



# IMPACT REPORT 2021

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STATE &  
WESTERN  
EQUATORIA  
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SOUTH  
SUDAN

# FOREWORD

I am pleased to share the first JRS South Sudan Impact Report highlighting our work throughout 2021, I hope you enjoy reading some of our success stories from 2021.

South Sudan is complicated, fragmented, and fragile, reminding us that, as a Catholic organization we seek to embrace its beauty, richness, and diversity. Always looking for hope in every situation and doing our best to nurture and grow for the future.

I want to thank our dedicated and courageous teams under the leadership of our senior managers and to everyone at JRS SS Country Office, Regional Office and Paula our Regional Communications Officer involved in contributing and putting together this snap-shot impact report. Lastly, a massive thank you to all our supporters, for your continued support and patience as we continue to evolve our vision and presence in South Sudan and work to put important building blocks in place for the future.

**Noelle Fitzpatrick**  
**Country Director**  
**JRS South Sudan**



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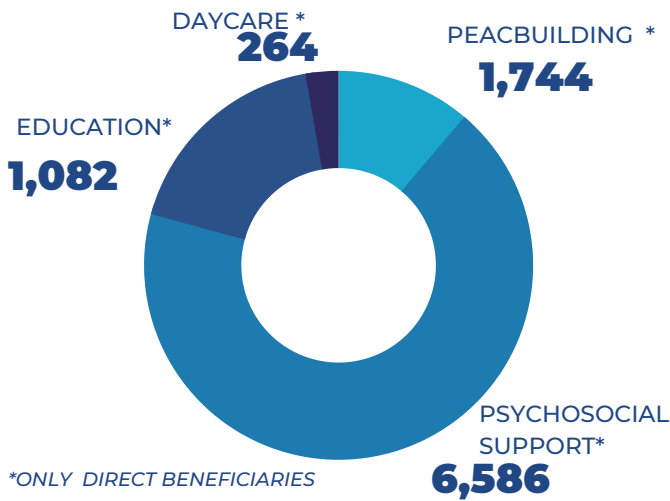
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# 2021 OVERVIEW



# 10,417

## DIRECT BENEFICIARIES SERVED.

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2021



## TESTIMONIES



### SOUTH SUDAN: CLASS 8 PRIMARY HEROES OF MABAN

In Uffra School we spoke to two primary 8 candidates passed their final examinations. This is a great achievement. congratulations to Joseph and Jerica who has made us very proud, they now have a success story to tell.

[READ THE FULL INTERVIEW](#)

### SOUTH SUDAN: EDUCATION IS TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF DISPLACED GIRLS AND WOMEN

JRS has an impressive education centre close to Bunj town that is providing training for refugee teachers. The centre represents hope for future generations.

[READ THE FULL STORY](#)



### MARYAM ALZAKI : A SUDANESE REFUGEE IN MABAN

Maryam dropped out of the Teachers Training Program in 2019 after becoming a mother, thanks to our new day car service, she has been able to return to training.

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# EDUCATION

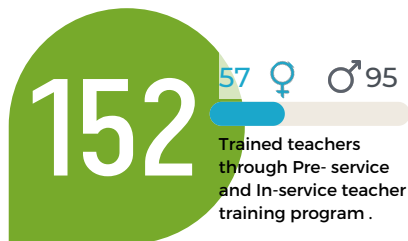
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EDUCATION



JRS STUDENTS BENEFICIARIES IN WESTERN EQUATORIA STATES PHOTO:  
Paula C Aguirregabiria / JRS East Africa



- **Teacher's Retention:** Addressing the root causes of high levels of school tutor's drop-out rates including more focus on job adverts.
- **Providing Education Support:** Assisting vulnerable secondary school girls and boys, associated with armed forces (CAATAG).
- **Training School Bodies:** On governance and for the effective management of schools as a community.
- **Quarterly distribution of school supplies:** Supplied 11 schools and the teachers with essential teaching and learning materials to effectively add value to the important role they play.
- **Teachers Training Programme:** A 2 year formation and development programme for Pre - Service and In-Service.
- **School Support:** Helping communities to contribute to the development of their local schools.
- **JRS Formation and Development:** Completed construction of 3 latrines at King' College School and 1 at Bangasi Secondary School (WES).
- **Constructing Schools:** In 2021 we built 4 classroom blocks and a temporary learning space in Rangu and in Bazumburu Primary School (WES).

