



Dear Sister, dear Father, dear Brother,

Many greetings to all of you from Solidarity with South Sudan together with best wishes for Holy Christmas and the New Year 2025.

As Christmas approaches, we would like to share a moment of reflection on our collective commitment and ongoing efforts to support the people of South Sudan, always inspired by the hope of a future of peace and dignity.

We are writing at a time of extreme difficulty for South Sudan. Every day presents a growing challenge, and people are facing an increasingly harsh environment. The ongoing **war in Sudan** has forced over 830,000 refugees—more than half of them children—into South Sudan, worsening an already dire situation of food shortages and the lack of **health care**. Resources like food and water are scarce, with over 1.7 million children suffering from severe **malnutrition**. Security is fragile, and economic struggles, including currency devaluation and the rising costs of essential food items, make daily life increasingly difficult. Additionally, **climate change** continues to have a severe impact, with over 1.3 million people affected by floods and around 327,000 displaced because of this unsustainable human activity. **However, we have not lost our hope.** On the contrary, we accept this challenge and maintain our commitment with all our energy. It is a privilege for us to be present in this periphery and to be a source of encouragement, working alongside the local church and with the South Sudanese people. We are not magicians but witnesses of good news. We seek to support this most vulnerable country by recommitting ourselves to build its capacity where we can. Our gestures are small in relation to the enormity of the national challenge, but they are huge in terms of the lives we touch.

2024 has been a significant year for us. The new strategic plan, developed with your participation and support based on the recommendations from the recent Relevance & Sustainability Review of 2022, has begun its implementation. We have started to strengthen our work in key sectors such as **education** and **health**, both crucial for addressing key needs of the population. The severe food insecurity affecting many South Sudanese families has underscored the urgency of expanding our efforts in developing skills and capacities in the **agricultural sector**, while **pastoral training**, spiritual support, and assistance in coping with trauma remain fundamental aspects of our mission. Through the eyes of our members working in South Sudan, we see firsthand the effects of environmental degradation and the daily instances of both women and girls who are the victims of discrimination, violence and worse. This reinforces our passion and commitment to **environmental protection** and **women's empowerment**. These two issues are central to all our commitments.

Every step we take is possible thanks to your closeness and support. During this Christmas season, our thoughts are filled with gratitude for each of you. Your generosity and commitment are the pillars that enable us to continue working for the benefit of South Sudanese communities and to build, day by day, a future of hope. **The sad reality of South Sudan continues to call out to us. We truly hope with all our hearts to count on your invaluable support again this year, allowing us to continue our dedicated work for those who urgently need the help of us all.**

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas,

Br. Emili Turú Rofes, fms

President of Solidarity with South Sudan





WHAT WE WILL DO WITH YOUR DONATION



With the hope that you would like to renew your help also for 2025

Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined by a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.
(Laudato Si', 91)



HEALTH:

\$4.500 contribute to cover all the recurrent costs (room, food, board, tuition and transportation...) for one nurse or midwife student for one year of a three-year program at our Catholic Health Training Institute in Wau, which prepares qualified nurses and midwives who go on to provide their professional services throughout the country.

What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?
(Laudato Si', 160)



AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMME:

\$2.500 helps 10 households to increase and enhance technical capacity of best agricultural methods, improve food security at household level with surplus for the markets, prevent malnutrition among children under 5 years, reduce post-harvest losses and maintain natural resources through protection measures.

If we want to bring about deep change, we need to realize that certain mindsets really do influence our behavior. Our efforts at education will be inadequate and ineffectual unless we strive to promote a new way of thinking about human beings, life, society and our relationship with nature.
(Laudato Si', 215)



EDUCATION:

\$4.500 contribute to cover all the recurrent costs (room, food, board, tuition and transportation...) for one teacher student for one year of a two-year program at our Solidarity Teacher Training Centre in Yambio, recognized as one of the finest providers of primary teacher training and women's' literacy programs in South Sudan.

A spirituality that forgets God as all-powerful and Creator is not acceptable. That is how we end up worshipping earthly powers, or ourselves usurping the place of God, even to the point of claiming an unlimited right to trample his creation underfoot. The best way to restore men and women to their rightful place, putting an end to their claim to absolute dominion over the earth, is to speak once more of the figure of a Father who creates and who alone owns the world. Otherwise, human beings will always try to impose their own laws and interests on reality.
(Laudato Si', 75)



PASTORAL PROGRAMME:

\$3.500 contribute to cover one cycle of workshops conducted by the Solidarity Pastoral Team. After decades of conflict, the pastoral needs are almost limitless. Our Pastoral Team works in the areas of Trauma Healing, formation of Catechists, Youth, Women, and Priests.

SOLIDARITY COMMUNITY:

\$7,000 supports one Solidarity staff member for one year. You may not be able to send a member of your congregation to Solidarity in the coming year, but a financial contribution will assist other congregations who have personnel to send.





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