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**Cover picture: A Reason to Smile**

Children smiling at a relief food distribution center in Rumbek; Sign of Hope, among other services, responds to hunger and other humanitarian emergencies in South Sudan and other parts of the region by delivering food and non-food items to affected families.

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# Foreword



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This report focuses on Sign of Hope's Kenya branch, Africa Department activities in Central Eastern Africa countries of Ethiopia, Northern Kenya, Uganda and South Sudan - during the period October 2016 -September 2017. It specifically reports on core activities that largely define Sign of Hope's projects in the above mentioned countries. The interventions cover Primary Health Care, Nutrition, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), Emergency aid (food and non-food items distribution), Education, Capacity building, Human Rights, Food security and Livelihood sectors; logistics and sourcing of items are essential for the running of facilities and offices and for the implementation of the projects in the different areas.

Other interventions which have demonstrably contributed to assist the locals in the mentioned region are also highlighted in this report.

During the reporting year, Sign of Hope, as inter-denominational organization inspired by Christian values, has played an important role for the vulnerable and needy people. South Western Ethiopia and North Eastern Kenya have been confronted with drought and flooding, and again with diseases outbreaks. In the eastern region of Karamoja in Uganda, the lack of basic health services has put the already neglected communities at risk. South Sudan has been struggling to bear with the brunt of sustained violent conflict, economic turmoil, hunger and inadequate medical care.

Sign of Hope Africa Department has been intervening both in emergency, humanitarian relief and development cooperation; the prompt interventions have had relevant impact on the communities affected.

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Dr. Lucia Sorrentino  
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# Thanks

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According to Sign of Hope's *modus operandi*, we distinguish between projects, implemented via local organizations and institutions – which are supported with grants – and self-implemented programs. Technically, the first ones have defined beginning and end, undertaken to meet unique goals and objectives, typically to bring about beneficial change or added value; the programmes, instead, last over a period of several years and are implemented directly by Sign of Hope employees.

The regional office in Nairobi, being the hub, has faced many challenges in this reporting year, due to logistics, transport, security constraints in the different area of interventions.

Hence, it is relevant and due to say thank to the local organizations, which have supported Sign of Hope Africa Department with their insider know-

ledge, expertise and experience. They have been reliable and prompt at any time, delivering services to their own communities; at times, acting in complete autonomy, being under the remote management of Sign of Hope in Nairobi office.

Finally, sincere thank goes to qualified and experienced Sign of Hope Africa Department human resources, which have made an extraordinary work, serving those in distress, always abiding to their culture and customs. They have worked both in remote and/or being in the field areas, in support and/or strengthening the capacity of local partners.

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# Who we are and our values

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Hoffnungszeichen | Sign of Hope e.V. is an international, interdenominational human rights and relief organization with its head office in Konstanz, Germany. With a background in Christian faith as a shared set of values and basic motivating factors, Sign of Hope is guided by the core values of sympathy, charity and solidarity, being inspired by the quote from the gospel of

*Matthew chapter 25, verse 40:  
Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one  
of the least of my brothers, you did it  
to me.*

Sign of Hope Kenya branch/Africa Department is based in Nairobi as regional hub, coordinating the interventions in Central Eastern Africa – Ethiopia, Northern Kenya, Uganda and South Sudan.

## **Where we work**

Sign of Hope e.V. is present in other African countries including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Rwanda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The scope of this report will however be limited to activities and projects implemented in Central Eastern African Countries as above clarified.

## **What we do**

Africa represents the main focus for Sign of Hope e.V., since the past 22 years. The sectors of interest and expertise are: Primary Health Care, Nutrition, WASH, Emergency aid (food and non-food items distribution), Education, Capacity building, Human Rights and Livelihood.





The Team in the Nairobi-Office and the Field-Correspondent in South Sudan.

