



DMI MISSION SOUTH SUDAN



ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

In 2024, SDMIC continued its mission of empowering war victims and marginalized communities in South Sudan, a nation still grappling with conflict, displacement, famine, disease outbreaks, and a fragile health system. Guided by the country's motto, "Justice, Liberty, Prosperity," SDMIC has partnered with donors, well-wishers, and community members to rebuild lives and livelihoods in areas like Malakal Town, once a commercial hub devastated by war.

Since 2022, SDMIC has supported over 4,300 war-affected families, focusing on livelihood enhancement, capacity building, and strengthening community institutions like VSLAs. Despite challenges such as resource scarcity, the organization has made significant strides in fostering socio-economic and political development within IDP camps and villages.

The year 2024 marked notable progress, thanks to the dedication of SDMIC's team and the support of the DMI Global Mission Team and partners. Together, we have achieved our best results in 12 years, empowering communities to overcome poverty and inequality.

We remain committed to driving sustainable change and thank everyone for their trust and contributions. Your continued support inspires us to advance our mission of rebuilding South Sudan.

May God bless you all!

Rev. Sr. Vijili Dali, DMI

Mission Director.

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR



Dear Readers,

The year 2024 was a pivotal one for SDMIC South Sudan, marked by both significant challenges and notable achievements. Operating in four states deeply affected by political instability, humanitarian crises, and severe flooding, we remained steadfast in our commitment to providing critical support to the most vulnerable communities.

As we progressed through the fourth year of our five-year strategic plan (2021–2025), this framework guided our efforts to deliver impactful programs. Despite the considerable obstacles of restricted mobility, security concerns, and health risks, our dedicated missionary sisters and program staff persevered to reach even the most remote communities.

Our accomplishments in 2024 underscore the impact of our collective efforts: Education Program: Reached and supported 3,060 children, Women’s Empowerment Program: Benefited 3,585 individuals, Humanitarian Assistance Program: Provided aid to 12,600 people, and Food Security Program: Assisted 3,580 farmers.

Notably, 75% of the beneficiaries across all programs were women and girls, reflecting our commitment to gender equity and empowerment. Additionally, SDMIC continued to be recognized for its technical expertise in the Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) methodology, offering consistent support to five civil society organizations in South Sudan.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our donors, whose unwavering support enables us to sustain and expand our initiatives. We also express our profound appreciation to our religious superiors, board members, and staff for their resilience and dedication during the challenges of 2024.

As we look forward to 2025, we are committed to accelerating the delivery of our programs and remaining resolute in our mission to transform lives and build resilient communities. Together, we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. With the assurance of my continued prayers and support.

Sr. Rengis Mary, DMI
Country Director
SDMIC – South Sudan

INTRODUCTION

South Sudan, since its independence in 2011, has faced significant challenges including conflict, political instability, economic hardship, and humanitarian crises. Despite these difficulties, the country has made strides toward recovery and development, with efforts focused on improving the lives of vulnerable populations, particularly women, children, and displaced communities.

The South Sudan Country Program, led by SDMIC, focuses on addressing key issues such as food insecurity, education, vocational training, women's empowerment, and humanitarian assistance. Through a range of initiatives, SDMIC works to enhance access to quality education, provide vocational skills to youth, support smallholder farmers, and empower women through financial inclusion and economic independence.

In 2024, SDMIC's programs reached thousands of beneficiaries across South Sudan, including internally displaced persons (IDPs), smallholder farmers, and marginalized women and youth. By focusing on sustainable development, community resilience, and gender equality, SDMIC aims to contribute to the long-term peace and stability of South Sudan.

This annual report provides a comprehensive overview of the achievements, challenges, and lessons learned from these and other initiatives. It reflects the collaborative efforts of government agencies, international organizations, and local communities to address the root causes of poverty and conflict while promoting inclusive development.

By documenting the progress made and identifying areas for further intervention, this report serves as a critical tool for stakeholders committed to building a peaceful, prosperous, and resilient South Sudan. SDMIC remains steadfast in its commitment to empowering communities and fostering sustainable development in the country.



