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 presumes 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 of 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 in 2004. 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, central administration and pastoral coordination in Juba, and in 7 Dioceses.
Our Projects

- Education
- Health
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Pastoral Program
Solidarity
Teacher
Training
College
Almost 500 teachers have graduated since 2013.

71% of Solidarity Teacher Training College graduates are currently employed.

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

Currently 4 graduates are studying at Tangaza University in Kenya for a master's degree. At the end of their studies they will join the STTC team as lecturers.
The Catholic Health Training Institute has graduated **108** registered nurses and **41** midwives.

Of the **149** CHTI graduates, **56** are women.

In 2017 alone, CHTI trained **21%** of the nurses and **28%** of the midwives certified in South Sudan.

**83%** of CHTI graduates are currently employed.

**7%** of CHTI graduates attend specialization courses.
Sustainable Agriculture
Project Riimenze
In 2017 and 2018, Sustainable Agriculture Project Riimenze has conducted 13 radio talk shows to disseminate agricultural technical knowledge.

58 community agricultural workshops have been conducted to growers in different locations.

49% of the participants in the workshops are women.

Several innovative technologies and best practises have been introduced in the farm.

In 2018, more than 36 tons were harvested.
Pastoral Program
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: 1,675 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: 2,036 participants in the workshops
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