SUPPORT WOMEN & CHILDREN IN CONFLICT (SWCC)

Organizational Profile



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OVERALL SUMMARY OF THE ORGANISATION

SUPPORT WOMEN & CHILDREN IN CONFLICT (SWCC) is a Women led National Non-Governmental Organization committed to improving the quality of life of women and children through capacity building, advocacy and material support. Our program thematic areas are Women &Youth Empowerment, Good governance, Food security & Livelihood, Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH), Basic Education, Social Protection, Peace Building, Water & Sanitation/Hygiene promotion. The organization was formed in Juba, South Sudan in April 2017 after realization of a number of problems faced by women, Youth and Children especially the orphans and the abandoned children as a result of the civil war which erupted in South Sudan since December 2013. This Organization however is formed to address and sustain the need of Women, Youth and Children through donors and well-wisher's support for these vulnerable women, youth and children who got separated with their families including orphans who lost both parent as a result of the war.

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE:

SWCC is currently implementing its services in Kapoeta North, Chukudum in Budi County, Kajokeji, Mundri East County, Magwi, County and Duk County in Jongelei State, Wulu and Rumbek.

VISION STATEMENT:

To envision every child and woman has the opportunity to achieve full potential and participate in all aspects of decision making in life.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To improve the quality of lives of Women, youth and children.

CORE VALUES:

- Accountability
- Integrity
- Commitment
- Teamwork
- Determination
- Neutrality
- Transparency

SWCC OBJECTIVES

- To provide social protection for women and children who are affected by conflict and already traumatized in order to advocate for good Conflict management and resolution, reconciliation and promotion of culture of peace and justice among communities in conflict affected areas.
- To enhance improved livelihood through food security and increased household incomes.
- To foster peaceful coexistence among in the communities and families in South Sudan irrespective of the social and cultural dynamics.
- To foster 75% women's economic empowerment through the promotion of women's entrepreneurship within South Sudan by the year 2030.
- To promote and provide practical agricultural training so that food production and the family economy is improved and food supply is enhanced in order to improve quality of live and food security of the community by the year 2030
- To sensitize communities on the fight against preventable diseases such as HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) among others and to provide relevant information on HIV prevention, treatment and care.
- To promote safe water, Hygiene and Sanitation for a healthy life

THEMATIC (SECTORIAL) AREA OF INTERVENTION

1. WOMEN AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

SWCC focus on building resilience, self-confidence and self-worth that helps Women youth to develop mechanisms for protection against life's ups and downs. Education and economic empowerment open the door to self-sufficiency and help young people to become productive and contributing members of their communities. We teach young people how to be positive advocates for change, provide leadership skills, and empower them to be self-valued leaders and citizens of their communities capable of creating reform.

2. FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD

In South Sudan, thousands of people are going hungry because of lack of food to eat which has led to current famine in South Sudan and many people have lost their lives, especially women and children. **SWCC** therefore helps the vulnerable people on how to produce their own foods and also train them how to store harvested produce to prevent future occurrences of famine.

3. SOCIAL PROTECTION

Protection program encompasses provision of support to women and vulnerable children through legal counseling to women and children who are victims of human rights abuses; Gender based Violence Prevention and Response and ending early girl child marriage. We also carry out information dissemination and awareness raising campaign on the fundamental human rights.

4. PEACE BUILDING

Peace building programs purely looks at the main source of issues including; conflicts management and resolving in a non-violent manner? Do different community groups recognize and accept each other? (the use of national laws and by-laws, involvement of government, holding government responsible and accountable, support dialogue between conflicting tribes or communities.

5. SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (SRH)

SWCC focus on HIV/AIDS Awareness campaign on prevention, referral, care, opening voluntary counseling among the community at grassroot level with the aim of reducing chances of contracting HIV infection among the community especially Youth, Women, Men and pregnant mothers, we also do behavior change activities and Life skills.

6. WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE PROMOTION (WASH)

In South Sudan, thousands of women and children trek for up to eight hours a day to collect water from marshes, ditches, or hand-dug wells where water is often contaminated with parasites and bacteria which has then resulted into sickness and even deaths. SWCC works to increase access to clean and safe drinking water to rural communities and IDPs through systematic multiplication of protected and safe water points, rehabilitations of the existing water points. Awareness creation through mass hygiene promotion campaigns on water, sanitation and hygiene as an integral part of the organization.

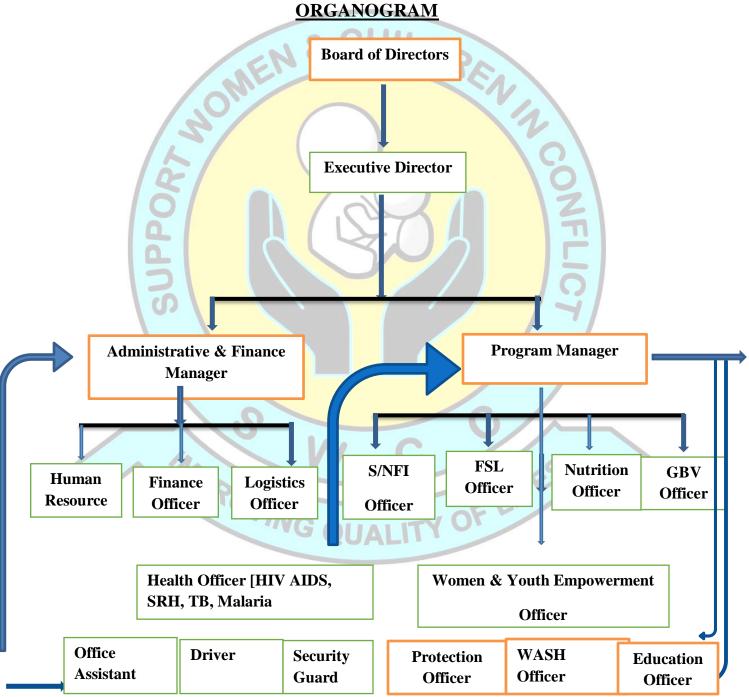
7. BASIC EDUCATION: SWCC provides non-formal education to vulnerable or marginalized youths in vocational skills including Tailoring and Garment Cutting, Catering and Hotel Services, Art & Craft and small-scale business skills.

8. GOOD GOVERNANCE

Under this thematic area, SWCC enhances the capacity of Women and Youth in democratic leadership, Access to Justice and Rule of law.



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SWCC VOLUNTEERS

(Local Government Focal Persons, Community leaders, women & Youth Representatives)

Intergovernmental Relations,

The organization has good relationship with government especially coordination with the relevant stake holders like the Ministry of Gender and social Welfare, the Ministry of Youth and sports, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of labor and they compile with the tax authority. In addition, being a women led organization, SWCC was able to work together with the women General Union formed by the government to assist and coordinate women issues together. Furthermore, the organization has good working relation with the Police Gender Desk where GBV cases are coordinated during protection and also the court where some legal cases are referred to seek for Justice in order to protect women and children when there is need.

Successful projects

Condomize! South Sudan project

The Impact Health Organization in partnership with Support Women and Children in Conflict organization received funds from UNFPA to coordinate the CONDOMIZE! South Sudan campaign together with South Sudan AIDS Commission and other Civil Society organizations. This was a joint initiative from the ministry of health, South Sudan Aids Commission and the United Nations Population Fund, IHO & SWCC being the implementing organization. SWCC were able to map and install 98 condom dispensers in various locations of Juba.

