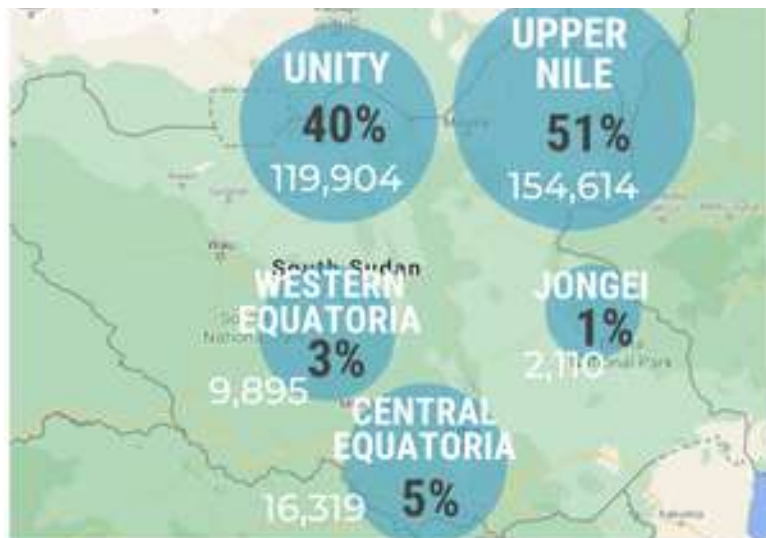


# News letter

**JANUARY - OCTOBER 2021**

SOUTH SUDAN JUBA - YAMBIO MABAN REFUGEE CAMP



Refugees are in South Sudan.  
JRS operation in Upper-Nile states - Maban, and Western Equatoria states - Yambio

## OUR WORK IN SOUTH SUDAN

JRS provides a variety of services in South Sudan. In Maban, JRS provides training for teachers, school materials, a daycare for disabled children, home visits, counseling, and emergency assistance. JRS Maban also coordinates social centers for refugee women while providing them opportunities to learn tailoring, life skills, and gain psychosocial support. In Yambio, JRS provides education scholarships to girls attending secondary school, sanitary kits to young women attending school, and teacher training scholarships to assist with diplomas and education degrees. JRS also provides a community and school-based peace building initiative that uses mediation and workshops for encouraging reconciliation rather than violence.



As we continue serving and accompanying the refugees around the world . Marking the JRS Anniversary, we shine light on our staff . here we meet Odinga James 27 years old psychotherapist from Uganda, Born in busa districts eastern Uganda he work for JRS serving refugees in South Sudan, Upper-Nile states Maban.

No situation is permanent; we can always overcome , knowing that there is suffering and I have the skills experience, knowledge to help to go through that pain, psychological stress, That's make me on going.  
Am glad for What JRS is doing , Strengthening the mental health, encouraging us that we give so much in term of strengthening people mantel health of the refugees.  
( Odinga James )

Odinga James JRS Staff Psychotherapist  
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Meet our first female security guards JRS South Sudan , her Name is Odong Ana Anthony a 24 years south Sudanese, from awongable village Western Equatoria States, she started working for JRS as a casual cleaner in 2018 , also work as a cook during the weekend, She is a student of Clinical Medicine at juba health and science institute . she work supporting her education and sponsoring her younger sister in secondary school , she is aiming to work serving refugees in the camps ,she believe that refugees are in need of health attention more than whom are in the city .

Its hart but its better  
I work at nigh and the next morning I go for lecturers  
Am so pleased with JRS with out them I would not have joined studies new.  
(Odong Anna Anthony )

Odong Anna Anthony JRS SSD  
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# PASTORAL PROGRAMS

As one of the Jesuit apostolates, JRS South Sudan in Upper-Nile- Maban and western Equatotra -yambio is prepared to walk through the Ignatian year and use it as an opportunity to tap the best from the insights of St. Ignatius and to grow in the use of the Ignatian tools of discernment in responding to the daily needs of our beneficiaries. We particularly seek to be renewed in our three-fold mission of serving, accompanying, and advocating for the rights of refugees.



**In commemorating the Ignatian year, JRS Maban plans to cultivate the culture of recollections based on Ignatian spirituality among all the team members.**

Our team members are also encouraged to spend some quiet reflective time in our small chapel and savour their daily experiences. Keeping a track of how the Holy Spirit labours through our daily activities may bring us to deeper invitations by the Spirit that animates us. We have also deliberately taken a proactive action towards the environment.



Maban new Chapel from out site  
Photo :JRS South sudan



Maban new Chapel from in site  
Photo : JRS South Sudan



Members of the Psychosocial Program participate in tree planting fun event. They believe in fruit trees.