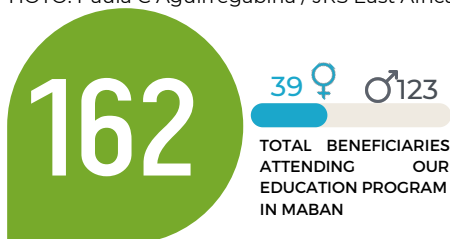
EDUCATION



**CHALLENGES**

*There was a very low number of women applicants. Which is creates a cyclic problem because, the shortage of female teachers has detrimental implications for girl's access to education.*

JRS TEACHER TRAINING BENEFICIARIES  
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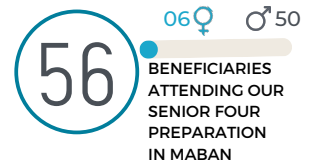
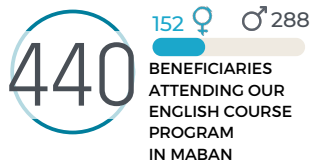
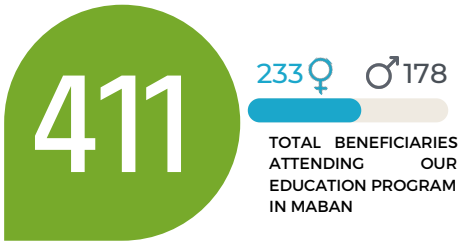


- **Pre-Service:** In July 2021 Pre-Service trainees were 35 in number (29 Male , 6 Female) all attended Year 1, Semester 2 classes from our Fr. Arrupe Learning Center in Bunj town. The trainees continued studying for their end of Semester 2 examinations which concluded last August 2021.
- **Teacher Support:** We supported 38 trainees (33 Male and 5 Female). All received follow-up support on how to assist learners' psychosocial wellbeing and professional development.
- **Workshops:** In July 2021, the Education and PSS team conducted awareness-raising campaigns on children's rights and child protection in small group discussion sessions. Key community leaders, education mobilizers, and head teachers all participated.
- **In-Service Teacher Training:** Successfully conducted education outreach campaigns. JRS is engaging with Lutheran World Federation (LWF), camp coordination colleagues and community leaders to support the consistent participation and retention of In-Service trainees.
- **The In-Service Programme:** Fulfils the interim need for more competent teachers in Maban. JRS trained 212 teachers project cycle from the 4 refugee camps of which 68 were Stage 3 trainees, from Doro and Batil camps.
- **Online Classes:** Facilitated for 59 (of the 68) stage 4 trainees from Batil and Doro refugee camps to participate in online classes. Successfully rolled out a pilot online English language training in Q1 2021 in 6 of the 8 subject areas for all in-service and pre-service trainees.
- **During he reporting period:** JRS held preliminary meetings with community leaders, including all the camp education committees .
- **Pre-Service:** The 2021 - 2023 teacher trainee intakes were successfully completed .

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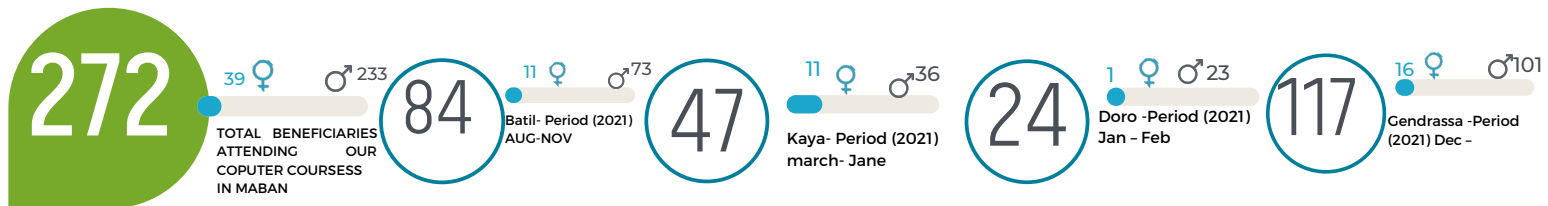
BENEFICIARIES DURING AN ENGLISH CLASS IN MABAN  
PHOTO: Paula C Aguirregabiria / JRS East Africa