### **Our partners in the region**

Sign of Hope Africa Department, during this reporting period, has relied on the cooperation of institutions and local organizations, which have acted in a crucial way in the implementation of the different projects/interventions. These are:

#### **Our partners in Ethiopia**

- Ethiopian Catholic Church Social and Development Commission (EGG-SOG) Omorate
- Spiritan Community Outreach Ethiopia (SCORE)

#### **Our partners in Northern Kenya**

- Catholic Diocese of Maralal
- Dassanach Development Organization (DDO)
- SOMIRENEC
- Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph

### **Our partners in Uganda**

- Catholic Diocese of Moroto
- Franciscan Brothers East Africa
- Kotido Diocese

### **Our partners in South Sudan**

- Catholic Diocese of Yei
- Catholic Diocese of Rumbek
- International Rescue Committee
- South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission
- South Sudan National Ministry of Health
- Solidarity with South Sudan





# Our projects



**Ethiopia**



**South Sudan**



**Uganda**



**Kenya**



# Ethiopia projects:

## Education and Health for the Needy

Sign of Hope provided basic services such as primary health care, education, WASH and animal health services so as to improve the livelihood of the pastoralists in the region.

### Ethiopia



#### Basic profile

Population: 102.4 million

HDI: 174 (0.448)

Per capita income (PPP): 2,104 USD

Per capita income (Nominal): 846 USD

#### Projects profile

Total expenditure: 90,000 Euro

Number of projects: 3

Total beneficiaries reached: 20,420

Direct beneficiaries: 420

Indirect beneficiaries: 20,000



### Comprehensive Health Service Improvement Project (CHSIP) in Shanko Qebele, Phase 1

Hammer Woreda, South Omo zone, is not different from other parts of the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region (SNNPR) of Ethiopia which are lacking basic social services like school, health care, clean and safe water.

Conflict between the local community and the Woreda government stalled the initial effort to complete the building of a health center in Shanko Kebele. It was later on revived in partnership with SCORE-ICOP after peace and reconciliation was reached between the Woreda government and the communities.

### Project objective

This project has improved the quality and standards of healthcare coverage of the people of Hammer Woreda.

### Project beneficiaries

Direct beneficiaries of this project are the pastoralist communities of Shanko Qebele

### Project activities

- Construction of medical store block
- Construction of waiting and registration block
- Construction of perimeter fence
- Conducting a baseline survey for the proposed multi-year Shanko primary health care and nutrition program



### **Gnermerluk Animal Health Post, Omorate Parish**

The Daasanach people are pastoralist but their cattle are not reached by animal health services. This always caused animal death. Daasanach community is experiencing food crisis due to low livestock productivity as a result of the frequent drought and livestock diseases which is a chronic problem.

The Daasanach people need assistance in treating their livestock from various diseases, and Sign of Hope helped in establishing animal post in Gnermerluk location.

### **Project objective**

By enhancing animal service delivery, this project has contributed in improving the livestock productivity and the economic wellbeing of the locals in the area.

### **Project beneficiaries**

Direct beneficiaries are the pastoralists of Gnermerluk location and beyond.

### **Project activities**

- Construction of a new Animal Health Post
- Enhancement of the animal health service delivery system to improve the livelihood of the pastoralists
- Improving the livestock marketability by improving the animal health
- Conducting awareness on how to manage livestock to maximize the Production





### SCORE Hammer School Rehabilitation

The Hammer people are pastoralist living on the semi-arid region of Ethiopia. The area problem are characterized by cattle raiding, intercommunion conflict with the rival pastoralist from the other side of their territories, drought and famine that always bring a lot of suffering to the local people of the area.

The latest conflict resulted in lives lost and property destroyed in the Kebeles where the conflict raged. Government infrastructure and properties like water points, health centers and schools were also vandalized. Children dropped out of school as their school was destroyed in the conflict, hunger due to drought and trauma due to conflict.

National government intervention resulted in peace and reconciliation initiative and a subsequent relative peace in the

area, and hence the need to reconstruct the vandalized infrastructure.

#### Project objective

This project has contributed in post conflict reconstruction and restoration of social services in the area.

#### Project beneficiaries

Beneficiaries of the project are local people of Shanko Kebele who have been affected by conflict and drought.

#### Project activities

- Supply of materials and equipment for the renovation program
- Facilitation and supervision of the construction activity
- Renovation of a school which was vandalized in the conflict





# Northern Kenya Projects:

## A call to save lives of the needy

Projects implemented by Sign of Hope include primary health care, nutrition, mobile clinic, relief food and community empowerment programs to the pastoralists of the ASAL region of Kenya.

