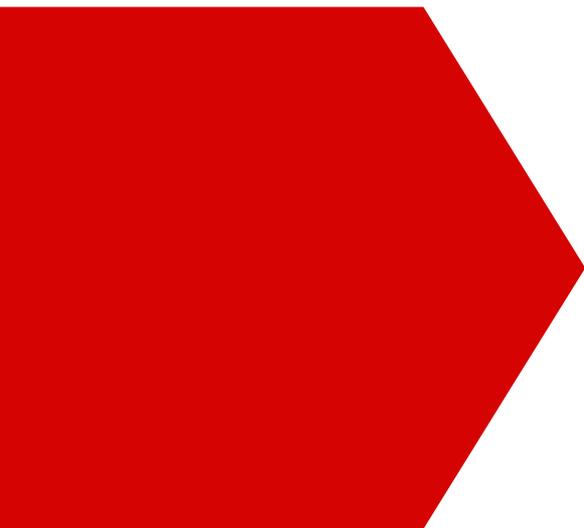


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About Us

Solidarity is a project of UISG and USG, both the female and male Unions of Superiors General, initiated at the request of the Conference of Bishops of Sudan, supported by over 260 congregations, private donors and international agencies with funding, personnel, and expertise.

Together, congregations work in harmony to accompany and empower the people of South Sudan helping to heal the wounds caused by the armed conflict, and walking together towards a better future. In all of our projects and initiatives, we are committed to prevent gender violence and we are particularly careful to ensure that South Sudanese women and girls have equal access to education and training.



Vision And Mission

Our Vision

Solidarity with South Sudan envisions a just, peaceful and inclusive South Sudan where all people and communities are empowered to lead and develop themselves and their country along with the local church as an active participant in this transformation.

Our Mission

Solidarity empowers, equips and accompanies people in South Sudan with a focus on women to become dedicated, service-oriented practitioners in primary education, health, agriculture and pastoral services throughout the country. In doing this, Solidarity continues to collaborate with the Sudan and South Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference.

By developing capacities in people and institutions, Solidarity aims to create a sustainable future in which the people of South Sudan become agents of change in their society, living and promoting the values of the Gospel.

As an inter-congregational collaborative commitment, Solidarity promotes harmonious intercultural living, witnessing to the Gospel.



Message from President



Pilgrims of Hope: Solidarity's Mission in the Jubilee Year 2025

BR. EMILI TURÙ ROFES, FMS

The Jubilee year 2025 is a time of grace, renewal, and thanksgiving, inviting us to live as “Pilgrims of Hope.” For Solidarity with South Sudan, this theme resonates deeply with our mission and our daily journey alongside the people of South Sudan. Amidst challenges and fragility, hope continues to guide us forward, carried by the countless lives touched through education, healthcare, pastoral work, and sustainable agriculture.

This 2024 Report reflects how the spirit of Jubilee is embodied in the work of Solidarity. Step by step, we continue walking together—religious and lay collaborators, local communities and international partners—building pathways of peace and resilience in a land marked by suffering but also by extraordinary courage and perseverance. We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who make this mission possible. Special recognition goes to the women and men religious who generously serve in South Sudan, many of them for years, side by side with their South Sudanese sisters and brothers. Along with their lay colleagues and the support of their congregations and donors worldwide, they form the living body of Solidarity with South Sudan. Your commitment, prayers, and generosity are the wellspring of our mission.

This year also marks a moment of transition and promise. We warmly welcome Father Hyacinthe Loua, SJ, as the new Executive Director of Solidarity with South Sudan. We are deeply grateful for the enthusiasm, dedication, and wisdom he brings to this role, and for his willingness to lead the project with vision and compassion. His leadership is already a sign of hope for our shared future.



Message from President

As pilgrims, we know the journey is not always easy. South Sudan continues to face immense challenges—poverty, displacement, and the fragile path to peace. Yet, the Jubilee reminds us that hope is not naïve optimism but a resilient trust that life can flourish even in the harshest conditions. It is this conviction that sustains our mission and inspires us to continue walking together, listening, learning, and serving with humility and faith.

May this Report bear witness to the countless acts of solidarity, small and great, that embody our mission each day. May it inspire gratitude for what has been accomplished, honesty about the challenges that remain, and renewed commitment to walk as true pilgrims of hope with the people of South Sudan.