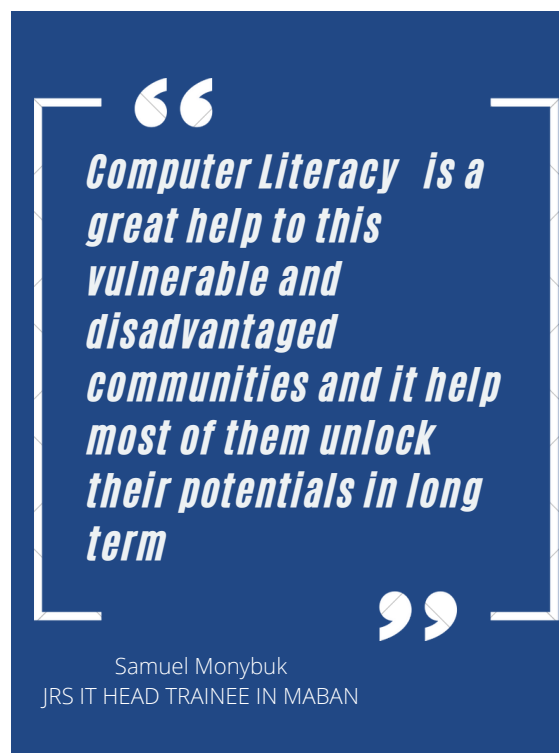
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*In South Sudan, English is one of the most used languages. And this applies to the whole world. Reason why we consider teaching English to the refugee community a key empowering tool to open them the doors to the world.*  
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- **In July 2021:** A total of 219 trainees (145 Male and 74 Female) enrolled on English course at the Kaya refugee camp for up to three levels.
- **Online classes:** JRS facilitated online classes for 59 (of the 68) stage 4 trainees from Batil and Doro. Following a successful pilot with online English language lessons in the previous project cycle, training in Q1 expanded to six (6) of the eight (8) subject areas in 2021. We conducted regular training sessions for all in-service and pre-service trainees.





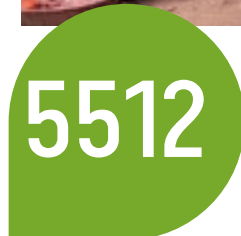
- **The Computer Course Classes:** Takes place across the four Camps of Doro, Batil, Gendressa and Kaya plus Bunj town, participants are encouraged from all the Host Community and IDPs to register.
- **Computer Course Programme:** JRS Computer Course Programme, follows ICDL (International Computer Driving License) framework and the Classes are divided into the 'Basic Level' & 'Advanced Level'. Basic Level covers 4 Modules (Module 1: Computer Essentials, Module 2: MS Word, Module 3: MS Excel, Module 4: MS PowerPoint).
- **Student Graduations:** All graduates were awarded with 'Certificates or Letters of Attendance'.
- **Opportunities:** We provide the computer skills for both the refugees and the host community to look out for scholarships studies and work opportunities.



# PSYCHO- SOCIAL

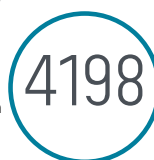


## PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT



4422 ♀ ♂ 1090

total beneficiaries peacebuilding program and interfaith dialogue program in yambio western equatoria states



3724 ♀ ♂ 474

Life skills training and psychoeducation Facilitate sessions for boys and men on women ,protection women right and prevention



113 ♀ ♂ 101

Training of community workers on PSS Training of CBO/CBR members on PSS Awareness on PSNs wellbeing



585 ♀ ♂ 515

Distribution of core relief items, PSNs care givers group session

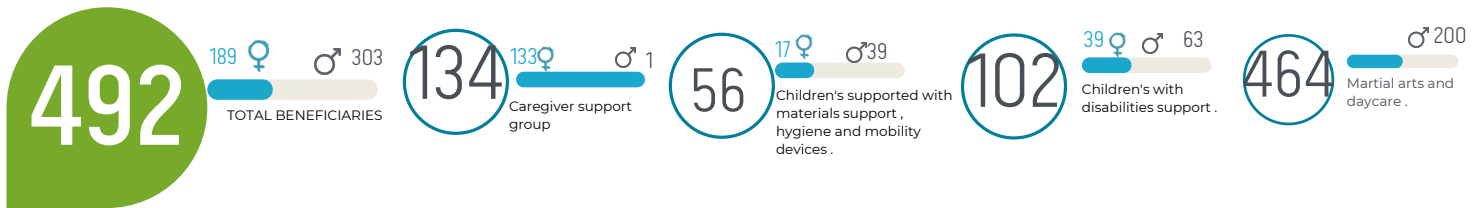
- **Provision of material support to PSNs:** Distribution of core relief items to 972 PSNs who were identified and happy to receive further support.
- **Care Givers:** Three groups were supported and now doing business to sustain them with the PSNs.
- **Capacity building to women led groups:** 97 police officers and community police were trained on women's rights and the prevention and prosecution of gender-based violence.
- **Capacity Building PSS:** The PSS team supported three women and girls' friendly spaces in bedsheets making in Bazungua, Bazumburu, and Nzara Centres, which has encouraged the women to be more active. In Nzara the women group acquired a portion of land for potential business purposes.
- **Supporting Communities:** Facilitated public dispute resolution and reconciliation processes within the community.
- **Three outreach sessions conducted:** Focusing on issues of social justice and peacebuilding initiatives.
- **Women led group:** Provision of support through capacity building in bread making to ensure that the business makes good progress.