### Kenya



#### Basic profile

Population: 48.7 million

HDI: 146 (0.555)

Per capita income (PPP): 3,496 USD

Per capita income (Nominal): 1,677 USD

#### Projects profile

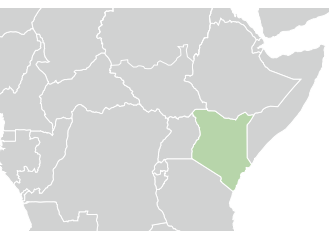
Total expenditure: 263,000 Euro

Number of projects: 6

Total beneficiaries reached: 13,275

Direct beneficiaries: 13,275

Indirect beneficiaries: 0



#### Ileret Flooding Emergency Response

Bordering Ethiopia to the South, Ileret ward in Marsabit County experienced a serious flash flood as the result of heavy rain that fall in the area, in May 2017. A total of 200 households were affected in Ileret, Nango-lei, Elbokoch, Ilolo, Telesgaye and Aiybete villages, and 8 people were reported dead. People whose household were affected in the floods remained vulnerable without shelter, food, household items and other basic needs. And this prompted Sign of Hope intervention.

#### Project objectives

This project has contributed to improve the food condition of the households affected by flood in Ileret ward by providing them with relief food and household items.

#### Project beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries of this project are communities of Ileret ward who have been affected by flood.

#### Project activities

- Purchase of 12 tons of food and non-food items in Marsabit town
- Transportation and distribution of these food items to the beneficiaries
- Covering of 5% (750 Euros) of Daassanach Development Organization (DDO) administrative cost
- Distribution of food items to the affected households







### **Mobile Integrated Healthcare & Nutrition Services in North Horr Constituency, Marsabit County**

North Horr constituency in Marsabit County is one of the areas that were affected by 2017 drought that affected semi-arid areas of Kenya. This drought devastated the local economy that is largely run by pastoralism and livestock farming, several livestock died of starvation as few that remained alive were not productive. Medical facilities are not within a convenient reach to most of the inhabitants of the area as people walk long distances to access basic medical services.

### **Project objective**

This project has contributed to the improvement of mobile health infrastructure, capacity training, diseases preventability and awareness among the pastoralists.

### **Project beneficiaries**

Vulnerable pastoralist communities who are mobile and would be suited by a mobile health services this project is intended to provide.

### **Project activities**

- Provision of mobile nutrition services to children and mothers living in the villages around Jireena medical Centre and Chalbi district.
- Community capacity building through the training of community health workers, traditional birth attendants and village health community
- Increased diseases prevention and awareness among the communities in the catchment areas
- Supply of drugs and nutrition items so as to minimize the shortage and outage of essential items in the remote areas of northern Marsabit constituency.





### **Enhancing Good governance and conflict Transformation through community Radio**

Categorized as being among Arid and Semi-arid Land (ASAL), Samburu County is in northern Kenya. The area is inhabited by the Samburu, Turkana and Pokot communities that practice a pastoralist's mode of livelihood.

Samburu County currently faces the following three major social problems of cattle raiding, food insecurity and illiteracy.

#### **Project objective**

This project has contributed to the promotion of good governance and conflict mitigation through the use of community radio.

#### **Project beneficiaries**

Targeted beneficiaries of the project are the communities in Samburu central, Samburu East and parts of Samburu North sub counties.

#### **Project activities**

The project involves the development of radio content where communities will have discussions based on the following:

- Citizens participation in governance, peace education, food security, disaster management
- Encouraging entrepreneurial culture among the local pastoralists communities
- Community sensitization on gender based violence, education and human right
- Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH) and other sanitary information
- Civic education, especially on the areas pertaining to roles of every citizen in democratic exercises





### Mobile Healthcare Outreach and Clean Water for the Kampi Turkana Community

Categorized as an ASAL with little and unreliable rainfall, Baringo is situated in Northern Kenya. It is inhabited by three main tribes of Tugen, Ichamus and Turkana. These tribes are pastoralists who practice animal rearing as the means of livelihood. The population of the area is prone to a wide range of challenges ranging from social to health issues.