COUNTRY GOVERNANCE

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VISION

**Loving God and Serving the Poor
to be Fully Human and Fully Alive**



MISSION

To enable underprivileged communities especially women, children, and youth, to become champions of change by providing them with the best opportunities for their education and development.



CORE VALUES

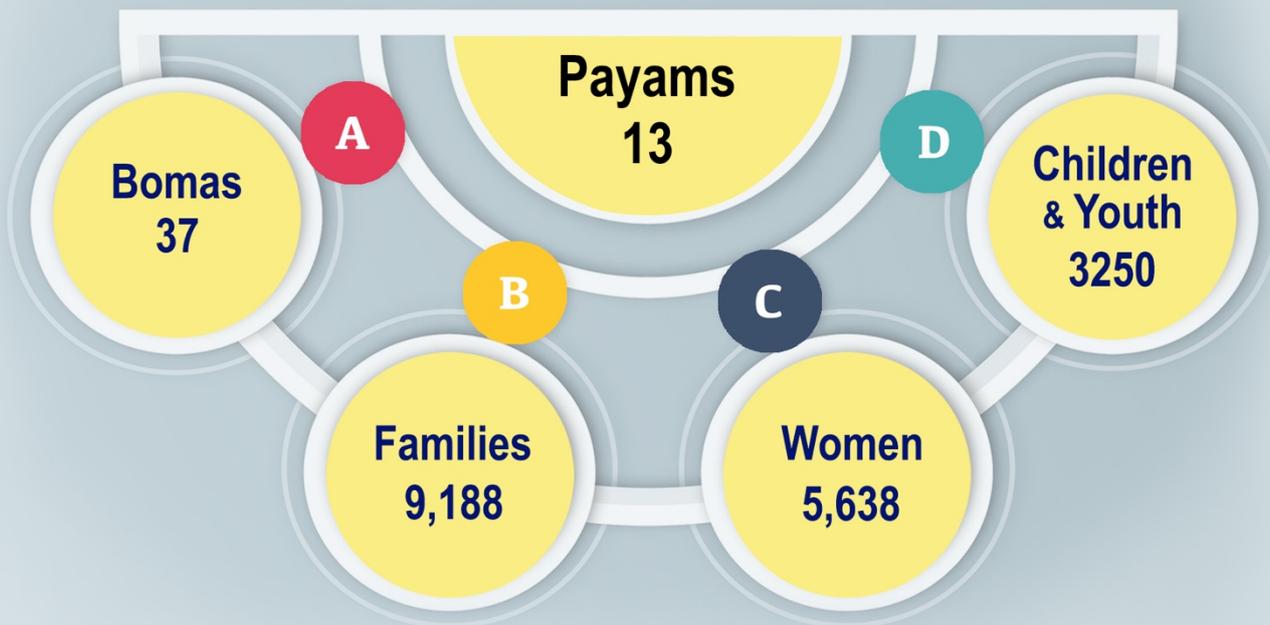


COUNTRY FACT-SHEET

S. No	Particulars	Status as of December, 2023	Status as of December, 2024
A	Geographic Coverage		
1	Number of States in which DMI programs are implemented	4	4
2	Number of Counties in which DMI programs are implemented	4	4
3	Number of Payams implementing programs	19	17
4	Number of villages in which DMI programs are implemented	75	53
B	Participant Coverage		
5	Number of members in Women's Village Saving & Loan Association (Juba, Gogrial & Kodok units)	4,537	3,585
6	Number of NGOs receiving technical assistance support for promotion of sustainable community institutions (VSLAs and Federation)	4 NGOs	5 NGOs
7	Number of VSLA members being supported by the NGOs receiving technical assistance from DMI	4,158	4,248
8	Number of children studying in the two schools run by SDMIC (Gogrial & Juba IDP school)	1,628	1,450
9	Number of Community/Church schools receiving educational support to children and teachers in Juba	-	3
10	Number of children in Community/Church schools receiving support for education in Juba	0	1,658
11	Number of youths sponsored by DMI projects and trained at the St. Joseph's Vocational School, Juba	167	115
12	Number of youths sponsored by other NGOs and trained at the St. Joseph's Vocational School, Juba	89	86
13	Number of Smallholder-farmer families (Juba, Gogrial & Kodok) received sustainable agriculture training and inputs	24,800	3,580
14	Number of vulnerable households (IPC- 3 & 4) received Humanitarian assistance in Fashoda County, Upper Nile state	610	1,800
C	Key program results		
15	Number of DMI trained Small-holder farmers practicing at least three "Sustainable Agriculture Techniques"	2,300	710
16	Number of community-based infrastructure built using Cash-for-work resources in Fashoda country, Upper Nile state	0	2 dykes, 3 water

