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Breaking the cycle of poverty through community based development



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Rebuilding Hope in Broken Communities

Abraham Awolich has just returned from a six week trip to Sudan. Upon his return SUDEF announces a national speaking tour aimed at raising awareness about the recovery challenges and opportunities facing Southern Sudan today. The talk will be presented by Abraham Awolich, SUDEF founder and President.

As part of our efforts to build sustainable rural communities in Southern Sudan, Sudan Development Foundation, (SUDEF) has launched the Rebuilding Hope in Broken Communities campaign. Abraham



Awolich, will tell his personal story along with an overview of the conflict in Southern Sudan, it's connections to Darfur, the state of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, signed in 2005 and the role the United States plays, both past and present in Southern Sudan's post conflict recovery efforts. He will present what opportunities and challenges both the Peace Agreement and the potential secession of Southern Sudan in the year 2011 pose for the future of the Southern Sudanese.

Abraham Awolich has spoken at colleges and universities such as Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Rutgers, Colgate, Tufts and others, in addition to countless high schools, churches and civic groups.

He begins with his personal story to provide the audience the background and context necessary to understand the situation at a personal level.

Abraham is charismatic, articulate and knowledgeable on this subject and invites his audience to join him as he re-visits the difficulties, challenges and horrors he experienced as a young

boy fleeing his village and the hope and courage he found, in not just his survival, but how those experiences became the threshold for creating positive change, not only for himself and his fellow refugees but for the people of Southern Sudan.

After his arrival in the United States in 2001 as a refugee Abraham obtained an undergraduate degree from UVM and went on to obtain a Masters degree specializing in international development from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, the nation's top school in public affairs.



After returning to Sudan and seeing firsthand the severe conditions that decades of war and displacement caused the people of Southern Sudan

Abraham felt compelled to get involved and actively participate in Southern Sudan's future. Abraham's commitment to this cause inspires both American's and members of the Sudanese Diaspora to become involved in supporting these development efforts in Southern Sudan. SUDEF's is building community centers for vocational training, improved agriculture and micro-investment in rural communities in Southern Sudan so they can be self-reliant and sustainable and bring lasting peace to Sudan.

Recent Trip to Sudan



Abraham has just returned from a month long trip to Sudan spent visiting SUDEF's Kalthok health clinic and making preparations for SUDEF's first

Community Resource Center for Peace & Development to be built in Kalthok, Southern Sudan.

He has up to date information on the state of affairs in Southern Sudan and the status of our projects there.

The situation continues to be extremely difficult, lack of food and other resources a daily problem for survival. But, there are also many improvements that



have begun to happen and these bring great hope to people of Southern Sudan.

SUDEF's Kalthok clinic, (seen to the left above and below) has been central to the well-being and health of the local community and has seen over 25,000 people in the last two years. A new road between Juba and Minkamman has dramatically increased access to these rural outlying communities. Hear more...



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