



SUDAN RELIEF REVIEW

Bringing the Gospel of Christ, and providing food, clean water, shelter and medical care, to the people of Sudan and South Sudan.



A Partnership for Prosperity Building Brighter Futures in Wau

SRF is pleased to continue our longstanding commitment to our partner, the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Africa (FMSA) by funding an annual grant toward operating expenses. With this crucial support, FMSA can continue its mission to provide relief and recovery for the destitute and vulnerable of this region.

The Sisters provide numerous humanitarian programs that are changing — and saving — lives every day. Through their tireless efforts, children who otherwise would not be able are attending local schools; lepers, shunned and forced out of their communities, are able to receive the care they need. For over 100 years, FMSA

has been fiercely devoted to ensuring that marginalized and otherwise forgotten people here are treated with dignity, kindness, and respect.

FMSA focuses its work on three key areas. The first is improving access to basic skills education in remote areas, responding to humanitarian needs, and exploring agricultural programs to create food sustainability. The second involves addressing the plight of refugees and returnees from war-torn Sudan. The third focuses on improving emotional and spiritual wellbeing of parish groups in the Diocese of Wau. This work will reach thousands, experiencing a variety of needs.

With the continued support of SRF donors, FMSA is helping build a foundation for a better tomorrow in this struggling location.

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Miracle Medicines for Mother of Mercy Hospital

SRF Commitment Continues in Nuba

The tireless work of Dr. Tom Catena and his team at Mother of Mercy (MOM) Hospital in Nuba delivers daily miracles as the only medical provider serving a population of over a million people spread across a harsh, isolated mountain region.

Over the years, your selfless support has provided vital state-of-the-art equipment, supplies, and medicines which have allowed MOM Hospital to save countless lives.

That generous commitment continues. SRF recently coordinated with partners on the ground to deliver more than \$200,000 worth of medicines — a difficult and treacherous logistical undertaking but one we feel blessed to have completed.

Additionally, we were able to fund an emergency donation that delivered more than \$20,000 worth of tuberculosis (TB) and HIV medicines that were in desperately short supply. Last year, the hospital treated nearly 300 TB patients and has approximately 100 patients on HIV therapy.



Obtaining new stocks of these medications is critical to prevent the interruption of therapy and the development of drug resistance, which would cause public health implications for Nuba.

Mother of Mercy Hospital is the only trauma center within a 300-mile radius and represents a place of hope. Patients have been known to walk for many days to be treated here. Your dedicated partnership with SRF provides nearly all of the medicine and supplies at the hospital.

Sheltering the Vulnerable

New Facilities Will Welcome Orphans, Struggling Women

SRF has long been proud to support the Missionary Sisters of Charity – the only facility in all of Rumbek that receives and cares for orphaned babies.

Founded by Mother Teresa, these dedicated Sisters have taken in some of the tiniest, most malnourished infants, even those on death's door. Their dedication and meticulous care saves many fragile young lives. The Sisters also help young mothers in crisis pregnancies who have nowhere to go, some who've become

pregnant through assault and violence.

Our donor community has allowed us to make two significant contributions to the Sisters this year. Recently, we were able to provide a large shipment of vital medicines to help maintain the health of both the children and women in their care.

We have nearly completed construction of new living quarters at Pan Ngath

Orphanage, where the Sisters care for and shelter orphaned and abandoned children, the mentally challenged, and women who have been cast out by their families.

Following two years of hard work by local contractors, the Sisters and their charges will enjoy new food stores, a kitchen and multipurpose hall to better serve those cared for here, as well as a solid wall fence for increased security.

The Lives You've Saved

Star Support Group Delivers Hope to the Malnourished

Having enough food to eat, washing with soap — these are simple privileges people living in the developed world take for granted. In Sudan and South Sudan, hunger and sickness can mean a lifelong sentence to suffering and need.

In Yambio, our local partner, Star Support Group, is tackling these challenges through a variety of assistance programs that offer both immediate intervention and lay foundations for future self-sufficiency. More than half the households here experience some degree of food insecurity.

We reached out to a community

of malnourished families with a targeted nutrition program, providing families essential food supplements including rice, beans, sugar, and salt, along with basic hygiene items like soap, to help prevent sickness.

It wasn't long before families showed a marked improvement in their nutrition status and their overall well-being. One mother of four expressed her gratitude, saying, "The food and soap came at just the right time. We were struggling, and this support made a big difference. My children are healthier and our home is clean, which gives me great peace of mind."

A few basic grocery items and some soap made a world of difference to this community. It is a terrific example of how, together, we are changing the trajectory of lives--helping proud, struggling people forge a new outlook for their future.





**A MESSAGE
FROM NEIL
CORKERY
PRESIDENT OF
SUDAN RELIEF FUND**

Dear Friend in Christ,

In a harsh land where daily survival is not a given, creating food sustainability is critical. SRF works with numerous partners in Sudan and South Sudan who are dedicated to solving this problem.

In the Diocese of Malakal, Bishop Stephen Nyodho has implemented an emergency response project at Malakal Transit Camp to feed thousands of displaced individuals —families fleeing war — who come to him for refuge.

To assist with feeding the hungry masses, SRF was able to fund the purchase of a powerful Massey-Ferguson 4x4 tractor and plough for the camp to use. It will enable them to plow, sow, and reap sustainable crops — an effort previously being done entirely by hand.

This is the power of your gift: feeding the hungry not just today, but tomorrow and into the future. Thank you for keeping the struggling people of Sudan and South Sudan in your prayers.

May God bless you,

Neil Corkery
President



**HOPE
ON THE
GROUND
A MESSAGE FROM
DAVID DETTONI**

The support from our donor community for Mother of Mercy (MOM) Hospital in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan is a tremendous blessing. This place of hope and healing is an essential resource to a struggling people.

Recently, I was forwarded another story illustrating how important MOM Hospital is. Abdullai, a healthy 17-year-old from a faraway village, came home one day complaining of abdominal pain. He was treated at a local clinic, but he didn't improve. He could not eat and could barely walk from the pain.

Abdullai was admitted to MOM hospital and underwent emergency surgery for acute appendicitis. Within weeks, he regained his health and strength — an opportunity he simply would not have had without the state-of-the-art treatment he was able to receive, even in this remote region.

None of these everyday miracles would be possible without your kind partnership in support of Dr. Tom Catena and the hospital. Together, we are saving lives.

David Dettoni
Executive Vice President



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