With deep appreciation,

Emili Turú fms, President



Message from Executive Director



South Sudan at a Crossroads: Escalating Humanitarian Challenges

FR. HYACINTHE LOUA, SJ

Dear Friends,

We are writing in a period of great difficulty for South Sudan. Every day brings new challenges, and people are facing an increasingly harsh environment. The ongoing insecurity across the country continues to place civilians—particularly women and children—at heightened risk of violence, exploitation, and abuse. Projections for 2025 paint an even more alarming picture. Current projections indicate that 7.7 million people are acutely food insecure, while 2.3 million children suffer from severe malnutrition. In addition, an estimated 1.2 million pregnant and lactating women are undernourished, leaving an entire generation vulnerable to long-term health consequences. Compounding these challenges, South Sudan remains one of the most dangerous places for humanitarian workers. The risks faced by those providing assistance, further deepening the suffering of communities where hunger and deprivation have become a daily reality.

Fears are growing that rising political and regional tensions could push the country into further conflict, potentially drawing South Sudan into Sudan's ongoing civil war which since April 2023, forced more than 1.2 million refugees—over half of them children—into South Sudan, aggravating an already dire situation marked by food shortages and lack of healthcare.

Climate shocks have placed additional strain on communities. For more than a decade, recurrent droughts and floods have devastated livelihoods. In 2025 alone, flooding affected 263,000 people across 11 counties, destroying homes and displacing families. The scars of past conflicts, coupled with ongoing violence, displacement, and the breakdown of families, weigh heavily on people's lives. Many still lack access to basic services like healthcare, education, and clean water.

With a Human Development Index of 0.388 (UNDP, 2023), South Sudan is today the lowest-ranked country in the world.



Message from Executive Director

And yet, amid these immense challenges, hope endures. We embrace this reality with renewed commitment and determination. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to accompany the people of South Sudan and the local Church—to provide encouragement, to share knowledge and skills, and to build capacity where it is most needed. While our contributions may appear modest in the face of a national crisis, they are transformative in the lives of those we serve.

The year 2024 marked a significant chapter for Solidarity with South Sudan. Guided by our new strategic plan, we strengthened our impact in the fields of education and healthcare, while intensifying efforts in agricultural training and livelihood support in response to worsening food insecurity. Pastoral formation, trauma healing, and spiritual accompaniment continued to be central pillars of our mission. Through the eyes of our members, we witness daily the impact of environmental degradation and the struggles of women and girls facing discrimination and violence. These realities fuel our commitment to women’s empowerment and environmental protection, which remain central to all that we do. Every advance we make is thanks to your continued support. Your generosity continues to be the foundation that sustains our mission.

We are therefore pleased to share with you this Annual Report, which presents the results of our work in 2024, results made possible only through the dedication of our teams in South Sudan and the unwavering support of congregations and partners like you. The reality of South Sudan continues to challenge us deeply. But, as Bishop Christian Carlassare reminded us in his message for South Sudan 2025 Independence Day, “Hope is the last to die.” Indeed, hope does not disappoint when we choose to embody it, together, with God’s help.

With gratitude and commitment,

Fr. Hyacinthe Loua, SJ



Strategic Plan 2023-2027

The implementation of the Solidarity with South Sudan Strategic Plan 2023-2027 is proceeding in a complex and constantly changing context, strongly influenced by international tensions, internal political instability and the economic and climatic difficulties affecting the country. Despite these challenges, the organization continues to make progress in consolidating its strategic objectives, with particular reference to sustainability and strengthening cooperation with the Bishops Conference of Sudan and South Sudan and with local dioceses and Churches. Solidarity's commitment remains focused on the growth and development of solid local institutions. Training activities for teachers, health workers, pastoral agents and farming communities contribute to the progressive increase of professional autonomy and self-sufficiency among the South Sudanese population.

Particular attention is given to female participation and the promotion of gender equality, as demonstrated by the significant number of female students and participants in all the programs offered.

Solidarity also supports the training of pastoral leaders, promotes initiatives for reconciliation, inter-ethnic dialogue and pastoral peace, and strengthens the capacity of ecclesial structures to respond to the spiritual and social needs of communities.

All these actions confirm the direction taken: a process of gradual but constant consolidation, which aims to strengthen local capacities, the mission of the Church and the witness of the Gospel in a country which, despite many challenges, continues to seek its own path towards peace and justice.



Our Projects

Solidarity aims to continue to develop the capacities of the people in South Sudan in primary school teaching, health care, agriculture and pastoral services and to prepare more robust institutions in view of a future transition. Solidarity's projects focus on ensuring the sustainability of projects by strengthening local institutions and resources, promoting gender equality and raising environmental awareness in accordance with the principles of Laudato Si'.



