

Water
for
South
Sudan



Empowering South Sudan's people to improve their lives and health by drilling wells that provide safe drinking water



The Need

Every day hundreds of thousands of people in South Sudan's remote villages drink water contaminated with deadly parasites and bacteria that cause cholera and other often-fatal diseases. They spend hours walking miles in temperatures that can reach over 120°F just to get that water. They have no choice.

Our Mission

Water for South Sudan, Inc., drills water wells in South Sudan, one of the world's newest and poorest countries. Since 2005, Water for South Sudan has been drilling wells which bring clean, fresh water to tens



of thousands of South Sudanese, transforming their lives.

Safe Water's Impact

Our mission aligns with the goals of South Sudan's government Ministry on Water, Sanitation and Health. Our work acts on the UN's Millennium Development Goals for Africa as follows:

- **Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger**

A safe water well improves the basic health of a village. Improved health means people have increased capacity to farm and tend livestock, both essential to South Sudanese life.

- **Reduce child mortality**

According to The World Factbook, South Sudan has one of the highest infant and child mortality rates in the world. Water-borne diseases are a major contributor to those statistics.

- **Achieve universal primary education**

Year-round access to safe, clean water means healthier children, especially girls, can consistently attend school.

- **Improve maternal health**

Clean water means women experience healthier pregnancies through improved personal hygiene, more sanitary delivery spaces, and safe drinking water.

- **Combat malaria and water-borne diseases**

Clean water reduces people's vulnerability to parasites such as guinea worm and schistosomes, and eliminates bacteria which cause often-fatal diseases.



- **Promote gender equality and empower women**

Water wells mean those who gather water daily, usually women and girls, no longer have to walk miles. They can consistently attend school or do other work which improves their livelihoods.

- **Establish a global partnership for development to enable community stability**

With a village well, people no longer need to migrate seasonally in search of water. Our core operating principle is to empower the people we serve as partners in building and maintaining their well. They become the owners and caretakers of the well which is a community utility. We train local leaders in basic well maintenance and supply them with spare parts.



About Salva Dut, our founder

Water for South Sudan, Inc., was founded by Salva Dut, one of the "Lost Boys of Sudan." Salva escaped his homeland, then a region of Sudan, during that country's decades-long civil war which ended in 2005.



After living in Rochester, New York for a number of years, Salva became an American citizen and completed his initial college studies. Since 2005 he has overseen the organization's annual drilling operations as well as educating audiences and fundraising through speaking engagements across the United States and in Europe.

Salva now lives most of the year in South Sudan and Uganda where, as Executive Director of East Africa Operations, he oversees the organization's work.



About Us

Water for South Sudan, Inc., is a US 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation founded in 2003, based in Rochester, New York USA and South Sudan.

Government Authorizations

Water for South Sudan, Inc., is authorized and registered to conduct humanitarian work in South Sudan by the U.S. Treasury Department and the Republic of South Sudan's government and its various Ministries.

Contributions from individuals, faith-based groups, civic and service organizations, schools, corporations and foundations enable our humanitarian work.

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Would you drink this water?



What if you had no choice?