There is a high prevalence of inter and intra communal conflicts largely caused by cattle raiding.

Current state of drought resulted in a devastating famine that caused a serious state of malnutrition in children and adults. Livestock died of starvation and those surviving are rendered unproductive. Health problems affecting the community are HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, respiratory tract infections, pneumonia, diarrhea due to lack of safe and clean water, etc.

### Project objective

This project has contributed to improve health and nutrition condition of the beneficiaries, as well as provision of safe and clean water to the community.

### Project beneficiaries

The project beneficiaries are the host community members and the internally displaced persons.

### Project activities

- Immunization program for under five and antenatal mothers
- Laboratory services for antenatal care and the sick HIV counseling, testing and ARVs dispensing
- Nutrition services and supplementary feeding including monitoring growth and supplements food for the children and mothers who are found with nutritional problems e.g. anemia, underweight and marasmus





### **Drought Response and Recovery among the Dassanach Community of Ileret Ward**

Persistent drought in northern Kenya continued to ravage that part of the country, especially the far north. Most recent report by Kenya Food Security Steering Group, stated that areas largely occupied by pastoralists that are agriculturally marginalized such as Marsabit, are at a food emergency situation (IPC phase 4). A total of 16 people were reported to have died of hunger or hunger related issues at that time, and 16,000 livestock died due to lack of pasture and water, this was in March 2017.

#### **Project objective**

This project has contributed in stabilizing the wellbeing of Daassanach community of Ileret by improving their resilience to future event of drought in the area.

#### **Project beneficiaries**

The beneficiaries of this project are the Daassanach community of Ileret Ward.

#### **Project activities**

- Capacity building of the Daassanach community of Ileret and improving their resilience to future drought events
- Provision of one month food ration to 870 households of the community affected by the drought
- Provision of drought resilient livestock to the 30 most vulnerable households
- Provision of free animal health services to 870 households affected by the drought
- Rehabilitation of 8 existing water points and installation of new ones including training of Water Management Committees in Operation and Management as well as Hygiene awareness





### Ileret Relief Food Assistance Project

Severe drought in Marsabit county, northern part of Kenya resulted in a severe food shortage that affected the Dassanech community of Ileret ward. A total of 16 people were reported to have died from starvation.

### Project objective

This project has contributed in providing relief food to people of Ileret Ward who have been affected by drought.

### Project beneficiaries

Beneficiaries of this project are the vulnerable people of Ileret ward who are affected by drought.

### Project activities

- Purchasing and transportation of 21.5 tons of relief food to Ileret ward
- Distribution of food items such as maize, rice, beans, cooking oil, maize flour, maize flour and salt



# Uganda Projects:

## Capacity building for livelihood & Sustainability

Sign of Hope implemented primary health care and WASH programs. Capacity building in food production was also given to South Sudanese refugees living in Adjumani, west Nile region of Uganda.

### Uganda



#### Basic profile

Population: 41.5 million

HDI: 163 (0.493)

Per capita income (PPP): 2,352 USD

Per capita income (Nominal): 700 USD

#### Projects profile

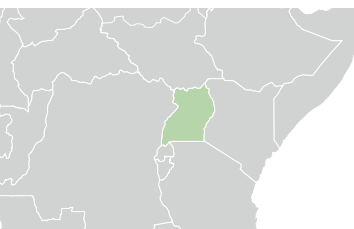
Total expenditure: 110,000 Euro

Number of projects: 4

Total beneficiaries reached: 41,777

Direct beneficiaries: 22,777

Indirect beneficiaries: 19,000



### Water and Sanitation Intervention in Loburin Parish for the Proposed Kosike Health Centre in Amudat District

Kosike is situated in Loburin Parish bordering Abiliyep in Amudat district. Loburin and Abiliyep have a population of 19,000 people (according to national census of 2014), all of them do not have reliable access to basic services such as the health services, people have to walk long distance of 14 kilometers to access the nearby health facility in Loro or Amudat sub county headquarters.

Amudat is one of the poorest districts in Uganda with limited health, sanitation clean water, roads and education services, with only 2 government doctors.

