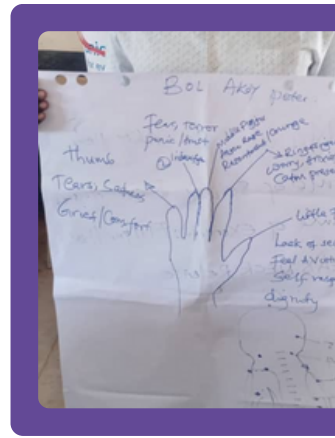


Programa Pastoral Newsletter

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Wellness and trauma healing workshops in Bor

From 8-26 January, we conducted three series of workshops in Bor-Jongolei State. The three workshops created a space for learning and the building of community, and we were pleased to see how eager people were to learn new things for themselves and the communities in which they live.

Our first workshop was a five-day programme (8-13 January) for the leaders (12 men and 28 women) of the different sectors of the Protection of Civilians camp (POC), who had requested this training after last year's programmes with Christians of different denominations.

The second workshop took place from 15-19 January at the primary school in Myndi. Here, the target group consisted of forty primary school teachers, of whom only six were women. The feedback was positive and the teachers expressed the need that these workshops be held regularly for themselves and their students. In future iterations of this workshop, we will look for ways of increasing the participation of women.

Our third workshop was held from 22-26 January at the secondary school in Bor. The target group consisted of 40 secondary school teachers of whom only three were women. Some officials from the Ministry of Education were present and we were surprised at the impact that the workshop had on them, so much so that they asked that we make these workshops available to all schools in Jongolei State.

In the course of our programmes, we invited six participants to join the small team in Bor for future training with the Team of Solidarity with South Sudan so that they can become local facilitators in their State.

One noteworthy aspect is that the two groups of teachers were mixed groups representing the two main tribes in South Sudan: Dinka and Nuer.



Workshop for catechists

From 21-31 January, 2024, we organized a ten-day training for catechists of Northeast Deanery of the Diocese of Wau. 42 catechists from four parishes actively participated in the program. Heavy rains made it challenging to reach the site of the programme, however, we were able to move forward. The following topics were addressed in the workshop:

- The Vocation of the Catechist
- Salvation History Timeline
- Introduction to the Bible (Old and New Testaments)
- Introduction to the Sacraments
- Introduction to the Liturgy