



**SOLIDARITY** with South Sudan

# **Seeds of Peace in South Sudan**

## **A better future is possible**

**May 2021**









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

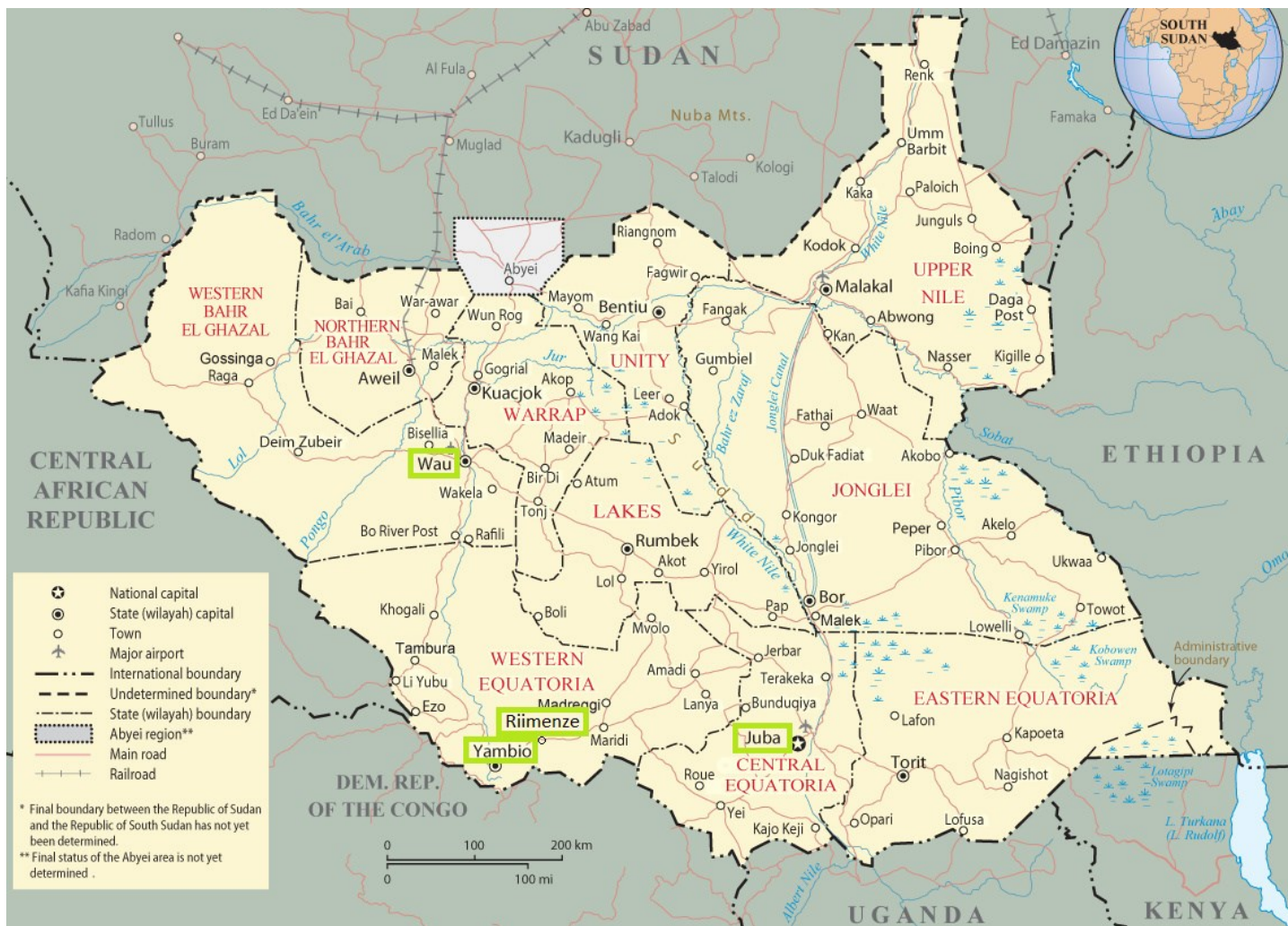
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The initiative known as Solidarity with South Sudan born from the request of the Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference (SCBC), who in 2008 invited the International Union of Superiors General (women religious) and the Union of Superiors General (men religious) to send a delegation to assess the needs of the country after many decades of civil war and to help the population to address critical educational, health and pastoral needs.

Currently there are 19 religious and 6 lay volunteers from 13 countries and 16 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.

2020 has been a very complicated year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite several lockdowns, the activities continued in each area with the necessary security measures and thanks to the commitment of everyone: students, workers, volunteers and staff employed.











# Our Projects

- Education - Solidarity Teacher Training College
- Health-Catholic Health Training Institute
- Sustainable Agriculture - Riimenze
- Pastoral Program - Good Shepherd Peace Center

# Solidarity Teacher Training College







Almost **550** teachers have graduated since 2013

**72%** of Solidarity Teacher Training College graduates are currently employed



Only 14% of South Sudanese women are literate,  
**19%** of STTC graduates are women

Every year 2 graduates are sent to study for further study.

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 **154** registered nurses and **73** midwives;  
At the end of 2021 there will be 40 new graduates



Of the **227** CHTI graduates, **83** are women

In recent years, CHTI trained **21%** of the nurses  
and **28%** of the midwives certified in South Sudan



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

Every year 2 graduates are sent for further study in  
order to join the CHTI team as tutors.



# Sustainable Agriculture Project Riimenze







Since 2017, the Sustainable Agriculture Project Riimenze has conducted **29** radio talk shows to disseminate agricultural technical knowledge and nutritional information

**66** community agricultural workshops have been conducted to growers in different locations



**36%** of workshops are aimed at women

**24** permanent workers and **40** casual day laborers are employed by the project



Between 2019 and 2020, more than **62** tons of food were harvested.

# Pastoral Program







On-going formation of clergy and religious:  
**140** participants in the workshops



Trauma healing workshops and training of facilitators,  
in response to the needs of a population affected  
by years of conflict: **2,135** participants

Peace-building workshops for healing,  
reconciliation and a lasting peace: **260** participants



Activities dedicated to supporting women.  
Empowerment workshops: **1,500** participants

Formation of small Christian communities, catechists and  
support for the Diocesan Pastoral Teams:  
**2,294** participants in the workshops





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