



SOUTH SUDAN



Country Facts



- ACORD has been working in South Sudan since 1973.
- ACORD works in the regions of Jubek, Jonglei; Kapoeta; Imatong and Terekeka States.
- ACORD partners with 7 civil society organisations in South Sudan to build capacity and sustainability.
- The ACORD team in South Sudan is comprised of 15 staff, 93% of whom are South Sudanese.
- During 2016, ACORD programmes touched the lives of 11,968 South Sudanese in the most marginalized, hard to reach communities.



ACORD (Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development) is a Pan-African non-governmental organisation that has been working for social justice and development in Africa since 1976. Our work is guided by a number of fundamental values and working principles, chief amongst these is our belief that people themselves are the primary actors in their own development.

ACORD works in common cause with people who are poor and those who have been denied their rights to obtain social justice and development and, ultimately, to become part of locally-rooted citizen movements. ACORD has facilitated the emergence of over 2000 strong and autonomous grassroots organisations across Africa.

Country Priorities

In South Sudan, ACORD's overarching goal is to contribute to the reduction of poverty and the vulnerability of excluded or marginalized social groups through three interrelated and mutually supportive programming areas: livelihoods and food sovereignty, rights and responsibilities promotion, and conflict transformation.

RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

- **Specific Objective 1:** Strengthen the livelihoods of marginalised communities and their capacity to successfully advocate for their rights and improve welfare through the achievement of food security/food sovereignty.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES PROMOTION

- **Specific Objective 2:** Build knowledge on positive gender relations and effective ways of addressing gender inequalities with a view to improve women's status, development, and influence.
- **Specific Objective 3:** Promote learning, strengthen capacity and develop effective partnerships to influence thinking, policy and practices on HIV/AIDS related rights abuses.

PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- **Specific Objective 4:** Facilitate an enabling environment where marginalized communities become effective agents of peace building and conflict transformation, to contribute to inclusive stability and development in the continent.

OUR PARTNERS:

ACORD works in collaboration with Country/State and County water and sanitation departments, Loyi and Sernum fishing cooperatives, Ministries of Agriculture, Water, and Gender, South Sudan HIV/AIDS Commission, Ministry of Gender, Youth, and Social Welfare, the Centre for Conflict Resolution, DanChurchAid, and the Peace Commission. ACORD's funding partners in South Sudan include HEKS, the Dutch Government, Inter Pares, and the Government of South Sudan.

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ACORD in South Sudan

ACORD has been working in South Sudan since 1973. The initial focus of the organisation was on rural development activities in the Equatoria Region, ACORD later expanded its programmes to other regions. ACORD had to withdraw its work from the areas surrounding the Eastern Equatoria Region due to increased instability associated with the conflicts between the Government of Sudan (GoS) and the SPLA/M.

During the prolonged civil strife, ACORD continued to operate in both SPLA- and GoS-controlled areas, implementing development projects in Upper Nile, Central and Western Equatoria States with an emphasis on providing assistance to the population in the areas of livelihoods (agriculture, pastoralism, income generating activities, water and sanitation), capacity building, gender and HIV/AIDS sensitization.

Currently ACORD is implementing Livelihood (Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and sanitation and Capacity building) projects in Juba and Terekeka Counties in Central Equatoria State and Magwi County in Eastern Equatoria State.

ACORD has adopted a community development approach in partnership, in support of various partners, stakeholders and appropriate Government organs.

The long history of ACORD in South Sudan and the trust that has been built with communities through a relationship of engagement and sharing has enabled the organisation to attain a strong legitimacy with communities, partners and local government. In recent years, ACORD has brought new dimensions of advocacy and influencing into its work to address the root causes of local issues and to widen and sustain impact.

ACORD has fully established country and field/local offices in the areas of interventions. ACORD's long-standing presence and working relationship with communities in South Sudan gives the organisation a better understanding of the local contexts and dynamics to facilitate local ownership of the solutions to the problems being addressed.

Project Spotlight

Generating Sustainable Livelihoods and Leadership for Peace in South Sudan:

ACORD, in consortium with Centre for Conflict Resolution (CCR) and DanChurchAid (DCA) is working to address the political and socio-economic root causes of armed conflict and instability in South Sudan. This goal is to be achieved through the following three interrelated and mutually reinforcing specific outcomes;

- Food security and livelihoods improved, and vulnerability to adversity reduced
- Greater trust and cooperation between citizens and state institutions, and among previously conflicting or adversarial groups
- Communities, civil society and local governance structures mitigate and resolve conflict without recourse to violence

Project Spotlight

Scaling up access to improved water and sanitation for rural communities in Central Equatoria State, South Sudan:

ACORD is seeking to improve the quality of life of 1,000 households in 2 counties through increased access to safe and clean water for domestic use, vegetable gardening and livestock; improved hygiene and sanitation through construction of boreholes, pit latrines and hygiene promotion campaigns.

Objective 1: Increase access to safe and clean water for communities in 6 Payam for domestic use, vegetable gardening and livestock through proper use, maintenance and operations of water infrastructures.

Objective 2: Improved access to safe sanitation facilities and communities' knowledge and behaviour on the prevention of water, sanitation and hygiene-related diseases targeting 4,500 persons by April 2017.

2016 Impact in Numbers:

5,764

Women were reached

2

Civil Society Organisations have enhanced capacities

11,968

Communities have increased access to basic services

1,940

Beneficiaries have adopted enhanced livelihoods strategies



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