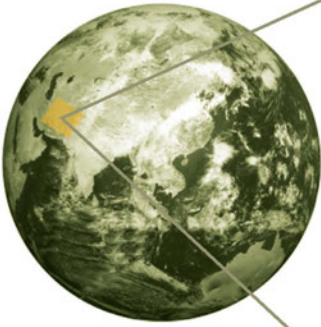


Sudan



Located in northeastern Africa Sudan is the largest country in the African Continent and 10th largest in the world.



A message from Karak Nayok Country Director, Sudan

In Sudan, as elsewhere in the world, the casualties of war are increasingly women and children. Whether as civilians or combatants, they are subjected to suffering and pain.

During flight from the war and in refugee camps, they are confronted with emotional and sexual abuse. Many women are illiterate, and cannot make enough money to support their families.

Women for Women International-Sudan seeks to give women the tools they need to rebuild their lives.

One of these tools is the Commercial Integrated Farming Initiative (CIFI) program. We're focusing on enhancing the ability of Sudanese women to earn an income by training them in agribusiness.

With your help, Women for Women International-Sudan also continues to provide participants with financial support, and rights awareness, health education, skills training and a source of hope for the future.

On behalf of the participants and staff, thank you for all that you do.

Karak Nayok



IN BRIEF

Most of Sudan's people have never known a time when their country was at peace. From the time Sudan gained its independence from Britain, the country has been almost continuously embroiled in one of Africa's longest running civil wars.

Women have suffered horrible abuses. Two million women have been raped, four million uprooted and hundreds of thousands live in refugee camps. In Southern Sudan, where Women for Women International works, survivors tell stories of militias storming villages and shooting family and friends. Women are commonly gang-raped, boys are kidnapped to become soldiers and young girls are taken as sex slaves.

Today, a lucky few Sudanese women are able to return home, but the obstacles they face are daunting. Many of them have nothing but hope.

Language: Arabic

Life expectancy (female): 51.23 years

Life expectancy (male): 49.38 years

Population: 40,218,455

Per capita income: \$2,200

Unemployment: 18.7%

Literacy (female): 34.6%

- 3.5% of our program participants can read more than their name

- 4% of our program participants can write more than their name

Literacy (male): 57.7%

Access to safe drinking water: 75%

Learn more about our program in Sudan at www.womenforwomen.org/sudan

A Day In the Life

In Southern Sudan, a typical woman's day starts early, as she has many responsibilities. In dry seasons, she walks miles to the nearest source for the day's water. When she returns, she makes tea for her family, and helps get her children ready for school, if they attend school. If she grows food on her compound, she'll tend to the garden during the day, as well as clean and prepare meals.

With her family, she eats between one and three meals each day, consisting of sorghum, millet, maize flour, dried fish, peanuts, and okra. For entertainment, she can participate in or watch traditional dancing in her village.

One Woman's Story: Elizabeth

When Elizabeth's husband insisted that their daughter Athieng be given away in an arranged marriage, Elizabeth refused. She hid Athieng away from the family so that her daughter could continue to attend school.

For her defiance, Elizabeth was beaten. She was thrown into prison. She was shunned by her entire community.

After turning to Women for Women International, Elizabeth learned to read and write. She received rights awareness and job skills training. She now has a job that pays well enough to keep all her children in school – without depending on an abusive husband.

Elizabeth's determination to give Athieng the opportunities that she never had has paid off. Athieng is continuing her education and wants to become a lawyer. With her daughter at her side, Elizabeth says, "Now I can imagine a tomorrow that could be better than today."



HOW DO I SAY?

Hello	As-salam alaykom
How are you?	Izzeyik?
Nice to meet you	Sorirart Biro'aitak.
How is your family?	Kef al-usra?
My name is ...	Ismi ...
Congratulations	Mabrouk
Thank You	Shukran
Goodbye	Ma'assalama

