

PROJECT INFORMATION



SOUTH SUDAN: PEACE WORK AND TRAUMA RECOVERY

Support the peace work of the BMDZ in South Sudan. With your donation, you are offering traumatised women, children and young people the chance of a better future.

South Sudan is the youngest country in the world. Its road to independence has been associated with unimaginable suffering. Even now, many people are still deeply traumatised by war and violence. Together with mission 21, the Basel Mission German Branch (BMDZ) is committed to peace and reconciliation.

South Sudan broke away from Sudan in 2011. This was preceded by a decade of civil war, with severe human rights violations, hundreds of thousands of deaths, and over two million people displaced. However, even after the declaration of independence, violence continues to flare up within the country. Only in September 2018 did the opposing ethnic groups agree on a peace treaty. To this day, implementing this treaty poses big challenges for all involved.

Peace work and trauma recovery

Together with their local partners, the BMDZ and mission 21 are campaigning to bring peace and reconciliation to South

Sudan. Mediators, trained to work with traumatised people, play an important role here. Thanks to their knowledge of psychology and peaceful communication, they are able to help those affected to overcome experiences of violence and traumas. This assistance is available to all South Sudanese, regardless of their ethnical and religious background.

Empowering women, children and young people

Experiences in other countries have shown that women are often the driving force behind successful peace processes. So far, women in the male-dominated country of South Sudan have had hardly any voice. Special training programmes have been developed to systematically involve women in peace work. Pastoral offerings have also been established for children and young people: more than 60 percent of the South Sudanese population are under the age of 24. They are particularly badly affected by violent conflicts.

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