			channels & 15 Km road
17	Number of farmer federations managing “Flour grinding & Ground Nut paste mills’ and “Cargo motorcycle” in Juba	3	4
18	Number of trained IDP women & youth members earning an average profit of 50,000 SSP per week by doing micro business (beads-making, embroidery, catering, soap liquid and bar soap)	83	151
19	Number of Group enterprises being managed by women groups	3	6
20	Number of DMI trained youth members in IDP camp engaged in regular saving & addressing social issues in their community	80	80
21	Number of DMI supported GBV Survivors attained economic empowerment and social reintegration	115	285
22	Number of DMI trained youths who are self-employed or employed after completing Vocational skill training course	175	130
23	Number of Primary - 8 students from IDP Camp-3 School in Juba appeared in the National Examination	197	162
D	Revenue Generation Program		
24	Trainee fees collection from Vocational School, Juba (USD)	24,830	24,425
25	Local resource mobilization (Rental) with training facility, Juba (USD)	0	750
26	Income generation by providing technical assistance to other NGOs (USD)	0	13,226
27	In - kind donation received	Boat with YAMAHA engine	Solar panel, Toyota Pick Up & Quad bike Big Printer (1), computer system (1) books and furniture for library

KEY FIGURES OF OUR PROGRAMS



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

- 3,585 women became members in Women's Village Saving & Loan Association (VSLA)
- 4,248 VSLA members promoted by other NGOs adopted the DMI module in Saving and lending practice
- Trained 320 VSLA members in the four states on business management to improve their micro business activities as profitable ones.



VOCATIONAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION

- 115 Youths trained at SDMIC Vocational School, Juba
- 130 youths who were trained by DMI are self-employed or employed
- 3,060 Children were supported with a quality education and learning kits



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD

- 3,580 farming families received sustainable agriculture training and inputs
- 701 Small-holder farmers were trained to practice at least three "Sustainable Agriculture Techniques".



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- 1,800 households supported with relief materials in Fashoda County
- Provided safe drinking water to 700 households in Upper Nile State .
- We trained 400 households on constructing low-cost energy-saving stoves.



PROGRAM IMPACTS & STRATEGIES

Women Empowerment (WE)

- Promoted 178 women VSLA groups that are regularly meeting on weekly and engaged in saving and lending practice and they were trained to properly maintain saving and loan records and registers.
- 3,585 women became members in Women's Village Saving & Loan Association (VSLA)
- 4,248 VSLA members promoted by other NGOs adopted DMI module in Saving and lending practice
- Trained 320 VSLA members in the four states on business management to improve their micro business activities as profitable ones.
- Formed 76 GBV- Monitoring and protection sub committees (MPCs) to address GBV issues
- 285 GBV Survivors attained economic empowerment and social reintegration
- Sensitized 398 IDPs through organizing GBV campaign at IDP camp-3, Juba
- Provided dignity kit and counselling services to 285 GBV survivors in Central Equatoria state and Upper Nile state.

Vocational and General Education (VGE)

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- 130 youths who were trained by DMI are self-employed or employed
- 3,060 Children were supported with a quality education and learning kits
- Formed eight (8) parenting clubs with 224 members. The members were trained on their duties and responsibilities as parents and VSLA methodology.