Education

Pastoral

Agricultural

Health



Sustainable Agricultural Project in Riimenze

SAP-R

To promote sustainable livelihoods in families and communities through the promotion of healthy diversified diets and good nutrition practices and providing income-generating opportunities while enhancing environmental protection and maintaining biodiversity.



The SAP-R provides training and support to local farmers to educate them in the practice of sustainable farming techniques, livestock breeding, proper family diet and savings practices, in a community development perspective. To date, more than 2,970 families were helped to improve their capacity and technical knowledge of agricultural and nutritional practices. A new multi-year phase started in 2024 with the goal of increase livelihood opportunities and strengthening food security for rural South Sudanese communities affected by post-war conditions and internal conflicts. By 2027, the project aims to support 810 families, including 3,240 children, reaching a total of 4,050 direct and indirect beneficiaries. It seeks to enhance their nutritional status, increase income and asset security, and improve overall living conditions, while promoting environmentally friendly practices.

Sustainable Agricultural Project in Riimenze

SAP-R

2,970 households have improved their livelihoods

63% of beneficiaries are women



360 children at risk of malnutrition receive support

67 radio talk shows have been aired to share agricultural techniques

Solidarity Teacher Training College

STTC

STTC, based in Yambio, in Western Equatoria State, is a community dedicated to fostering the next generation of teachers. It trains primary school teachers through a two-year course at the end of which they have a certification in line with the National Curriculum and recognized by the Ministry of Education.

The STTC curriculum is designed to equip students with the essential skills for effective teaching, encompassing professional studies, English, mathematics, science, social studies, Christian religious education, physical and health education, and art and music.

The STTC offers tailored courses to meet the diverse needs of aspiring educators. The Pre-service course, a two-year residential program, is ideal for young students seeking to become primary school teachers. Students undergo rigorous academic training, culminating in a nationally recognized primary school teaching certificate. The curriculum requires a mandatory internship in local primary schools before graduation. The In-Service course is designed for practicing teachers without a qualified

training. Currently this non-residential program is underway in Yambio and from 2025 in Wau.

Finally, a one-year Diploma program for skilled teachers who want to upgrade their academic qualification, preparing them for leadership and mentorship roles within schools and education systems. STTC promotes unity and gender equality in South Sudan. With 45% of students being female, it makes significant strides in increasing women's participation in education. Serving as a microcosm of the nation, the student body includes diverse cultural and regional backgrounds. The STTC actively fosters peaceful coexistence and mutual understanding among tribal groups, providing a vital model of social cohesion for the country.



Solidarity Teacher Training College



STTC

899 teachers have graduated
at STTC since 2013



74% of graduated are currently
employed in the education sector

45% of current students
are women



From 2022, STTC offers a one-year
diploma in Education Sciences to
advance the training of graduates

Catholic Health Training Institute



CHTI

To date CHTI has graduated **284** nurses and **163** midwives



92% of graduated are currently employed in the health sector

42% of current students are women



About 50% are employed in Public and private sector and 50% in Mission Hospitals

Catholic Health Training Institute

CHTI

CHTI in Wau (also known as CHSI - Catholic Health Sciences Institute) has been a cornerstone of healthcare education in South Sudan since 2010. Offering diploma programs in Nursing (RN) and Midwifery (RM), CHTI provides students with three years of rigorous academic training and clinical experience.

Graduates emerge as skilled professionals prepared to meet the critical healthcare needs of their country.

The institute's curriculum is aligned with the Ministry of Health's priorities, ensuring that graduates are equipped to deliver high-quality care. CHTI graduates constitute a substantial 22% of South Sudan's healthcare workforce, with 92% currently employed in public and private facilities, Mission Hospitals or health-related NGOs.

CHTI attracts students from across South Sudan, fostering a sense of community and preparing them for their future roles.

CHTI actively encourages women to pursue healthcare careers, recognizing the transformative impact they can have on individuals, families, and the nation as a whole. While the current female enrollment stands at 42%, the institute aims to increase this percentage and further empower women in the healthcare sector.



Solidarity Pastoral Program

PASTORAL

The international and inter-congregational Solidarity Pastoral Team is committed to organizing and implementing pastoral programs that aim to empower the South Sudanese people to build a more just and peaceful society.

The program focuses on supporting vulnerable groups, particularly women, young people, displaced persons and people with disabilities. It works with the local Church and encourages reconciliation. It also collaborates with the National South Sudanese Pastoral Coordinator and provides ongoing formation for clergy, religious, and lay individuals.

