

**SUPPORT TRUST FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT
(STAD)**

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THE REPORT COVER STAD'S PROJECT INCLUDING THE DUTCH NAP 3 WG4CA

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**TO
ALL STAKEHOLDERS**

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Introduction

The ongoing political instability (conflict/ war) since 2016 in South Sudan that forced many people flee to Uganda and other neighbouring countries or to remote rural areas, has resulted in STAD concentrating its activities in Northern Uganda. As such, the Payawa Primary health care Centre (PPHCA) and capacity and peace building, education and health programs at St Mark Church in Alero Payam in South Sudan are on hold except the implementation of Dutch National Action Plan (NAP3) under the United Nations Security Council Resolution No (UNSCRN) 1325: Women Peace and Security (WPS). In 2019, STAD implemented a number of programs among them were:

1.0 Education of Refugees at Imvepi refugee settlement. Debbie and Florence visited both the school in March and October 2019 respectively. STAS supported a total of 57 students ranging from secondary education at the settlement to tertiary education and University. 50 students from Imvepi refugee and 5 students studying outside the refugee settlement.



Debbie with STAD sponsored students Imvepi School



Students receiving sanitary materials

1.1 Boroli Junior primary school -Adjumani Refugee settlement. Adjumani is the second largest settlement after Bidibidi with a population of 212,000 registered refugees. STAD has selected Boroli Junior primary school in Adjumani Refugee settlement and supported it with 90 desks (3-seater) and have raised money for a 2 stance VIP latrine for teachers.



Boroli Junior primary school is one of the community schools in Adjumani Refugee settlement with a total enrolment of 1,415 learners. The school has been in existence for 4 years & offers learning to both the refugees and host communities. It runs classes from P1-P4. Only classes from P3-P4 sit on desks. P1-P2 sit on the floor.



Florence showing photos to the pupils of P.2



Contractor handing desks to DEO representative



Desks in one of the classroom



Desks labeled with the Church Logo

1.2 Support Trust for Africa Development (STAD) in South Sudan and Uganda



STAD is officially registered in 2019 in South Sudan and Uganda respectively. We started from scratch- no structures, office furniture & volunteers except the mission to serving the communities. STAD mission and vision inspired many to willingly work as volunteers to support its Journey. STAD acquired a piece of land for establishing a Christian oriented nursery and primary school in Midia Koboko Uganda.

2.0 Projects under Youth and Women Community Development Organization (YWCDO)

Major projects supported in 2019 were the completion and launching of the of the VIP toilet, the canteen, acquisition of the Tents and Public Audio System (PAS), Easter & Christmas celebrations and a survey on the people with disabilities (PWDAs). On 22nd April 2019 YWCDO officially lounged a programme to support Persons with Disabilities which started with contributions from the community and the people who attended the annual Easter and Christmas Celebrations. The issues affecting the PWDS are very pertinent. The government has little support to such vulnerable people. On 6th June, WCDO Staff delivered support to eight (8) PWDS household who were profiled before the lounge of the project. Item delivered included 6kgsof rice, 100kgs of cassava floor 3kgs of Sugar ,14 bars of soap ,40packets Salt

2.1 The New YWCDO (Ventilated Improved Pit latrine (VIP)



The VIP toilet project stated in 2018 but was officially completed and launched in 2019. Construction of the VIP toilet at the centre has attracted more Public Institutions and Organizations to use the facilities. Thanks donors who support YWCDO enabling it to expand its activities that have inspired more individuals from around the various refugee and communities

2.3 The Tent/PAS Project



The Tents and Public Audio System (PAS) project was supported by STAD. The items are used by the centre as well as rented to the public to raise money for the organization running costs. They have greatly benefited the Communities in Koboko District during regular outreaches on health education, dramas and campaigns against anti-social behaviors messages in the Community(ies) that usually affect the Youth and Women.

2.4 The Canteen Project



The YWCDO canteen is one of the micro-projects initiated and partly locally funded by resources within the Organization. The canteen is anticipated to generate funds for sustainability of the Organization. Recreational activities such as the TV shows, talk shows, provisions of traditional foods etc. will attract working class people and other public members to come to relax over the weekends.

2.5 The Christmas Celebration: Christmas celebrations under the theme “Promoting peaceful co-existence between refugees and host communities”.



Easter & Christmas celebrations are unique events that bring together refugees and local community- women, men & children, religious leaders, politicians etc. in Koboko District. They proved to be useful peace building tools for peaceful co-existences. The 2019 Christmas celebration was held at WAJU Refugee settlement. *The activities included music, dance and drama, speeches by various community leaders and representatives. Gifts were presented to the best groups and one of them was a nursery school children’s group. The speeches by the community representatives were humbling. A community elder said, “I was born and raised here. I never thought there were people out there who valued us. This action will never be erased from my memory. It is the first of its kind and I am very grateful.” A widow said, “These words you have spoken, are more than food or any material thing. I*

could sit here the whole day to listen to you and never be bothered about anything. Thank you so much for making us feel human again”. These two comments represent the joy and peace created in the community. It affirms that, a valued, honored respected and empowered human being can scale the walls. In a world that is infested with conflict sand strife, pains and agony, groans and extreme poverty bringing together refugees and host communities in Waju refugee settlement in Koboko District was a humbly and great success.

Programs in South Sudan

The major activity in South Sudan is the implementation of Dutch National Action Plan (NAP3) under the United Nations Security Council Resolution No (UNSCRN) 1325: Women Peace and Security (WPS). In 2019, STAD implemented a number of programs among them were: training mentoring and coach women leaders on gender relations and power dynamics, femininity and masculinity, SGBV, human rights, gender equality, leadership and advocacy skills; capacity building of local A, B, C courts in Human Rights and gender norms in traditional justice; facilitated training and mentored community based Psychosocial Focal Points (PFP) on mapping and detection, referral, follow-up, psychosocial care and case management; trained and engaged youth as Agents of Change in activities on gender equality and peace building.