Food Security and Livelihood (FSL)

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Humanitarian Assistance (HA)

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MAJOR PROGRAM STRATEGIES

- Food Security and Livelihood (FSL)
- Vocational and General Education (VGE)
- Women's Empowerment (WE)
- Humanitarian Assistance (HA)

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD (FSL)

Agriculture is the primary economic sector and source of livelihood in South Sudan. However, yields are low, and production does not adequately meet demand. Smallholder farmers in South Sudan face numerous challenges, including limited access to knowledge, skills, and financial resources. Many farmers cultivate crops for subsistence, consuming most of their harvest instead of selling it. Unfavorable weather conditions, such as drought and flooding, lead to significant crop losses. Additionally, conflicts, communal violence, and intra-ethnic clashes result in the loss of rural livelihoods and the displacement of people. Poor rural infrastructure further hinders farmers' ability to sell their produce in markets.

To address these challenges, the DMI Mission in South Sudan has intensified its support for 3,580 smallholder farmers across three states. These farmers have received training in Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and have been provided with agricultural input kits that include basic handheld tools and seeds for crops and vegetables for both the main and dry seasons. DMI Mission has helped smallholder farmers adopt GAP, increasing their productivity.

Furthermore, smallholder farmers have been organized into associations of 25-30 members each. Currently, DMI has promoted 107 farmers' associations across the intervention states, which have also formed federations at the village (boma) level.

Farmers have been trained in GAP to enhance their knowledge and skills in seed selection, crop management, soil management, pest and disease control, and nursery bed preparation. They have begun practicing value addition and collective marketing, learning to effectively account for revenue and expenses from their collective sales of value-added products in Juba.

Three smallholder federations are already operating grinding mills, adding value to their products such as sorghum, maize, and groundnuts. Additionally, four smallholder farmers' federations are successfully engaged in the collective marketing of vegetables and crops using cargo tricycles.

DMI Mission collaborates with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and the Environment at both state and national levels in food security and livelihood programs to ensure the sustainability of its interventions.

VOCATIONAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION (VGE)

Education for the Children:

More than 2.8 million children, or over 70 percent, are out of school in South Sudan, jeopardizing their futures and the future of the country. Some children live in pastoral communities and cannot attend regular classes due to their families' nomadic lifestyle.

South Sudan has the highest proportion of out-of-school children in the world, with girls facing disproportionate challenges such as child marriage, which forces them to abandon their education. Many children are also vulnerable to child labor due to a lack of social support systems, services, and legal protections.

Children face significant health risks, including diseases like measles, conjunctivitis, pneumonia, and diarrhea. By mid-2025, the number of children experiencing severe acute malnutrition is expected to increase by 30%, due to a worsening hunger crisis stemming from conflict, climate shocks, and spillover effects from the war in Sudan. Thousands of children have been recruited by armed forces and groups, and gender-based violence is widespread. The ongoing conflict in Sudan has led to over 600,000 people returning to or fleeing to South Sudan, resulting in a rapid increase in the population of internally displaced persons (IDPs).

In response, DMI is building schools, training teachers, developing textbooks, and engaging with communities to encourage parents to send their children to school. This strategy aims to increase access to quality education for all students, with a special focus on girls' education.

DMI's initiatives to improve access to primary education have reached 3,060 vulnerable children pursuing education from nursery to primary-8 in Central Equatoria and Warrap states. Support includes school improvement initiatives, provision of scholastic materials for children and teachers, midday meals for children in Gogrial, teacher capacity building, and the promotion of children's clubs (Bonga), parents' clubs, and parents-teachers associations (PTAs).

DMI provided quality education to 1,450 children in a conducive learning environment through two primary schools: DMI Nursery & Primary School at IDP Camp-3 in Juba, and Mother Virgin Pre-primary School in Gogrial. Additionally, DMI extended its support to three community schools, benefiting 1,610 children, through school improvement programs, teacher capacity building, and providing teaching and learning materials. A total of 83 qualified and trained teachers have been employed to deliver quality education in DMI-managed and supported schools.

