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Message for Nationals from SOUTH SUDAN

The government of the United States recently announced that it would extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for South Sudanese Nationals who *already* have TPS **AND** that there is a new, first-time registration period for South Sudanese individuals who do not have a permanent immigration status in the U.S.

If you already have TPS and you want to stay in the United States and keep this status, you **must re-register by March 11, 2013.** This re-registration will allow you to have TPS until November 2, 2014. If you miss this deadline to re-register, you will lose your TPS, your work permit, and your legal status in the United States.

The U.S. government has also announced a re-designation of TPS for South Sudanese Nationals. This means that if you are from South Sudan and currently do not have TPS but you are without permanent immigration status in the U.S. and have been in the country since January 9th, you may be eligible. Being approved for TPS gives you temporary legal status in this country and the ability to work. Please call ILAP to arrange an appointment to discuss this option.

The deadline for submitting an initial TPS application under the re-designation is July 8, 2013.

If you live in Maine and would like help **re-registering** or **initially registering** for TPS, please call ILAP at **1-800-497-8505** or **207-780-1593** to get more information and schedule an appointment in person or by phone/mail. We are available to answer questions and/or help complete the forms and submit them to Immigration.