Together, towards a Future of Peace and Reconciliation in South Sudan
Solidarity is a project of UISG and USG, initiated at the request of the Conference of Bishops of Sudan, supported by over 260 congregations, private donors and international agencies with funding, personnel and expertise. Congregations together work in harmony to accompany and empower the people of South Sudan helping to heal the wounds caused by the armed conflict, walking together towards a better future. We pay special attention to ensure that South Sudanese girls and women have equal access to education and training, and strive to prevent gender violence.

Our Projects in South Sudan

⇒ Health (Wau)

⇒ Education (Yambio)

⇒ Agriculture (Riimenze)

⇒ Pastoral (Juba)
The Catholic Health Training Institute (CHTI) in Wau offers the first registered nursing certification program in the country's history: it requires 3 years of full-time academic and clinical rotation. Nursing students and midwives carry out practical training in various hospitals and clinics close to Wau.

An agricultural project within CHTI provides training for local students and small farmers and helps ensure self-sustainability by providing food for CHTI students and staff.

At CHTI, from 2013 to 2019, 225 students graduated, including nurses and midwives. 30% of the CHTI graduates are women. 83% of graduates are currently employed. Some graduates joined the CHTI team as a tutor, becoming a model for new enrolled students.
In order to respond to the educational needs of South Sudan, it was decided to develop a teacher training centre as the most effective way to contribute to the increase in literacy in the country. Yambio's STTC currently has **120 resident students** and is now recognized as a leading provider of primary school teacher training, certified according to the requirements of the South Sudanese Ministry of Education.

In addition, on-site programs are offered in many locations across the country for teachers who need regular training and updating, but who are unable to reach the Yambio Centre. To date (update Dec 2019), **539 students have graduated** from both programs. More than **70%** of all our graduates are **employed** as teachers in schools across the country. In South Sudan, only **16%** of women are literate, **18% of STTC graduates are women**. Some graduates, after additional courses, joined the STTC team as tutor, becoming a model for new students.
The Solidarity farm maintains its original goal of passing on organic farming techniques suitable for rural populations, proposing the rotation of crops, horticulture and breeding. New fruit trees have been introduced to local farmers. New machinery was acquired and processing areas were built for the 36 farmers who regularly work every day on the farm. In addition, depending on the activities, up to 80 local farmers can be employed daily.

24 workshops were conducted on planning and planting topics: 49% of the participants were women. Currently, 300 women are employed in 6 neighboring villages to spread agricultural techniques. In 2019, over 40 tons of food were collected: a huge contribution to food security in the area, and for the assistance of 5000 refugees welcomed into our community.

In recent months, we have received a visit from representatives of 3 NGOs who have been shown the results of years of work and the impact in the area.
The Solidarity pastoral team focuses on developing the skills of church leaders and communities. The formation of small Christian communities, catechists, the construction of diocesan coordinators and pastoral groups, the formation of clergy and religious, seminaries on peace and reconciliation, healing of trauma and accompaniment, are the activities developed in different dioceses. In addition, seminars are regularly held on building peace and treating trauma for students in our centres. Since 2011, we have registered 156 participants in our courses for reconciliation; 1675 to those on healing from trauma; 1058 were participants in the activities dedicated to supporting women. And we counted 2,168 participants in our seminars for Christian communities and catechists. One member of the pastoral team assists IDPs in the Malakal UN camp and others are involved in assisting people in other camps across the country.
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