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Here we express our feelings and stresses, and share the difficulties we go through. Therefore, I told them how I was looking at my child as a non-human being and the way I was hiding him because he has developmental issues.



Martial Arts program beneficiary

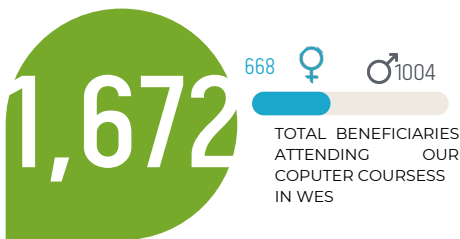


- **Children With Disabilities:** The team provided access to occupational therapy sessions for 102 children i.e. 63 boys and 39 girls at the JRS center in Doro refugee camp. The sessions support children with physical impairments to maximize their physical potential and improve their quality of life, Children in the program received material support, including a monthly supply of a bar of soaps to support good hygiene practices. 25 children i.e. 14 boys and 11 girls received solar lamps. 10 children (9 boys, 1 girl) received mobility assistive devices such as crutches and tri-cycle wheelchairs, and 11 children (6 boys, 5 girls) received sitting and standing aids to promote proper positioning and training on delayed developmental milestones.
- **Caregivers:** During this reporting period, the Caregivers' Support Group in Doro concluded a six-week session for 16 women caregivers after successful regular attendance.

- **Men's Support Groups:** the team effectively mobilized participants for the Doro Men's Support Group. The group of 14 participants completed the third week of the six-week program
- **Youth's Psychosocial Support:** PSS interventions targeting youth have continued to facilitate recreational and supportive activities for healing, normalization and recovery.
- **8 caregivers support groups:** 118 participants (117 female , 1 male) were facilitated in Doro, Batil, Kaya, and Gendrassa refugee camps. Participants were able to express through discussions, how they have learned to be "themselves," as well as the process of accepting the disability situation of their children. Good progressive steps were made from stigma to resilience, from feeling vulnerable to that of openness, and being able to speak up for the wellness and rights of their children with disability.



JRS BENEFICIARIES DURING THE AWARENESS PROGRAM IN YAMBIO  
PHOTO: JRS SSD



- **Awareness Raising Campaigns:** JRS in Conducted campaign on SGBV prevention and response in the five Counties across WES in 2021. Individual members were reached with SGBV prevention and responses and COVID-19 awareness and protection campaigns.
- **A total of 92 PoCs:** Were trained on SGBV prevention and response: this was done through the formation of (3) SGBV groups, each comprising of 14 members (,42 SGBV survivors) and 50 PWDs were met and trained on hygiene promotion.
- **Community Leaders Trained:** On the protection for PoCs. Individuals were trained on the prevention and response to SGBV. 5 SGBV groups were formed with 12 members in each group

PEACEBUILDING



JRS BENEFICIARIES PART OF THE PEACEBUILDING PROGRAM IN YAMBIO  
 PHOTO: PAULA C AGUIRREGABIRIA / JRS EAST AFRICA



## PEACEBUILDING SUPPORT

- **Inter-school Peacebuilding** Learners benefited from three peacebuilding and 32 inter - class debates that were facilitated across the JRS supported schools.
- **Interschool Peacebuilding Games:** 21 inter-class peacebuilding games (football) took place among the JRS supported schools to bolster relationships between different schools and between the learners.
- **Children's social cohesion and wellbeing:** 11 life skill training in the JRS supported schools were conducted to better enhance children's social cohesion and wellbeing.
- **Peacebuilding Games:** The football games in schools helped built and strengthen relationship between the community and schools.

## INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

- We facilitated 3 interfaith dialogue between 52 interreligious (church) leaders in Yambio, Nzara and Ezo counties.
- We facilitated 2 dispute resolution and reconciliation sessions between 18 community members in Andari village in Ezo county

## COMMUNITY PEACEBUILDING

- **Community Police:** In 2021, 100 community leaders and police officers were trained on children and women's rights. The training supported community leaders and the police to understand their roles and responsibilities in protecting human rights.

## PASTORAL



FR KIZITO BAPTIZING DURING A MASS IN MABAN.

## PASTORAL

- **Pastoral Approach:** JRS has managed to incorporate several pastoral /Ignatian activities among the staff. As JRS Maban family, we marked the beginning of Ignatian year with prayers (mass) and the planting of trees.
- **JRS Activities:** Are aimed at strengthening the Ignatian identity and character of the JRS mission and to renew the Jesuit spirit of faithful commitment of the values that our mission promotes.
- **The Parish:** Has 46 outstation with no permanent priest. Every week we serve approximately one hundred households in faith ministry.
- **Creativity and Engagement** We engage and partner with St. Mark's Parish as they share with the Jesuits' commitment to *accompany* the youth to a hopeful and better future.
- **Weekly Debriefings:** We hold half day recollection on the feast of St. Francis Xavier as well as reflections of our field experience.

## RECONCILIATION

- The established Resolution & Reconciliation Forum aims to support the establishment of the transitional justice system that is more gender-responsive and engage traditional leaders to uphold principles of human rights, as well as assisting women and other marginalized groups to access justice.

# JRS SOUTH SUDAN

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN 2021

### SNAP SHOT



*"Meeting financial related deadlines for the effective running of the organization"*

*"Very positive on the strategic planning process, helping everyone to think strategically"*

*"Improvement in the IT infrastructure and the upgrade on bandwidth for smooth communication"*

- **Conflict Sensitivity Assessments:** Conflict sensitive reports of our presence and programming were completed in 2021. This is the beginning of new sensitivity to how everything we do can either connect or divide the people we serve, and the need to be more systematic in evolving a conflict sensitive approach to everything we do.
- **Matt Ippel SJ moves on, Fr Paul Shiju SVD arrives;** We were very sorry to see Matt leave. The gathering at the airstrip in Maban to wish him well was a testament to all his presence and efforts brought to the young people in Maban. We wish him well in the next stage of his formation as a Jesuit.
- **We welcomed Fr Paul Shiju an SVD** priest to support the work of our PSS and pastoral team. Fr Paul comes to us with a background in community engagement and trauma support, and continues the tradition of JRS working in collaboration with other religious congregations in pursuit of our mission and vision globally
- **Visitors in 2021:** Shamsia Ramadan, Consultant leading on the Conflict Sensitive Assessments, Fr Provincial of the Eastern Africa Province of Jesuits and other delegates, to visit our programming in Maban, and for the first gathering of Jesuits in South Sudan, including JRS in planning for 2022
- Our Regional Director and the Regional Communications Officer encouraged us, to take positive next steps forward on the development of our internal and external communications.
- **Jerusa, Finance Officer** from the Regional Office and Rachael from JRS USA came to support us in the further development of our capacity and planning for 2022.
- In 2021 we instituted programme manager positions at field locations to bring extra focus to depth of vision and quality in programming, and enable our PDs (heads of field offices) to take a step back and up in the overall strategic management of JRS presence and programming at each location.



# GENDER REPRESENTATION JRS

## SOUTH SUDAN 2021

### WOMEN IN KEY POSITIONS



JRS staff during the Strategic Planning 2021 -2023 Consultative & Validation Workshop

- **Our HR Manual:** The HR Policy Manual is clear on the commitment to gender equity and explains the preference we give to female candidates when core competences are established.
- **Our Female Colleagues:** Both our PSS Co-ordinator and Assistant PSS Co-ordinator are female as well as the Construction Manager in Western Equatoria State.
- **First Security Guard - Female :** We have our first female security guard as well as our Finance Manager in the Juba Country Office.
- **English Language Training:** The course in Maban enables more girls and women to participate meaningfully in our Teachers Training Programme.
- **ICT 4 Women:** Our incredible support team at the Country Office (Juba) are taking IT lessons three times a week. 2 are already candidates to begin their driving lessons.
- **Capacity Building:** We have facilitated 4 of our female colleagues to go for capacity building & training in Nairobi, Kenya.

ON BEHALF OF ALL THE JRS FAMILY

All this work would not be possible without you.

**THANKS FOR YOUR  
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