This program ,Promote peaceful coexistence and reconciliation and empower family, community and social structure to promote the sustained wellbeing and development of their members: facilitating transformative change that addresses the drivers of vulnerability and risk.

### Interfaith Dialogue for peace and justice

JRS intervention mobilizes religious leaders through quarter session engaging dialogue on social justice issues for marginalized and vulnerability group. Both traditional leaders and religious leaders within the context are considered custodians of communal of values system and have the authority to positively influence change in customs and traditions, to reinforce women rights and the human right of the society marginalized groups.



Inter-religious dialogue at Ezo County



Church Leaders during Inter-Religious Dialogue in Yambio

### Resolution & Reconciliation Forum

The forum objective is to support the establishment of the transitional justice system that is more gender-responsive and engaging traditional leaders uphold principles of human right to assist women and other marginalized groups to access justice .

### School based peace-club

The intervention supports complimentary extra-curricular activity to enrich the standardized curriculum and enhance both wellbeing and learning.

these peace club brings together children's from diverse backgrounds through recreational and sporting activities .to equip them with; effective coping mechanism to mitigation the harmful effect of exposure to violence; and inessential life –skills that promote tolerance, conflict resolution skills and understating of human rights, child right and non-discrimination



Peace club receiving sports items to support Recreational activities.

# EDUCATION PROGRAM

Education is the hart beat of the of our empowerment .Therefore, these programs are focused on ensuring all young refugees are granted their right to access formal education. With special emphasis on tertiary education, the one in which refugees suffer a lower access in comparison with the rest of the population.



Pre-Service student for end of semester assessment tests and Yabongo Girls Boarding school which was offered for JRS to use by the State Ministry of General Education and Instructions



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Tutors taking care of the babies when their mothers are attending classes. The mother-students do not have baby sitters.



The Pre-service Teacher Trainees with the Tutors. JRS education Coordinator visited them to encourage them to be committed students in order to succeed.



School activities ,Sport, group Discussions and Debates



Group discussion during the life skill training

JRS Education program include School activities like Sport, group Discussions and Debates are important for building social and peacebuilding among students whom are from differed background's .



Expression by debate speaker during debate



Group pic after the debate with students from



This is a picture of a peacebuilding officer briefing childrens during interschool Friendly match



Childrens celebrating over a score by their team.

## EDUCATION



Teacher flora teaching English -student in daro Refugee camp .



Noelle fiitpatrick , JRS South Sudan Country Director engorges students at Offra school during her visit to Maban upper-Nile states



Refugee children at Center 5 playing inside and outside the class



The provincial of Estern Africa , Fr Kizito Kiyamba ,engaraging JRS Teacher Tranees at Arrupe learning center during his visit to Maban .

Psychosocial support (PSS) and emergency assistance are milestones to our duty of accompanying refugees. Not only assisting them on their first access to basic needs at arrival but monitoring and ensuring their psychological wellbeing is fundamental after refugees have to go through such a traumatic experience.

## Men's Support Groups

In Doro Refugee Camp Maban Upper-Nile States, Community leaders contributed to the recruitment of men to be enrolled in the Men's support groups which made participants more interested in the sessions and increased attendance during the six weeks of sessions. JRS These sessions were owned by some men who easily grasped the change that is expected from the discussions and thus, encouraged and shared experiences and examples among the rest of the groups.

For most of the groups, some men who exhibit that role-model/ leadership attitude helped drive easy conversation and commitments to behavior change towards the improved well-being of women. At the closure of some groups, men recommended that there be more topics that should be added to the men's support group curriculum and these include parenting challenges/tips, substance abuse prevention and life skills trainings. One man who participated in the support group in Kaya Refugee Camp, said: "After having discussed about the topic of the gender roles, my partner got sick and at that time, I remembered about what we discussed in our group. Thus, I decided to cook for my household members, something I have never done before and at that time I felt really good! My partner and children appreciated it!"

## Care Givers Support Group

To Reduce vulnerability and have access to quality education, protection and psychosocial needs through facilitating durable solutions for internally displaced persons, returnees and host communities in Western Equatoria and Upper Nile (Maban)

JRS 8 caregivers support group with 118 participants in Maban were facilitated in Daro Batil kaya and Gendressa refugee camp, they learned of their children disability situation ,they made progressive step from feeling only vulnerability to a status of openness and strive for willingness and right of their children with disability .