The Solidarity Pastoral Team plays a vital role in the ongoing formation (OGF) of clergy, religious, and lay men and women, emphasizing Catholic Social Teaching and the African Synod. By investing in the local Church, the team recognizes its unique capacity to initiate a process of cultural and spiritual transformation that embraces, protects, promotes, and integrates diverse ethnic identities.

The Pastoral Program is based at the Good Shepherd Peace Centre (GSPC) in Kit, where religious retreats are also organized. The pastoral team's reach extends to all eight dioceses in South Sudan: Juba, Bentiu, Malakal, Rumbek, Tombura-Yambio, Torit, Yei and Wau. Their work is making a tangible impact on communities throughout the country.



Solidarity Pastoral Program



PASTORAL

3832 youth involved in leadership and peace-building activities



Trauma healing workshops and training of facilitators: **4180** participants

4142 women took part in activities dedicated to them

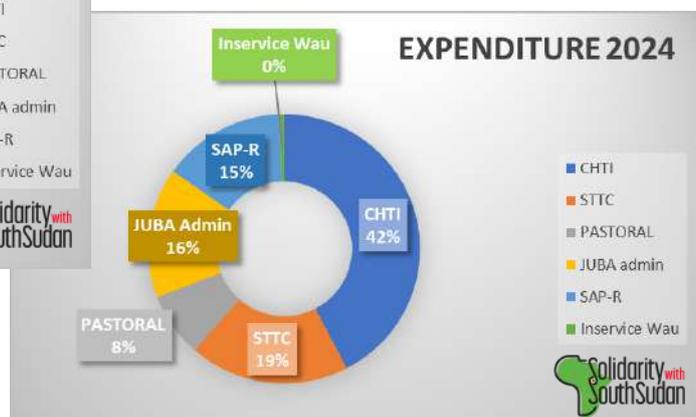
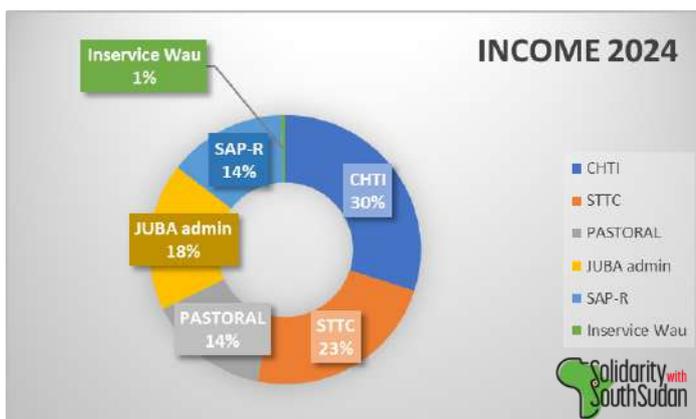


Training for clergy and small Christian communities: **4324** participants

Financial Statements



	Income 2024 USD	Expenditure 2024 USD
CHTI	452.666,59	638.065,61
STTC	352.411,95	286.846,60
Pastoral	218.497,40	115.940,17
Juba Admin	267.719,78	234.892,23
SAP-R	212.776,24	220.117,67
Inservice WAU	6.967,85	8.962,37
TOTAL	1.511.039,81	1.504.788,71



Special Thanks



Solidarity's greatest achievement lies in its commitment to living up to its name by accompanying the people of South Sudan. This impact is evident at the individual level. Through workshops and training, participants have not only acquired professional skills as teachers, farmers, catechists, nurses, and midwives, but also essential life skills that benefit their personal and family lives. They have expressed gratitude for learning valuable qualities from Solidarity Community members, such as commitment, patience, cooperation, and punctuality.

In one of the world's most fragile regions, Solidarity has been a steadfast companion to the people of South Sudan. A representative of the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio aptly stated, "The highest award we can give Solidarity is their unwavering presence. They chose to stay, demonstrating their commitment and sacrifice, and putting into action the gospel values that they claim to uphold."

We would like to express our deep gratitude to the many congregations that contributed to the creation of Solidarity and continue to support our mission, not only financially, but also by sending valuable personnel. Heartfelt thanks also go to all the institutions and partners who continue to believe in this project of faith and international collaboration, offering their generous support. It is only thanks to you that we have been able to achieve these important results!

For this reason, thank you once again!



Special Thanks



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BUILDING FLOURISHING COMMUNITIES



Amici di Riimenze



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FMSI
Per il Bene dei Bambini

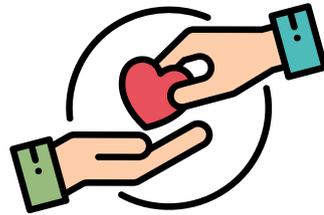


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