



Our Mission

South Sudan Voices of Hope is committed to empowering the people of South Sudan to live self-sufficient lives by providing humanitarian support through partnership with local and regional organizations, implementation of sustainable health, and education, agricultural and vocational projects.

Spring 2013

Greetings!

On July 9, 2013 South Sudan will celebrate its second anniversary as a sovereign state since it seceded from the North Sudan in 2011. Although the excitement of an independent country is still in the air, the harsh reality has set in. Two years on, it's still extremely difficult for the people of South Sudan to purchase adequate food and other basic necessities as well as access to clean water. South Sudan faces serious development challenges, and many observers assert that it will take years to see sustained economic growth. The main challenges two years on include the absence of good infrastructure and skilled labor. Transportation is a major problem due to lack of roads, and the only major airport, with limited capacity, is in the regional capital, Juba.



In addition, the shutdown of crude oil export that has been enforced for over a year, due to the collapse of an adequate agreement between South and North Sudan, has also constrained the government of South Sudan in terms of social services provision. The lack of funds adds more misery to an already impoverished people of South Sudan. Although it is anticipated that a newly signed agreement will soon begin the flow of oil, the revenue will not have an effect for several months at best.

We at South Sudan Voices of Hope are grateful for your prayers and support over the years. It has enabled us to provide humanitarian services ranging from food, medical supplies, seeds, farm implements, goats to the widows and orphans for the last six years.

Encouraged by your support, we are embarking on a new phase of our mission. Beginning this summer, South Sudan Voices of Hope will introduce first phase of our eight year economic development projects. These projects are geared towards economic self reliance such as women empowerment, skill trainings through vocational training programs such as tailoring, carpentry, and brick making.

We are pleased to inform you that Mr. Kenneth Elisapana, Founder & Executive Director of South Sudan Voices of Hope and Rev. Tony Asta, Chairman, will leave for Africa this June on our Hope Happens 2013 Mission trip. Our key goals are to:

- Dig a water well at the base to help serve Jambo village, a community of 100,000, and
- Acquire piece of land to construct Hope Happens compound, which will serve as a community, medical, educational and vocational center facility (see the rest of the newsletter for more information)



Hope Happens Campus will be a collaborative effort with local leadership to provide basic resources to the community. It is our hope to establish campuses in strategic rural areas to promote self-sustaining programs such as basic medical services, vocational training, and other community services.

We are therefore asking for your continuous prayers and support for Hope Happens 2013 as we work towards these goals. Once again on behalf of the staff of South Sudan Voices of Hope and People of South Sudan, we thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Sincerely, Kenneth Elisapana, Founder & Executive Director of South Sudan Hope

Hope Happens Campus

Jambo, Western Equatoria

As the Republic of South Sudan is still in its infancy, the people of South Sudan are forging a new future as an independent country. After generations of South Sudanese have only known war and conflict, they find themselves in a hopeful yet uncertain time. Throughout this war torn country, basic infrastructure and necessities are scarce. Especially hard hit are more rural environments.

Development Challenges....Our Response

South Sudan faces serious development challenges, and many observers assert that it will take years to see sustained economic growth. The main challenges include the absence of good infrastructure and skilled labor. In the education sector, important progress has been made over the past several years, literacy rates remain low. Transportation is a major problem due to lack of roads, and the only major airport, with limited capacity, is in the regional capital, Juba. Telephone services are limited to major towns and dependent on cell phone services from Uganda and Khartoum. Many Southern Sudanese do not have access to electric power.

In consultation with local leaders, officials and ministers, South Sudan Voices of Hope is excited to announce its latest project: Hope Happens Campus. Hope Happens Campus is a collaborative effort with local leaders to provide basic resources to the community. It is our hope to establish these campuses in strategic rural areas to promote health, education and community.

Hope Happens Campus will provide;

- Clean Water
- Basic Medical Services
- Vocational training
- Early education
- Community services

A typical campus consists of;



Water Source:

Access to clean water is the number 1 health concern for those in remote and rural areas. Wells can play an important role in ensuring the health and well being of a community. Water tanks in rural communities will not only ease the health problems caused by drinking dirty water and time spend looking for water but also provide economic development opportunities through irrigation.

Vocational Center:

As prospects for entering the global market place open up, SSVOH will bring in expertise to provide basic knowledge and skills to the community in various areas such as mechanical training, brick making, welding, carpentry, tailoring, plumbing, computer training, etc

Hope Medical Clinic:

The construction and implementation of the Hope Medical Clinic will provide first respondent care. The clinic will provide 3 outfitted rooms (with beds, diagnostic/examination equipment, etc.) where trained staff nurses will provide;

- Vaccinations – Prevention Care (treated nets to prevent malaria)
- Treatment of minor injuries
- Treatment of some skin conditions
- Limited diagnostics
- Treatment of minor illnesses and infections
- Wellness
- Distribution of Medicines
- Level IV trauma center to include initial evaluation, stabilization, diagnostic capabilities, and transfer to a higher level of care

The facility will provide visiting doctors and optometrists, dentists a place to administer basic care.

Educational Center:

Our goal is to significantly increase the economic viability of the region through education. New Sudan Grade School will be a four class room facility that would provide education facilities for 200 children from grades 1 to 4. Teachers will be provided with adequate materials to teach language, math, reading and writing, and the sciences. Each student will have appropriate books and materials, and a desk.

Guest House:

Our campus would provide a place for mission groups, teams or individuals to come and stay as they engage the community by providing expertise in the areas of medical, educational, economic etc.

Community Center:

South Sudan has always been under the rule of another nation or other peoples. This is the first time in their history where they are in a position to forge their own identity. Local leaders have cited that a dedicated facility would foster peace, pride and community. The Community Center would be used for;

- Community events
- Celebrations and Commemorations
- Public Communications
- Music, Theater, Arts

Other aspects of a Hope Happens Campus that are under consideration are Sanitation facilities, Recreational Center & Communications Center

For more information, to schedule a speaking engagement, to learn about ways you can be part of the organization, or to make a donation, contact Kenneth Elisapana (773-315-5495, Kenneth_Elisapana@yahoo.com) or Tony Asta (708-705-8669, tonyasta@ameritech.net).

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