A beneficiary of JRS psychosocial Program in Maban on her new wheelchair



## Respos to Covid-19

JRS team managed to raise awareness to 1, 427 individuals through awareness raising activities on hygiene promotion and COVID-19 prevention. This action has created a positive impact in the community and it has encouraged the use of mosquito nets in the houses as a way of reducing incidence of infection from malaria. Following COVID-19 measures, JRS have ensured communities observed regular hand washing and wearing of face mask and this was made possible by the door-to-door [sportive monitoring of the home visitors. JRS carried a community awareness of the risk communication of the pandemic to community member including sending information and messages to the general public , using the radio talk show , disterbuation of materal support to figth Covid-19



JRS Team during a awerines campaigning in yambio



JRS Team during a awerines campain on air throuth a radipo tlak show

## Youth's Psychosocial support:

JRS launched a martial arts program in Batil camp and Volleyball Team in Gendrassa camp. The instructors of the teams are youth whose skills have been sourced and recommended by the community. These recreational opportunities aim at promoting youth wellness through connecting their bodies with minds as a result of working on physical and mental weaknesses. The sense of togetherness and bonding is seen from participants as they put aside existing inter-community conflicts and embrace diversity. The humour and healthy conversations being held during the recreational sessions help the youth build optimism and hope for the future. new youth support groups were facilitated and completed in Host Community, Doro, Gendrassa and Batil camps, where a total number of 91 (47F, 44M) youth regular participants benefited from the sessions. Through these support sessions, youth were provided a safe space to vent from daily life stressors and create healthier relationships through peer youth support.



A beneficiary of JRS psychosocial Program in Maban - practice performance of Ticondo sport

Psychosocial Support Women and Girls & PSN

## Men support group



The support group for men is integral to the project's interconnected and overarching strategy to establish multi-layer support for GBV survivors and strengthen community-led mechanisms for GBV prevention and risk mitigation; to create conditions to improve accountability systems .

Gender based violence is directly related to structural gender inequality - and the unequal distribution of power between men and women have the potential to play an important complimentary role in ensuring everyone within the community can achieve their rights to safety with dignity .

## Disability and inclusion support

this psychosocial support ,targeting's Id (PSN) returnees and displacement affecting host communities in yambio, Ezo and Zara counties .

JRS prioritize the protection needs (PNS) each year particularly , children's and adults' livening with disability older people (elderly) ,people living with chronic illnesses and fameless -headed households through a community-based habitation program (CBR) .



## Women and girls support group

JRS conducted life skills and leadership training; for a group of 20 women participated in 8 weekly sessions , ensuring that women gain awareness of their right, and build confidence from participating in those spaces which progressively support them to advocate for their own protection against exploitation within their families and their communities .

peer-to peer session also helps women's rebuild social networks and provide an informal support structure for women who choose not to report violence's to develop the skills to cope effectively with trauma .



## Shelter & Infrastructure Establishment

For IDPs and refugee returnees living in overcrowded condition in the camp and spontaneous settlement lack safe shelter and essential household items can also lead to high rate of morbidity and mortality from epidemic-prone communicable diseases, and exacerbate pre-existing protection risks for already marginalizes and venerable groups .

To support the reintegration of IDP returnees and strengthen protective factors for the most vulnerable PSN , the intervention is supporting 50 individuals to construct adaptive shelter , the quality of the shelters will be managed according to sphere standard . the collaboration with community leaders to identify beneficiaries who meet the vulnerability criteria for shelter solutions .

**One of great intervention by JRS was to build a simple but dignified shelter for Rose and her five children and her elderly mother.**

I believe such intervention, born out of deep listening to the needs of the most vulnerable among the vulnerable, is a noble step towards creating hope and respect to human dignity. The protection team continues to advocate for other protection gaps for Rose and many other migrants with similar stories. JRS is also involved in to peace building, reconciliation, integration of the returnees back to the communities, education and psychosocial support.

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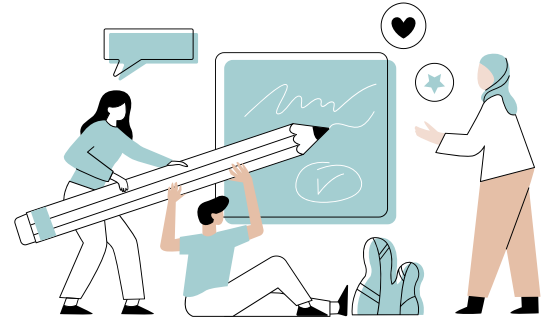


A beneficiary of JRS .Rose and JRS Team Protection



ROSE Mather & and protection team JRS Yambo

JRS South Sudan in one week gathering at kit, in Juba ,they have a full week discussion as JRS South Sudan with participant from teams from Yambio and Maban ,discussed the strategic plan for 20120-23 goal reconciliation ,mental health psychosocial support peacebuilding protection education sense of hope live hood predicting the feature from the outcome and the result challenges experience from the previous years .