Vocational Training for Youth:

Half of South Sudan's population consists of children under 18, and more than 72 percent are younger than 30. The youth in the country face numerous challenges, including limited access to educational opportunities and health services, high unemployment, and few chances to engage in productive livelihoods.

South Sudan has a significant number of out-of-school children, and many young people lack basic literacy skills. The education system is segregated, with students only integrated when they reach university. Youth unemployment is high, and many young people do not possess the skills necessary to find work. This lack of opportunity increases the risk of recruitment into armed groups or government militias. Young people also have limited access to health services and often work in informal sectors such as agriculture, food service, and market trade.

DMI St. Joseph's vocational training school in Juba has gained public recognition and was selected as one of five schools in the country to provide certified vocational skills training to youths. The vocational training offered by DMI has rekindled hope for young individuals aspiring for a prosperous future.

A total of 86 youths were trained in various vocational skills: 20 girls in beauty arts, 30 (28 females, 2 males) in tailoring, 25 (21 males, 4 females) in electricity, and 11 (10 males, 1 female) in plumbing. This training was supported by the WFP Urban Safety Net Initiative. Additionally, 74 youths (61 females, and 13 males) received short-term vocational skills training in soap making, embroidery, beadwork, and cake making, along with start-up kits. Fifteen girls participated in a three-month course in beauty arts, while 45 youths (34 males, 11 females) were trained in four-wheeler driving and received support for obtaining their driving licenses.

Trainees who completed the four types of vocational skill training received valid TVET certificates along with start-up kits and successfully found jobs in their respective fields in Juba and surrounding communities. Those trained in short-term courses have started their micro-business initiatives in their local areas and are earning considerable income.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

As of February 2024, women held 32.4 percent of parliamentary seats in South Sudan. However, significant work remains to achieve gender equality in the country. Women and girls are disproportionately affected by gender-based violence (GBV), which includes rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, and child marriage. According to the International Rescue Committee, up to 65 percent of South Sudanese women have experienced GBV.

Many women in South Sudan lack adequate access to education, and women and girls are frequently displaced from their homes due to conflict, facing additional challenges in neighboring countries. South Sudan has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world, with 789 deaths per 100,000 live births. Additionally, women often lack access to necessary health resources, particularly sexual and reproductive health services. The country's healthcare infrastructure is struggling, with many facilities barely functional. Prolonged conflict, insecurity, and climate change profoundly affect vulnerable populations.

Promotion of VSLA- Village Saving and Loan Associations:

Our main strategy for empowering women is through small community groups such as Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLA). This year, DMI continued to support women's VSLA groups in the four states where we operate. The VSLA methodology has been adopted by DMI as a key approach for community mobilization and resilience building. We provide reproductive health services to displaced women and girls and implement measures to prevent and respond to gender-based violence (GBV). Additionally, we offer health and workforce training to young women to help build their skills and confidence, thereby delaying marriage and childbirth.

The leadership of the VSLA groups has motivated their members to actively participate in various trainings organized by SDMIC for their socio-economic development. Seven (7) VSLA groups have successfully established group enterprise activities including grinding mill units, soap making and marketing, chair and tent rentals, as well as hotel and provision shops. The groups maintain proper business records, and accumulated profits are distributed among the members.

To celebrate International Women's Day and World Peace, events were held in Juba, Gogrial, and Kodok program units. These events were attended by 2,220 women, youth, and stakeholders, including representatives from the church, UN agencies, and the Ministry of Gender and Social Welfare.

GBV Prevention Initiatives:

Gender-based violence (GBV) poses a significant threat to the protection and well-being of women and children in South Sudan. DMI works with GBV monitoring and protection committees (MPCs) to address GBV issues in the communities. MPC members have increased their knowledge of gender equality, prevalent GBV issues, and referral pathways, and they have shared this knowledge with other group members. The trained cultural team performed 28 culturally themed events in drama, dance, and songs. 2,983 community members attended these performances and were sensitized on GBV issues and gender equality. Four (4) trained youth groups at IDP camp 3, in collaboration with camp management, are involved in garbage collection and disposal as a form of collective action.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