As a precursor to possible future self-implementing program in the area, a three phase pilot program was, therefore, initiated and specifically designed to establish a WASH program, sanitary infrastructure,

and identification of project site, registration of land title deed and building of perimeter fence around it.

#### Project objective

This pilot phase project has contributed in supplying clean and safe water and establishment of sanitation infrastructure.

#### Project beneficiaries

Direct beneficiaries of the project are people of Kosike village, Amudat district.

#### Project activities

- Clearance of project site by members of the local community
- Construction of perimeter fence around the project site
- Registration of land title deed for the land under the Diocese of Moroto
- Maintenance of Toyota land cruiser vehicle offered by the Diocese of Moroto



### School Health Outreach in Kanawat, Kotido District

Karamoja is a semi-desert area with prolonged dry season and irregular annual rainfall. The dominant mode of livelihood is cattle keeping and pastoralism. The catchment area also has a challenge of health issues as well because there aren't adequate health facilities in the area. The Kanawat Mission Health Center III helps a catchment area in terms of health needs for both the population and the pupils from the three primary schools and one secondary school in the area.

### Project objective

This project has contributed in provision of health education, disease prevention and counseling of young men and women of Karamoja.

### Project beneficiaries

Direct beneficiaries of the project are the pupils in these four learning institutions of Kanawat, Mary Mother of God, Kanayete primary schools and Kotido Senior Secondary School.

### Project activities

- Health education to the pupils of the four learning institutions
- Counseling services provided to the pupils of the four learning institutions
- Deworming service were provided to get rid of parasites that might have infected the pupils of the four learning institutions
- Screening of medical, dental and eye problems





### **Capability Building of Refugees for Income Generating Activities and Livelihoods Development Project**

Since the civil war broke out in 2013 in South Sudan, there has been an influx of refugees fleeing for their lives to the neighboring Country of Uganda. To date the number of refugees from South Sudan has increased to over 500,000. Over 400,000 are settled in Bidi Bidi and Rhino camps with every household settled on a piece of plot of about 100 to 500 sq. meters, just enough for building only a family house and at most a space for kitchen gardening activity.

There is a need for the refugees to have the capacity to grow their own food to supplement their food ration given the fact that the UN World Food Program has reduced the amount of food ration given to the refugees due to high influx of more refugees from South Sudan and budgetary constraints in buying additional food for

them. Sign of Hope sponsored 54 South Sudanese refugees and 25 Ugandan host community members to ADRAA Agricultural College to study basic skills in food production and sustainability.

#### **Project objective**

This project has contributed to improve the skill of refugees in food production, capacity building and sustainable farming.

#### **Project beneficiaries**

The beneficiaries of this project are refugees drawn from refugees' households.

#### **Project activities**

- Seventy refugees graduated with skills in food production and sustainability
- Provision of capacity building and training over a 6-week period
- building a local capacity to produce food, improve nutrition and generate income







### Water Supply System at St. Kizito Hospital Matany

Run by Catholic Diocese of Moroto in northern Uganda, St. Kizito Hospital Matany is a Private and Not-For-Profit institution with social and spiritual objectives.

It is a de facto referral hospital throughout the region as well as to another neighboring district of Teso, with a relatively well developed infrastructure compared to other health facilities in the region. Nursing Training Institute, a Human Resource Development Centre and the Public Health Department are also annexed to it.

The existing water system that supplies water for the essential hospital duties includes some old water pipes with some of them corroding.

### Project objective

This project has contributed in improving the water system in the hospital by replacing the corroded 40 years old galvanized pipes with new plastic pipes.

### Project beneficiaries

The beneficiaries of the project are the patients and administration of Matany Hospital, the students of nursing and midwifery school.

### Project activities

- Old galvanized pipes have been replaced with new ones
- Two old water tanks which are corroding and replaced with two new 50 m<sup>3</sup> tanks
- Connect and re-arrange existing rain water underground tank with the laundry and the theatre for new auto-clave and for distilled water production



# South Sudan Projects:

## Saving lives and restoring dignity

Sign of Hope implemented programs targeting the vulnerable people through provision of basic health services, relief food, mental health program and capacity building to local communities, the disabled and the internally displaced persons.

