



Sudan Development Foundation introduces plans to expand the Kalthok Clinic to include a Maternal & Child Health Unit. Through a generous private grant we have begun work on this new initiative. Please consider making a donation to this important program.

The civil wars in Sudan stretched over five decades and left Southern Sudan one of the most devastated places on earth. The need for health services, economic and social development cannot be overstated in Southern Sudan. Over the course of the last three decades, Southern Sudan has not produced any doctors, nurses, or midwives and has not been able to provide medical services to its citizens. *Maternal and infant mortality rates are the highest in the world today and the overall life expectancy in Southern Sudan is only 42 years.*



One out of six pregnant women in Southern Sudan will die. Skilled health personnel assist in only 5% of all deliveries in Southern Sudan, compared to 57% countrywide. There is only one doctor per 100,000 people.

Southern Sudan has the lowest routine immunization coverage rate in the world.

The Maternal and Child Health unit at our Kalthok Clinic aims to reduce both maternal and infant mortality rates in the Kalthok region of Southern Sudan. The unit will be dedicated to providing information to expectant and nursing mothers regarding sound prenatal care during pregnancy along with identifying pregnancies that are of high risk to either mother or child. The second piece of this project is to train midwives. These trainings will focus on the fundamentals of midwifery to prepare trainees with the skills needed to provide high quality

birth assistance along with prenatal and postpartum care to both mothers and their children.

To achieve our vision, we have set three objectives: The first objective is to create a new space dedicated to maternal and child health at our Kalthok Clinic in Southern Sudan. The second goal is to provide education and information on good care to mothers during pregnancy, labor, birth, and the postpartum period. The final goal is to help with the timely referral and transport of mothers and babies with complications beyond the clinic's capacity to nearby hospitals.

Based on our conservative estimates, with approx. \$54,000 we can construct, equip and furnish the Maternal & Child Health unit and train up to 12 midwives. An additional \$15-20,000 is needed to purchase a minivan to be used for the transport of women and children to



nearby hospitals for complications beyond what a rural outpost clinic can serve.

With your help, together we can bring hope to those whose dignity has been lost from so many years of inadequate medical service. The health and well-being of Southern Sudan's women and children is critical to the birth of a new peace and a new future - with your support, we can answer this call.

SUDEF is pleased to introduce our Board of Directors. Adherence to our mission, transparency, and a strong sense of purpose and commitment to helping the Southern Sudanese rebuild their communities is vital to our organization. Each member of the Board of Directors has the experience, vision and passion to help us achieve our goals and provide us the leadership, guidance and oversight necessary to run a successful non-profit organization.

Sudan Development Foundation Board of Directors:

Board Chair - Darius Jonathan



Darius Jonathan is a senior lecturer at the University of Vermont in Asian Languages and Literature. Darius was born in Amadi, State of Western Equatoria, Southern Sudan and received his B.A. in Social Anthropology and Arabic at the University of Khartoum, Sudan and his M.A. in linguistics at the University of Hawaii.

Board Treasurer - George Cross

George Cross was born and raised in Vermont and worked over 25 years as a teacher and then went on to become Superintendent of schools for the



City of Winooski. Following his retirement from his work as a school Superintendent George served 8 years in the Vermont legislature. George and his family have been very supportive and involved with the Sudanese community for more

then a decade.

Board of Director - Achier Mou



Achier Mou just received his MPH (Masters of Public Health) from Tufts University School of Medicine. He attended UVM as an undergraduate his B.A. in Community Development and Applied Economics. Achier was born in Southern Sudan and first came to the United States in 2001 from a refugee camp in Kenya. Achier currently lives in Boston and has just begun looking for work in the field of community health, disease

prevention and global health.

Board of Director - Dr. Jean Marie Mujakazi



Dr. Jean Marie Mujakazi is a medical doctor who specializes in malarial treatment. Jean-Marie has worked extensively in the health field and for non-profit organization internationally. He is currently the Outreach Director for the AALV (Association of Africans Living in Vermont). Jean-Marie has plans to visit SUDEF's Kathok Clinic and provide medical training to the local staff there. He is passionate about providing opportunities that allow people to reach their potential and be contributing members of their communities.

Board of Director - Kuer Bior



Bior Bior was born in Bor County in the State of Jongiei, Southern Sudan. Before arriving in Vermont in 2001, Bior lived in Kakuma Refugees' camp in Northern Kenya for three years. Bior graduated in 2006 from the University of Vermont with a B.S. in Biological sciences and is currently pursuing a PHD in Cell Biology/Neurosciences at the University of Vermont. Bior joined the Sudan Development Foundation as a way to contribute positively to the progress and success of SUDEF.

Abraham Awolich - Board of Director and Executive Director - Sudan Development Foundation



Abraham Awolich founded SUDEF in 2008. Abraham received his M.A. in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University in 2009 and his B.A. from the University of Vermont in 2006. Abraham was a winner of the World Bank Development Marketplace grant in 2007 to help build a secondary school in Sudan and has been awarded the prestigious national public service award by the National Grid. Abraham believes that SUDEF's model of community development will successfully help reshape Southern Sudan by creating sustainable, self-supporting communities who live at peace with one another.

Please consider making a donation to the Sudan Development Foundation. With your help we can achieve our fundraising goal of raising \$50,000 in 2010. We have raised over \$14,000 toward this goal.

A gift of any size can really make a difference and will help: it will contribute to our running and operating the Kalthok Clinic, it will allow us to begin work on the Maternal and Child Health Unit and your gift will allow us to begin our first Adult literacy training course next year.

All donations should be made out to SUDEF and mailed to:

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