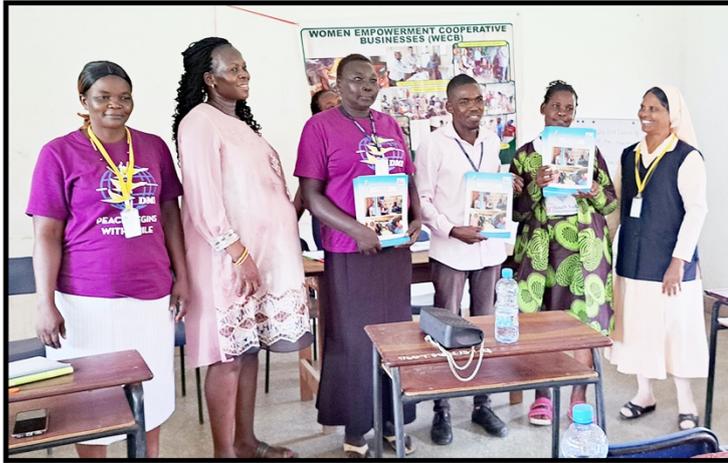
Currently, more than 4.4 million people remain displaced within South Sudan and neighboring countries due to internal armed conflict and climate shocks. Those forced from their homes require immediate assistance, including food, health care, nutrition, protection, shelter, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services. Women and children are the most affected by the humanitarian crisis and they are in urgent need of these services.

DMI addresses these needs through its humanitarian assistance program in various locations. The SDMIC humanitarian assistance program is implemented for vulnerable households classified under IPC phases 3 and 4, who are most affected by conflict, drought, and floods. In addition to distributing food rations and non-food items, SDMIC has increased access to food, water, hygiene, and protection, particularly for women and girls in its humanitarian assistance program. Gender equity, environment, inclusion, and peacebuilding are cross-cutting themes in delivering services to targeted communities.

DMI distributed family food rations and non-food materials to war victims, IDP families, and families affected by natural disasters in Juba, Wau, and Malakal. We also provided water purification tablets and 20-liter water containers to 181 households in Upper Nile State, enabling them to access safe drinking water. We rehabilitated one borehole, which now provides safe drinking water to 700 households in Upper Nile State. Additionally, solar lamps were distributed to 350 families to enhance protection for women and children. We trained 400 households on constructing low-cost energy-saving stoves to reduce firewood usage and protect the environment and women's health. Lastly, 45 beneficiaries participated in a cash-for-work scheme for 20 days in Upper Nile State, where they earned income while constructing 10 flood prevention structures (dykes and water channels) and a 10 km road.

PROGRAM ALBUM

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD



Micro Business Manual Support to Women Farmers



Gargo Vechile Support to Bori Farmers



Seeds & Tools Support to Women and Farmer groups



Bee Hives Support –Food Security Program

EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN



Graduation Day Celebration at Nursery



IDP Camp3 Nursery and Primary Children were supported with Education supplies



School Material Support to teachers & Children



Mother Virgin Pre-primary Children celebrated Independence Day

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FOR THE YOUTH



Embroidery Training at IDP



Plumping Training visited by WFP



IDP Camp 3 Nursery and Primary Children were supported with Education supplies



Youth Collective Action and Cultural Awareness on GBV at IDP



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



VSLA Meeting at Kodok



VSLA Share out at Juba

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



War victim's families supported with food and non-food items



Disaster Management Seminar and Counselling sessions for the families and Life Skills for the children and youth



Preparing water channel to prevent Flood

SPECIAL PROGRAMS



New Library Open at St. Joseph Training



ONGC support to New Library



Caritas Donor visit to SDMIC in South Sudan



Welcoming Caritas team



Welcoming Nuncio at SDMIC Campus



Celebration of Peace



Caritas Donor interaction with GFFO



Caritas Donor By-Cycle support to Staff



Capacity Building for SDMIC



Mission in Kodok, Malakal



Juba Unit Staff Team

STORIES OF CHANGE

Success Story-1 Breaking the Cycle of Poverty: Halima's Journey to Empowerment



Ms. Halima, a mother and resident of Juba, faced overwhelming challenges that strained her family's finances and relationships. Frequent arguments with her husband stemmed from the pressures of extreme poverty, leaving her feeling hopeless about the future.