JRS South Sudan Country Office ,Yambio & Maban group photo at kit one week gathering - South Sudan Strategic plan 2021- 2023 in kit PHOTO JRS SSD

JRS South Sudan Country Office ,Yambio Program Manger Gato participating in the Discussion



Ms Rita explaining to JRS Staff during the one week gathering for South Sudan Strategic plan 2021- 2023 in kit

JRS Staff in a group discussion , kit Juba South Sudan Strategic planning

9 JULY & The Martyrs Day



## Independence & Martyrs day

It's been Ten years Since the independent of South Sudan from Sudan to become the youngest Nation on Earth, people have Hope and a Vision of living Together in Justice Equality and Harmony as South Sudanese. The independent is a result of 2005 peace agreement that ended 21 years of civil war in Sudan. It let to the longest displaced years in refugee's camps and in other counters looking for safety and better life. The Tens Anniversary of the 2021 is not much different from the previous years, the Pandemic and the Economic Hardship the Country is going through has a great Impact for the people and the government of South Sudan not to celebrate the independence day In a public manner. the Government Advised the Citizens to Celebrate at Home, Although People did celebrate the Nine July - Independence day reflected on the public Transportation Buses, motorcycles and cars Colored by the flags of the Country never the lest social media was full of Celebrative Posts and massages, profiles picture faces painted with the colors South Sudan flag. Despite the Pandemic People gathered at Neighborhoods, UNMISS camp and Hi Referendum where is displaced people from Upper Nile and

Unity States where communities gathered together to celebrate the independence day with a traditional dance a dancing filed in Juba.

The 30th of July in South Sudan Calendar Marks the Martyrs Day. In the recent years the Celebration was shorten to a public holy day Only without gathering. People used to gather together on Ritual of lighting candles Prayers for the Sprits of the Death at the freedom square in an emotional atmosphere, remembering the martyrs the bitterness of war, the sounds of weapons homeliness, sadness, screech from the pain and the loss of the dearest once. It's an important Moment for Healing, self- Reconciliation, Forgiveness and Rethinking of what is accomplished in the Mummery of these who lost their life's for Freedom of this Great Nation that's why it's an important day in year for the south Sudanese at large, despite all what the country is going through Much afforest is done by the International Community and the Humanitarian Agencies to Support the Refugee and Displaced people working with the Government of South Sudan Toward peace.





Rose nathike get her first taste of athletics when her rjugee camp put her on a race for all nations in 2014 image via -Getty John W



From refugee to Olympian - Cuor Maker at 2016Game Rio comes as a flag Bearer for South Sudan First Olympics Team . image Reuters File

### Tokoyo 2020 Olympics

In 2016 South Sudan Made its Olympics Games to Roi de Jenero by Sending Runners to Complete. South Sudan got its Independent from Sudan 2011 and was Officially Recognized by the IOC in 2015.

This year South Sudan made in to the Olympics of Tokyo 2020 , The Republic of South Sudan participated and attracted the attention of the International and local Media including the Social Media , that is filled with pictures of the participant in the Olympics it didn't only get satisfied with the national participation , as there are sons and daughters of south Sudan abroad as representatives of their second countries united states of America ,Australia and Canada even from the Refugee Camp in Kenya in particular Kakuma Refugee Camp .

The Healthy Environment that this South Sudanese got and the attention of the competent authorities made them to practice the talent and the supports that Makes from them champions South Sudan can be an effective participant in the International event like the Olympic the south Sudanese participant t has proven that by representing those other countries despite that we are still proud of them as a south Sudanese's.

staff from JRS South Sudan country Office Gathered Fowling Games Timetable of the Olympics to support the south Sudanese's competitors at JRS the TV room.

### Afrobasketball 2021 Rownda

South Sudan gets its independents from Sudan 2011, In 2013 a civil war broke out let to the death of thousands and displacement of hundreds of thousands of south Sudanese, since than the media report online blogger's covers much about South Sudan conflict, but in the year 2020 to 2021 a new move was made to change the image of the youngest nation in world after the 2020 Tokyo Olympic.

Another sport even happens in Rwanda Kigali the Afro-basketball Kigali 2021 where South Sudan played effectively and for its first time participation the youngest team in the game ages between 19 to 20 years old players beading Neighbouring Kenya, Uganda, Mali and Rwanda. its new exit for south Sudan the change the its face in the international media and show its talent and the great part on the world .



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ON BEHALF OF ALL THE JRS FAMILY,  
**THANK YOU**  
**Together, let's continue**

