

Dear Friends of JRS Family - Western and Eastern Africa Regions,

September marks, in many countries, the return to school for many pupils after summer holidays. However, children running away from Sudan cannot enjoy of that same right. **The right to school is not being granted** to the millions of forcibly displaced children at the Sudan crisis.

“Approximately **6.4 million children had their learning disrupted** and suspended in **April 2023** and were forced to leave their schools and learning centres two months prior to the end of the academic year.” (Source: Relief International)



In South Sudan, Betika (30), Willium (58), Dyck (70) or Awen (23), all of them had a common desire when we met them in May: **for their children to go back to school**. But this wish is not being fulfilled.

Despite we all acknowledge the important of offering education services for displaced children and youth, the generalized lack of resources that all NGO partners are suffering is not allowing us to provide the needed response to the education of children and youth.

Help us bring children back to school with your donation!

Why is Education important in such a context?

Education, no matter where nor when, is key. For resilience, for building a brighter future, for teaching people the importance of peaceful conflict resolution and avoiding the easy resort to violence. Beyond that, in a conflict context, it is fundamental to offer normality and stability

to children and youth, for their mental health and to avoid mass drop-outs /(what can lead to sexual exploitation, child labour, or engagement in malpractices).

In Chad, JRS work is focusing on Education in Emergency, by which we sensitize the community and the government about the importance of education, we provide scholastic materials, we train teachers, and we offer some education services at the refugee camps. We are also supporting the organization of official examinations for secondary education graduates who wish to continue with their education.

[MOUSBELIBA ORHAMMAT (19)]

“Although it seemed impossible due to the ethnic conflicts and the fact of being a girl, I managed to make it to university! But with all that is going on... every time I see it more difficult to continue my dream of graduating from university. Everything has been cut off in my life. All the efforts since I was little... I ask for help so that they have not been in vain, to continue with my education and my life.”

Mousbeliba’s school was burned down when the war started. The same happened to her house. That is when they decided to leave and cross the border to Chad, where she is now with her mother and her younger sister (whose education has been also jeopardized by the conflict). Having lost their certificates, their learning materials, and to some extent their hope, we work with them to help them go back to their normal lives and continue with their education. Mousbeliba is only one of the millions of students’ whose path got truncated by the war, and don’t know when they will be able to return.

“I am thankful that I am still alive. While there is life, there is hope. And I have hope.”



What can we do?

By mobilizing further resources, we can better support the formal educational initiatives in Chad and hopefully open non-formal education spaces in South Sudan borders.

Every child deserves an opportunity to be a child. Every child deserved the opportunity to go to school, as every other kid who did not have to suffer the horrors of war and forcibly displacement.

Help us make of this right a reality. Support JRS operations in the Sudan Crisis response, and let's bring children and youth back to school!

And you, what do you want to do for refugees' education?

Make your donation now !