### Republic of South Sudan



#### Basic profile

Population: 12.2 million

HDI: 181 (0.418)

Per capita income (PPP): 1,525 USD

Per capita income (Nominal): 275 USD

#### Projects profile

Total expenditure: 713,728 Euro

Number of projects: 10

Total beneficiaries reached: 91,103

Direct beneficiaries: 91,103

Indirect beneficiaries: 0



### Rumbek Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC)

Sign of Hope is funding the running of Primary Health Care Centre in Western Lakes State, Rumbek Central County, Matangai payam. This clinic is providing health facilities to a catchment population which, according to Rumbek County Health Department (CHD) 2016, is at 212,948 people (2016 CHD-Rumbek). There is a high malnutrition in the area due to sustained state of food insecurity in the area, economic crisis and conflicts.

#### Project objectives

This project has contributed in providing life-saving health services to the vulnerable people of Western Lakes State and beyond.

#### Project beneficiaries

Communities within the catchment area, the IDPS and beyond attend this clinic for lifesaving treatments.

#### Projects activities

- Provision of outpatient services
- Provision of Antenatal Clinic (ANC)
- Provision of Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI)
- Provision of nutrition services to severely and mild malnourished children
- Provision of diagnostic laboratory
- Purchase of drugs, maintenance of the facility and payment of staffs' salaries



### **Nyal Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC)**

Sign of Hope supported the running of Primary Health Care Centre in Nyal in Panyijar County, Southern Liech State. This health facility is helping a total population of about 96,000. This constitutes 51,000 host community and 45,000 IDPs from Leer and Mayendit counties where military offensives between government and opposition forces are on the rise.

### **Project objective**

This project has contributed in providing basic health services to host community and the IDPs in Nyal.

### **Project beneficiaries**

Beneficiaries of this project are the host communities of Nyal and the IDPs.

### **Project activities**

- Provision in-patient and out-patients services
- Provision of Antenatal clinic were provided to pregnant mothers
- Nutrition services were provided to severely and mildly malnourished children
- Children were vaccinated against polio, measles, diphtheria, tetanus, etc.
- Purchase of drugs and nutrition items, maintenance of health facility and payment of staffs salaries
- Provision of diagnostic laboratory





**Emergency Food and Livelihoods Support to 600 famines in Nyal, Panyijar County, Southern Liech State**

Since outbreak of the conflict in the country in December 2013, South Sudan citizens have experienced a wide range of negative impacts such as diseases, famine and serious human right abuses against them by both government and opposition forces. Much of the conflict between the Government and opposition has occurred in Unity State resulting in mass displacement of civilians in Leer and Mayendit. These people fled to Nyal which is the nearest humanitarian hub. They lived in appalling conditions with lack of safe and clean water, food and shelter, and this prompted Sign of Hope intervention.

**Project objective**

This project has contributed in providing relief food, and enhancing coping capacity of beneficiaries through provision of agricultural tools and fishing nets.

**Project beneficiaries**

Beneficiaries of the project are households of vulnerable member of the local communities and the IDPs.

**Project activities**

- Provision of relief food supplies to 600 households affected by famine
- Agricultural tools and fishing nets were provided so as to enhance the productive capacity of the beneficiaries in coping with future famine events
- Post distribution survey was carried out to assess the impact of the project





### Emergency Food Aid to Empower the Vulnerable Communities in Warap Parish

Failure of rainfall and conflict has resulted in a severe food shortage in Warap State, especially in Tonj North County. Warap State also experienced an influx of internally displaced persons from Unity State due to conflict in the areas of Mayendit, Koch and Wangkia counties where there is active conflict between the government and the rebel forces. Many more IDPs also came in from Wau where there was an outbreak of conflict between national army and forces which the government of South Sudan accused of allied to rebels.

### Project objectives

This project has contributed to improve food security of the host community and vulnerable IDPs from Unity State and Western Bhar El Gazal who were affected by conflict and food crisis.

### Project beneficiaries

Beneficiaries of the project are the vulnerable communities of Warap and the IDPs from Unity and Western Bhar El Gazal States who have been displaced by conflict.