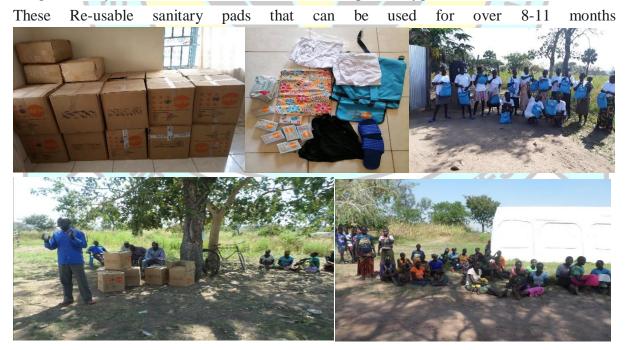


Working together with the CONDOMIZE! Team and shabab leshabab we were able to conduct two (2) CONDOMIZE! Promotion outreaches in Munuki and Tongping



Distribution of dignity kits

SWCC received Reproductive Health Kits (Dignity Kits) as support in-kind from UNFPA South Sudan. The full-scale dignity kits were distributed to the adolescents in schools and in communities who sometimes misses lessons during their menstrual cycle due to lack of sanitary pads, therefore, SWCC distributed the dignity kits in Khorou IPD camp, Liwolo Payam in Kajokeji County, Central Equatoria State. These primary beneficiaries of this project were school going girls, Lactated mothers and vulnerable women with disabilities that were affected by the conflict in Kajo-Keji, and were cut off from basic services and support while seeking refuge and they lack basic items which can meet the specific hygiene needs for women.







Lui Community School Construction Project (Dr. Pietro Boschetti P/S

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Construction of Dr, Pietro Boschetti Primary School that is community school in Lui Payam, Mudri East County, Western Equatoria, South Sudan. SWCC in partnership with African Mission Foundation in Netherlands has finally surpassed all the paperwork stage. we shall officially hand over the school to the community after the completion of the project, God bless SWCC, God bless the African Mission Foundation and God bless South Sudan!



With the continues support from African Mission Foundation in Netherlands, SWCC was able to install solar panels to the constructed school in Lui Payam for the pupils to have their prep during evening hours.



Psychosocial support (Trauma Healing and counseling)

Through our solicited funding, SWCC in partnership with Y-Global is implementing Trauma Healing and Counseling as part of the UNSCR 1325 projects on Women involvement in Peace and security in South Sudan. The project started in 2018 to help South Sudanese recover after the long civil war and in South Sudan. Under this program it's through which SWCC address issues of GBV, Child protection.



Through the Psychosocial support program, SWCC offers counseling and trauma healing to the members of the community, legal aid and legal advice and dispute resolution on GBV. This project has positively impacted on the lives of the community through improved access to

justice for vulnerable community members, reduced rate of domestic violence, increased awareness of human rights and peace building at the grassroots revels.

Peace Building and Peacemakers program.

SWCC has formed so far over 30 peace maker group of youth all over South Sudan focusing with the aim of promoting peaceful coexistence, unity and social cohesion among the communities of South Sudan through interactive ways.

Under this component SWCC engage youth in peace prompting activities such as drama, sports, songs, and dancing. Training on their roles in Peace and nation building as well as conflict resolution and management. The groups also use social media such Facebook, WhatsApp and Radio Stations to disseminate messages of peace to the public.



Economic empowerment

This project aims at improving the livelihood of Women in the rural communities of South Sudan so that they can be able to sustain their daily living and improve their standard of living.

Under this component community member are trained on how to economically utilize their small spaces in homes to produce food and vegetables on a subsistence component. 60% of the produce is eaten at home and the 40% is sold off to sustain their feminine economic demands



Veranda sweet potato bucket project

Home courtyard vegetable growing

SWCC handing over Dr. Pietro Boschitti School in Mundri East, Western Equatoria State in the presence of the Commissioner of Mundri East and the Donors from African Mission from Netherlands on 25th February 2023





Distribution of VSLA items to support VSLA groups in Budi County, Eastern Equatoria State

SWCC has working groups of 15 -30 members. The groups meet to save and discuss other important issues that can empower them so that by the time the project ends, they are self-sustained.

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