One day, a neighbor introduced her to the Sava Sava farmers' association, facilitated by SDMIC in partnership with Caritas Germany. SDMIC's initiative focuses on empowering vulnerable communities through savings and lending groups, providing members with access to small loans and financial literacy training. The program aims to foster self-reliance and improve livelihoods, particularly for women and marginalized groups.

Although hesitant at first, Halima decided to join the group. She was initially apprehensive about participating in the weekly savings program, as she felt she had no money to spare. However, after attending several meetings, her confidence grew, and she began to see a glimmer of hope for her family's future. Inspired by the group's positive environment, Halima encouraged her husband to join as well.

During her first savings cycle, Halima took a loan of 150,000 SSP (approximately \$100) and invested it in a small vegetable-selling business at Gudele II market. With the profits from her initial investment, she later took a second loan of 200,000 SSP (\$111) to expand her business by selling smoked fish alongside vegetables.

Halima's hard work and determination paid off. Her business flourished, earning her an average daily income of 12,000 SSP. She even hired two employees to help manage the growing demand. Over time, Halima saved 280,000 SSP (about \$155) and made a life-changing decision: she purchased a piece of land in Joppa, where she plans to construct a house for her family.

"Halima's story reflects the transformative power of financial inclusion and community support," says Grace Abalo, Program Coordinator at SDMIC. "Through the Sava Sava farmers' association, we aim to create opportunities for individuals like Halima to achieve sustainable livelihoods and break free from the cycle of poverty." With her husband's unwavering support and the resources provided by SDMIC and Caritas Germany, Halima has transformed her life. She now provides for her household's needs and has created employment opportunities for others.

"I am thankful to SDMIC and Caritas Germany for helping me break free from extreme poverty and move towards empowerment," Halima shares with pride.

Success story-2, Empowering Women Through Micro-Business: Stella Amina's Success Story



Mrs. Stella Amina, a 28-year-old single mother from Kabu village, faced significant challenges in providing for her two children. With limited access to financial services, she struggled to meet her family's basic needs and achieve financial stability.

In April 2023, Stella joined the local farmers' association

facilitated by SDMIC, an organization committed to empowering marginalized communities through sustainable development initiatives. By participating in the association, Stella attended a series of capacity-building sessions on good agricultural practices, financial literacy, and savings and lending methodologies. These trainings provided her with the tools and confidence to initiate and manage a sustainable livelihood.

After a few months of consistent savings, Stella accessed a loan of 200,000 SSP through the association. She utilized the loan to establish a micro-business producing and selling groundnut paste, mandazi, and dagaa (omena fish) from her home.

Due to the quality and uniqueness of her products, Stella's business quickly gained traction within the community. Her commitment to reinvesting profits allowed her to diversify her product offerings and strategically relocate her business to the village's main market, significantly increasing her customer base.

Over time, Stella successfully repaid her initial loan and accessed subsequent loans to further expand her enterprise. The resulting increase in income not only ensured her family's financial security but also enabled her to purchase a plot of land and construct a comfortable home for her children.

Stella's journey exemplifies the transformative potential of micro-businesses in empowering women and fostering economic independence. Her success has established her as a role model within Kabu village, inspiring other women to pursue entrepreneurial ventures and improve their livelihoods.

Reflecting on her achievements, Stella remarked, "My business is my happiness. It has provided me with the means to support my children and build a better future for them. I am deeply grateful to SDMIC for the training and opportunities that made this possible."

Success story-3, Empowering Resilience through Education and Skill Development



Mrs. Martha Koang's journey exemplifies resilience and the transformative impact of education and skill development. Her family was displaced from Jonglei State to an IDP camp in Juba in 2011 due to ongoing ethnic conflicts. In 2019, her circumstances became more challenging following the death of her husband due to health complications,

leaving her as the sole provider for her five children.

