



Construction of Aweil Health Science Institute in South Sudan

Training a new generation of healthcare workers

Country

South Sudan

Population

Northern Bahr- El Ghazal
State Capital- Aweil

Duration

2022

Donors

United Nations Mission
in South Sudan

Background

Despite the signing of the peace agreement in September 2018, South Sudan remains a fragile and volatile country. The humanitarian crisis has had devastating effects on the health of the population as livelihoods have been left devastated and populations displaced. The country has among the highest levels of maternal and infant mortality rates in the world – 1,150 per 100,000 births and 98 per 1,000 births respectively ([UNICEF](#)). These figures are greatly associated to a lack of trained health personnel to support the existing health infrastructure, in addition to inadequate equipment, medical drugs and supplies in the health facilities. There is a limited number of training institutions country-wide available to prospective health workers, and to enhance the skill and knowledge of health professionals particularly in rural health facilities.

Project objectives

The project will establish a permanent health science institute in Aweil Municipality, creating a conducive learning environment for the training of skilled healthcare professionals.

An immediate 500 post-secondary school students will benefit from an opportunity to train in the institute, increasing the number of trained healthcare workers serving the entire 1,167,141 population of the state. This will contribute to reducing maternal and infant mortality rates since specialised healthcare workers will be providing maternal and child health services

By promoting women's and girls' education, the health science institute will aim to reduce gender disparities within healthcare by admitting considerable number of qualified girls for existing courses.

Activities

Construction will begin in mid 2022 and will be completed within six months.

Local contractors and builders will be hired providing work for many individuals in the municipality.

Once construction is complete, the hiring of trainers and implementation of the training programme will be continued by the UN Mission.

Past projects

In 2014, HealthNet TPO carried out the construction of a maternity ward in Gok Macar primary healthcare centre.

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