nile, in which a specialised organisation is, or was, carrying on humanitarian service in relation to the declared operation; and
- (b) areas in adjoining countries in which a specified organisation is, or was, carrying on humanitarian service in relation to the declared operation.

6 Period when declared operation commenced

The date when the declared operation commenced is 23 May 1992.

7 Eligible service with specified organisations

The organisations service with which is eligible service are the organisations specified in Schedule 1.

8 Period of participation by specified organisations

The period within which each specified organisation participated in the declared operation is as specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the organisation.

9 Qualifying period of service

- (1) The qualifying period of humanitarian service required to be given by a member of a specified organisation to be eligible for an award of the Medal is 30 days.
- (2) The qualifying period of humanitarian service may be aggregated from several periods of service with 1 or more of the specified organisations.

- (3) If a person gave humanitarian service as a member of 2 or more specified organisations, and a day of the service could be counted as a day of humanitarian service for more than 1 organisation, the day must be counted as 1 day of humanitarian service.

10 When inspection visits count as humanitarian service

- (1) A person's inspection visit is counted as humanitarian service if the person made the visit:
- (a) as a member of a specified organisation; and
 - (b) within the period specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the specified organisation.
- (2) If the person made the inspection visit as a member of 2 or more specified organisations, and a day of the visit could be counted as a day of humanitarian service for more than 1 of the organisations, the day must be counted as 1 day of humanitarian service.

11 Ineligibility for an award of the Medal

A person is not eligible for an award of the Medal if:

- (a) the person (whether in the specified hazardous area as a refugee or resident) is a locally-engaged member of the staff of a specified organisation; or
- (b) the person is, or is an employee of, a commercial contractor to a specified organisation.

Schedule 1 Specified organisations

(sections 2, 7, 8 and 10)

Item	Organisation	Period or commencement date of participation
1	Australian Red Cross	1 June 1992
2	TEAR Australia	22 July 1998 to 28 August 1998 (inclusive)
3	World Vision Australia	23 May 1992 to 3 July 1998 (inclusive)