

# Slovakia helping South Sudan for 10 years

Sudan has been one of the priority countries of the Slovak ODA since 2004. Slovak non-governmental organizations and academic institutions have been working in the area of South Sudan since 2000. The brand of SlovakAid has a long term tradition in Sudan. Slovak organizations have a good background there and working cooperation with local partners, which is crucial in the complicated environment of South Sudan.

Localities	Slovak organizations present in South Sudan
Rumbek • Juba • Mapourdit • Gordim Marial Lou • Nyamlel • Tonj • Maridi • Nasir • Wau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trnava University in Trnava, Faculty of Health Care and Social Work</li> <li>• St. Elizabeth University of Health and Social Sciences, Bratislava</li> <li>• eRko</li> <li>• SAVIO</li> <li>• Integra Foundation</li> <li>• ADRA</li> </ul>
Sector priorities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Rural development</li> </ul>	

## • Health

Trnava University and St. Elizabeth University of Health and Social Sciences ensure health care in the areas of South Sudan where it had not been accessible almost at all (Rumbek, Mapourdit, Gordim, Marial Lou, Nyamlel). They try to improve the access of the inhabitants to primary health care, cure of tuberculosis, malaria and leprosy. Some of the hospitals carry out surgery, too. With the aim to build local capacities, Slovak doctors train local personnel- nurses, birth assistants, community health workers, who raise awareness of local people in the areas of hygiene and nutrition.



Slovak doctor in a surgery room in Mapuordit, Archive of Jana Cavojska, Journalist

### Interesting facts:

- 60 Slovak doctors sent to hospital in Mapuordit from 2001 to 2011
  - 170 patients per day treated in Mapuordit and 90 in Gordim
  - 50–100 patients per month operated on in the hospital in Marial Lou

## • Education



Slovak teacher at a high school in Mapuordit, Archive eRko

Organizations eRko and SAVIO concentrate on construction of schools in rural areas, equipping the schools and creation of educational materials. Apart from the basic education, the organizations provide vocational skills trainings in the field of alternative solar technologies, agriculture and other practical skills. The project of adoption of classes in Sudan run by SAVIO in cooperation with the local partner BOSCOAID is unique. The aim is to create friendly relationships between Slovaks and children in Sudan.

### **Interesting facts:**

- 30 primary schools built
- 400 teachers trained in civic and environmental education
- 97 classrooms adopted and supported by Slovak donors
- Education provided to 15 900 students

## • Rural development

In order to increase the food independence of the communities in South Sudan, SAVIO realized agricultural trainings and economic courses for adults, as almost 80% of the inhabitants of the country make their living from agriculture. Part of the revival of the agriculture via modern technologies in Maridi was preparation of the soil and works on the irrigation system. Integra Foundation constructed a mill and a bakery in Liethnom and Wau. Thanks to this project, it presented the local community a model of a functioning small enterprise which can be an effective tool to fight poverty and gain independence from foreign aid. A precondition of development is the access to drinking water. ADRA and SAVIO constructed water wells, water pipes and toilets.



Construction of water wells in Nasir, Archive ADRA

### **Interesting facts:**

- 360 people per year take part in the agricultural training
- 1,5 kilometers long water pipe with 44 outlets ensures access to drinking water for 30 000 people in Nasir