



South Sudan

Integrated Protection, Skills Building & Learning for the Empowerment of Adolescents, Youth, Families & Communities

Project Objective

The project empowers children, youth, families, and communities to improve their resilience and protect themselves from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation. By targeting barriers in the areas of protection, education, and livelihood opportunities, Plan works to facilitate a more protective and enabling environment for children and young people to exercise their rights in the Central Equatoria State of South Sudan.

Background

In 2023, an estimated 9.4 million people – more than two-thirds of the population – are in dire need of humanitarian assistance. This includes 1.7 million internally displaced persons. Insecurity, threats and violence, risk to assets, and poor infrastructure continue to pose risks to affected communities, contributing to their inability to be fully resilient.

Due to this protracted crisis, many children remain out of school or are in dire need of education support to remain in school. The resilience of the youth population is heavily at risk due to a lack of livelihood opportunities. Moreover, the protection needs of vulnerable children are increasing due to inadequate access to humanitarian services, the presence of armed groups, risks of abduction and forced recruitment into armed groups, and sexual violence.

Project Description

Plan International adopts an integrated approach to proactively prevent and respond to protection, education, and economic needs. The project provides case management support for child protection in emergencies, identifies and train family-based care for vulnerable children, addresses the psychosocial support needs of

REGION

Yei, Morobo and Kajokeji (Central Equatoria State, South Sudan)

TIME FRAME

June 2023 – May 2025 (24 months)

BUDGET

USD 1,300,000 (50% funded by SDC, 11.5% additional foundational support secured)

PARTICIPANTS

40,000 direct beneficiaries

14,000 Girls, 12,000 Boys

8,000 Women, 6,000 Men

children, and provides alternative learning options for them to resume education. It also targets the capacity of stakeholders to create and maintain a gender-transformative, protective environment for children and young people, refers young people to vocational training and provides specialized opportunities for employment.



Expected Outcomes

1. Enhanced protection of vulnerable children and adolescents through comprehensive age-appropriate case management, family tracing and reunification, alternative care and economic support including safe referrals to multi-sectoral services.
2. Improved well-being of vulnerable children, adolescents and young adults with their caregivers through psychosocial support activities, alternative learning programs, and skills-building and mentorship opportunities in safe and designated areas.
3. Increased capacities of stakeholders, including community structures, for enhanced protection of children, adolescents and young people from abuse, neglect, violence and exploitation.
4. Enhanced empowerment of adolescent boys and girls including young people through integrated practical skills building and alternative learning programme.



Overall, the project contributes directly to SDG4 (quality education), SDG5 (gender equality), SDG8 (decent work and economic growth), and SDG16 (peace, justice and strong institutions).

Sustainability

Plan International will form strategic partnerships with communities, stakeholders and the Government across all targeted locations. Trained community structures and leaders, including women and girl's groups, will form a pool of positive change agents in their communities through the project period and will continue to renounce violence against children, girls and women in communities even after the end of the project. Trained foster parents and open cases will be linked to the local government for continuity of support including caring for children without appropriate care. Technical and vocational training institutions will be capacitated to continue long after project closure.

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Community members and youth trained on peacebuilding will continue to be ambassadors for peace and promote peaceful co-existence and non-violence problem solving techniques.

Plan International will develop a transition and exit plan in consultation with all stakeholders to be implemented alongside the project for sustainability and a smooth transition.

Monitoring & Evaluation

Regular project monitoring will be carried out to ensure the project is progressing as planned and to take corrective actions where necessary. A monthly indicator performance-tracking tool will be used to track and analyse the performance of key indicators against targets and schedules correlated with the Budget Versus Actual report.

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Plan International Switzerland is an independent non-profit organization that promotes children's rights and gender equality in different parts of the world. We are part of the global development organization Plan International, which is active in over 80 countries and looks back on 80 years of experience.

Plan International has been working in South Sudan since 2006, responding to the needs of the most vulnerable members of the population (particularly women and children). Currently Plan International is present in six of the ten states of South Sudan. In Central Equatoria State, where this project is focused, Plan International has an office in Yei with accessibility to the 3 proposed locations.

Your partnership with us

Your partnership with Plan International Switzerland and your financial contribution will not only benefit the girls, boys and their families in Yei, Morobo and Kajokeji, South Sudan - but also you as a foundation.

Together with you, we will find the appropriate form of cooperation that will enable you to fulfill your foundation's purpose in the best possible way.

Thanks to our decades of experience and our competent and professional program team on site, we implement our projects efficiently, effectively and sustainably. We work closely with local organizations and authorities to ensure continuation of project activities and goals after the project ends.

As our partner, you benefit from our expertise and receive regular, transparent and customized reports on the status of the project and the positive impact of your contribution.

We look forward to a successful partnership with you!