

### 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 act of generosity. It presume 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.

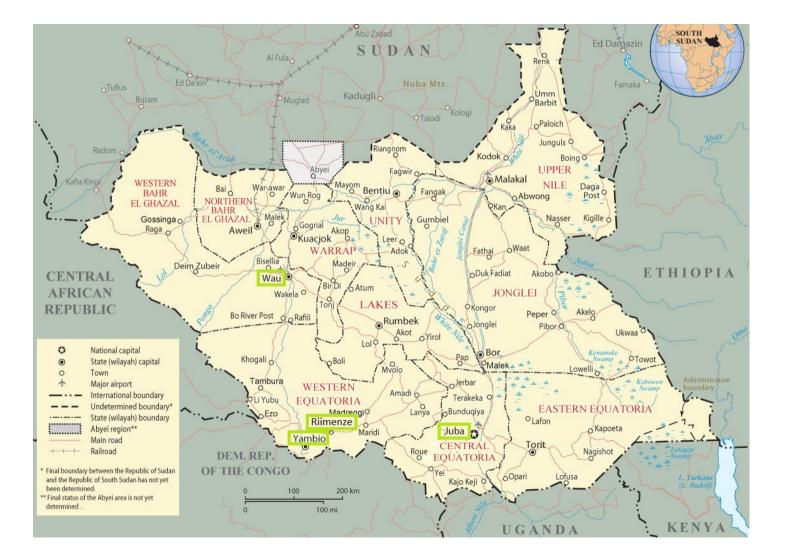


Evangelii Gaudium, n.188

#### 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 in 6448. 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

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#### 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

## Catholic Health Training Institute

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  $\mathbf{21\%}$  of the nurses

and  $\mathbf{28\%}$  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

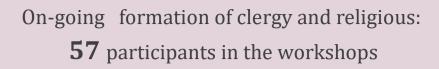
Several innovative technologies and best practises have been introduced in the farm





In 2018, more than **36** tons were harvested

#### **Pastoral Program**







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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