Seeds of Peace in South Sudan

A better future is possible
The word “solidarity” is a little worn and at times poorly understood, but it refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presupposes the creation of a new mindset which thinks in terms of community and the priority of the life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few.

Evangelii Gaudium, n. 188
Who we are

The initiative known as *Solidarity with South Sudan* came about as the result of the influence by two separate but important events. First, the Sudan Catholic Bishops’ Conference (SCBC) invited the International Union of Superiors General (women religious) and the Union of Superiors General (men religious) to send a delegation to assess the needs of the country after many decades of civil war and to help them to address critical educational, health and pastoral needs. This “solidarity” visit, which took place in March 2006, was also seen as a response to the call for “a new imagination” made at the *Congress on Consecrated Life – Passion for Christ, Passion for Humanity*, held in Rome. This Congress urged men and women religious to collaborate in addressing the needs of the poor.

Currently there are 31 religious and 3 lay volunteers from 18 countries and 19 congregations in Solidarity communities in South Sudan. They minister in training institutions in Yambio and Wau, pastoral and agricultural programs in Riimenze and central administration and pastoral coordination in Juba, and in 7 Dioceses.
Our Projects

- Education
- Health
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Pastoral Program
Solidarity
Teacher
Training
College
539 teachers have graduated since 2013

72% of Solidarity Teacher Training College graduates are currently employed

Only 16% of South Sudanese women are literate, 19% of STTC graduates are women

Every year 2 graduates are sent to study for a master's degree. At the end of their studies they will join the STTC team as tutors
Catholic Health Training Institute
The Catholic Health Training Institute has graduated 154 registered nurses and 73 midwives. Every year 2 graduates are sent to study for a master's degree. At the end of their studies they will join the CHTI team, as tutors. Of the 227 CHTI graduates, 83 are women. In 2018 alone, CHTI trained 21% of the nurses and 28% of the midwives certified in South Sudan. 83% of CHTI graduates are currently employed.
Sustainable Agriculture
Project Riimenze
Since 2017, Sustainable Agriculture Project Riimenze has conducted 25 radio talk shows to disseminate agricultural technical knowledge.

In 2019, agricultural workshops have been conducted by 300 women in 6 neighbouring villages.

49% of the participants in the workshops are women.

Currently, 32 permanent farmers work with us.

In 2019, more than 40 tons were harvested.
On-going formation of clergy and religious: 57 participants in the workshops

Trauma healing workshops and training of facilitators, in response to the needs of a population affected by years of conflict: 1,896 participants

Peace-building workshops for healing, reconciliation and a lasting peace: 156 participants

Activities dedicated to supporting women. Empowerment workshops: 1,058 participants

Formation of small Christian communities, catechists and support for the Diocesan Pastoral Teams: 2,168 participants in the workshops
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