Living in extreme poverty, Mrs. Koang initially earned a minimal income by selling firewood within the IDP camp. Determined to improve her family's situation, she participated in a short-term vocational training program offered by SDMIC. Through this program, she acquired skills in crafting and selling bead products, enabling her to generate a sustainable income of 10,000 SSP per day. This income allowed her to meet her family's basic needs and alleviate their financial hardships.

Mrs. Koang has consistently prioritized education for her children, recognizing its critical role in breaking the cycle of poverty. All five of her children are enrolled in the DMI IDP school. Two of them have successfully completed primary education and are now pursuing university degrees, while the other three continue their formal education at the school.

Expressing her gratitude, Mrs. Koang stated, "If it weren't for DMI running the school, all of my children might have been forced into child labour or fallen into the influence of gangs. I am deeply thankful to DMI for providing quality education and safeguarding my children's future."

This case underscores the importance of targeted interventions in skill development and education for vulnerable populations. It highlights how access to education and livelihood opportunities can empower individuals to overcome adversity and create pathways to a sustainable future.

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 2024

(UNAUDITED)

Details	Receipts (local currency) -USD	Payments (Local currency)-USD	Expected Balances as of end December 31, 2024
Opening balance as of January 1, 2024	195,467	195,467	
Total Receipts from DMI & Payments from that fund	72,000	72,000	-
Total Receipts from all donors and payments from that fund	1,783,049	1,750,000	33,049
Total Receipts from in-country donation/fee/sale and other minor incomes	41,401	6,800	34,601
Total	2,091,917	2,024,267	67,650



ANNUAL PLAN - 2025

A. Food security and livelihood (FSL)

- 550 small-holder farmers income will be increased by improving access to sell their farm produces and value-added products in the markets
- 4 Small-holder farmers' federations will be strengthened to take up value addition of farm production and collective marketing

B. Vocational and general education (VGE)

- Employable opportunity will be ensured for 100 youths by training them on 4 types of vocational skills
- 1,650 children will be supported to access quality education from Nursery to Primary-8 at Juba IDP Camp, Gogrial & Kodok
- 1,658 children and teachers will be supported through SDMIC extension education support in Juba

C. Women's development (WD)

- 750 VSLA members income will be increased by training them on Micro business management
- 6 village level VSLA federations will function with their own funds after being trained on federation concept
- Vulnerable women and girls will benefit from improved security situation by Conducting training on GBV issues & provision of 170 individual dignity kit and 500 solar lamps
- 5,000 women, men children and youths will be mobilized for the events in commemorating international women's day and world peace day

D. Humanitarian assistance (HA)

- 780 most vulnerable households will be given family ration for three months to manage the most food insecure period. (April to June)
- Creation of 3 flood prevention structures and 20km roads in remote villages using cash for work
- 1,800 vulnerable households will have improved access to hygiene by training them on safe drinking water and provision of water purification tablets
- 125 returnees' households will be ensured the safe and secure living by constructing the temporary shelters and providing water containers and mosquito nets.

CONCLUSION

The South Sudan Country Program has made significant strides in addressing the pressing challenges faced by vulnerable communities, including women, children, and displaced populations. Through initiatives in education, vocational training, women's empowerment, food security, and humanitarian assistance, SDMIC has positively impacted thousands of lives, fostering resilience, self-reliance, and hope for a better future.

Looking ahead, SDMIC remains committed to expanding its efforts to reach more marginalized communities, particularly in remote and conflict-affected areas. Key areas of focus will include scaling up vocational training programs, enhancing food security through sustainable agricultural practices, and providing continued support to survivors of gender-based violence. SDMIC will also continue to prioritize education, with a special emphasis on girls' education, ensuring that more children, especially those from vulnerable backgrounds, have access to quality learning opportunities.

Strengthening partnerships with local stakeholders, government agencies, and international organizations will be crucial in achieving these goals. By building on the successes of 2024 and remaining adaptable to the evolving needs of the population, SDMIC is dedicated to contributing to a more stable, prosperous, and inclusive South Sudan.





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