### Project activities

- Relief food was supplied to IDPs from Unity and Western Bhar El Gazal States





**Food Relief for Hunger Stricken People in Diocese of Rumbek**

There is a rampant food crisis in South Sudan; famine was declared by the UN in February 2017, and FAO reported 8.9 million people as being in urgent need of food assistance, this number was expected to rise later in the year as conflict being the fundamental driver of the situation raged on. With co-funding from other donors, Sign of Hope intervened with program to provide relief food to people affected by hunger in Diocese of Rumbek parishes.

**Project objective**

This project has contributed in providing relief food to vulnerable people in Diocese of Rumbek who were affected by food crisis and conflict in the area.

**Project beneficiaries**

The target beneficiaries of the project are vulnerable households residing within the parishes of Diocese of Rumbek.

**Project activities**

- Relief food was supplied and distributed to vulnerable people of Diocese of Rumbek





### **Assistance for the 120 Vulnerable Households in Mapuordit**

Due to ongoing conflict in the country, there is a sustained state of suffering among the people of South Sudan. Economic crisis characterized by runaway inflation that pushed the prices of basic commodities in the market beyond economic means of the local people.

In the case of Mapuordit, a village in Eastern Lakes State which is also one of Parishes of Diocese of Rumbek, there is a group of vulnerable people in the category of the lepers, the blind, the disabled and the elderly. Some of these people, especially the lepers, are living around Panamaat center, Mapuordit Parish while other vulnerable groups live in other parts of the village.

### **Project objective**

This project has contributed to provide relief food assistance to vulnerable households in Mapuordit Parish of Diocese of Rumbek.

### **Project beneficiaries**

Direct beneficiaries of this project are the lepers, the blind, the disabled and the elderly.

### **Project activities**

- Relief food items have been distributed to 120 vulnerable household members in Mapuordit





### **Improving the Living Condition of the Disabled people by Delivering Wheelchairs in Romich Parish**

There are a dozen of cases of disability in the country due to current civil war as well as other cases from diseases such as polio.

In partnership with the Diocese of Rumbek, Sign of Hope helped 10 disabled individuals in Romich Parish with wheelchairs that each of them was given to ease their mobility.

#### **Project objective**

This project has contributed to restore the dignity and decency of the disabled by delivering them with wheelchairs.

#### **Project beneficiaries**

Beneficiaries of this project are disabled individuals of Romich Parish of Diocese of Rumbek.

#### **Project activities**

- Ten disabled members of Romich Parish of Diocese of Rumbek were given a wheelchair each







### Emergency Response to Wau IDPs

Following an outbreak of clashes between the SPLA, the national army of South Sudan and dissident youth from western Bhar El Gazal, a number of civilians were victimized and caught in the crossfire, several lives lost and property were destroyed, homes were burned and a total 10,000 people were displaced and sought shelter in Wau Holy Family parish as IDPs whose household items were burnt to ground in the conflict.

### Project objective

This project has contributed to provide basic household materials, food and non-food items to IDPs residing in Wau Holy Family parish.

### Project beneficiaries

The target beneficiaries of this project are the IDPs residing in Wau Holy Family Parish.



### Project activities

- Each household was supplied a kit consisting of basic household items
- Food items such as sorghum, cooking oil, flour and sugar were supplied to each household
- Non-food items such as blankets, clothing, and plastic sheeting, bars of soap and plastic mats were distributed





### **Mental Ill project in South Sudan**

There is a high rate of mental illness in South Sudan. This situation is thought to have been brought by conflict in the country that has traumatized the population. Rare or even lack of economic opportunities has also made people, especially the youth who are largely unemployed, become frustrated and depressed. These conditions in the country are largely to blame for the number of people that have developed mental illnesses.



### **Project objective**

This project has contributed to provide psychiatric treatment to mentally ill patients in Yei.

### **Project beneficiaries**

Direct beneficiaries of this project are the projected 240 mentally ill patients in Yei.

### **Project activities**

- Mental Health Awareness and out-reaches
- Treatment of Mental Illnesses
- Psychosocial Services (PSS)
- Training of Health Service Providers
- Against the projected number of 240, a total of 545 patients were treated in the implementation of the project. This is the rise in the number by 227%.



### Cholera emergency response in Nyal

The two states of Northern and Southern Liech states in South Sudan have recently experienced renewed heavy fighting and mass displacement of civilians. IDPs have poured into Nyal in large numbers from Mayendit and Leer counties.

Condition of the IDPs is appalling as they crammed themselves in small makeshift shelters. There is a resultant state of poor hygiene and sanitation, lack of clean and safe water for consumption. These conditions made it conducive for the outbreak of cholera which affected all the five payams of greater Nyal and the islands occupied by the IDPs and the fishermen.

### Project objective

This project contributed to provide treatment to cholera patients, provide a WASH and sanitation infrastructure, supply of relief food and NFIs to vulnerable households in Nyal.

### Project beneficiaries

Direct beneficiaries of this project are the vulnerable IDPs households and other vulnerable members of Nyal population.

### Project activities

- Health education awareness for cholera and WASH-related diseases
- Identification and registration of targeted vulnerable households for distribution of supplementary food
- Provision of medical treatment to cholera and related waterborne diarrheal diseases
- Trigger hand washing points in strategic places e.g. PHCC, learning centres, markets, churches e.t.c.
- Sensitization of population on standard hygiene promotion, and utilize available resources for construction of basic latrines
- Distribution of soap, chlorine, and jerry cans/plastic buckets for storage of drinking water



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## Logistics

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Like many other years, Sign of Hope had to purchase a wide range of items that are critical for the running of the projects and administration of Sign of Hope in various parts of the region where it is implementing its projects.

Within the reporting year of October 2016 to September 2017, Sign of Hope procured and transported total of assorted items of 137,075 Kg, a bulk of these items, 135,561 kg, were transported by road while just 1,514 kg of the total items transported within the financial year were by air. These items are in the category of medical items, emergency food responses and other consumables such as the nutrition products.

### **Challenges**

Major challenges faced by Sign of Hope in implementing its projects in the region are unreliability of road connectivity and insecurity in some countries such as in South Sudan where there is an on-going conflict between

the government and the rebel forces. Inter-communal conflicts are also other obstacles as they disrupt the transportation of vital items to project sites.

### **Achievements**

Despite mounting challenges in transport connectivity and insecurity, Sign of Hope continued to guarantee the constant supply of essential items to all sites where it implemented projects.





# Financial statement

Grant Distribution and Regional Office Expenditure for Sign of Hope Central – Eastern Africa Region projects by country for the Financial Year Oct 2016 – September 2017

Description	AFRICA DEPARTMENT	DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION	EMERGENCY RELIEF	DISASTER RELIEF	
	Amount (USD)	Amount (USD)	Amount (USD)	Amount (USD)	
<b>Ethiopia</b>	106.207,20	60.015,52	110.347,69	81.137,46	
<b>Northern Kenya*</b>	179.055,08	0	23.637,00	27.551,59	
<b>South Sudan</b>	353.527,59	130.769,02	260.021,25	115.096,67	
<b>Uganda</b>	86.735,88	160.911,13	0	0	
<b>Nairobi Regional Office</b>	197.346,99	n/a	n/a	n/a	
					Grand Total
<b>Total</b>	922.872,74	351.695,67	394.005,94	223.785,72	1.892.360,06

\* Includes support of USD 23,637 to S Sudanese refugees provided in Kenya

\* Africa Department includes partner project grants only for Ethiopia, Northern Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda

Sign of Hope Africa Department Expenditure by Expense Category for the Financial Year Oct 2016 – September 2017

Description	AFRICA DEPARTMENT
	Amount (USD)
Grants	764.365,37
Salaries and Travelling + Food Allowances	365.965,26
Medicine and Medical Materials	48.596,27
Nutrition Food	56.355,26
Relief Supplies	30.840,08
Transport	55.313,81
Rent, Maintenance and Repairs buildings	13.759,40
Camp running cost	1.957,63
Consultancies and Assesements	10.997,00
Others	21.619,92
<b>Total</b>	1.369.770,01

Thank you!





*„Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least  
of my brothers, you did it to me.“*

*Matthew 25,40*



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