

Marching against GBV

(South Sudan in the News!)



On 21st November SDMIC South Sudan inaugurated the new counselling centre at Mangateen Camp in Juba. The construction of the centre was supported by **NCA - Norwegian Church Aid** who also provided the office furniture.

NCA works with people and organisations around the world in their struggle to eradicate poverty and injustice. NCA invests over US \$120 Million annually for development work around the world. NCA is one of our key donors as well as partner in our fight against Gender Based Violence in South Sudan.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is a major problem affecting young women; girls and children in South Sudan. The repeated conflicts have worsened the situation exposing women and young girls to various forms of exploitation; physical abuses, domestic violence, early and forced marriage and sexual assaults. The internal conflicts have already made thousands leave their homes and communities and take refuge in the UN camps. Unfortunately, outbreak of hostilities on ethnic differences inside the UN camps have further forced many to displace and relocate outside the UN camps at a place called Mangateen.



The situation in Mangateen is volatile and violence against women and children continues to surface. The culture of silence prevalent among the victims make it hard to address the issue. Through our initiatives we want every GBV survivor, potential victims and the local community to speak out and avail medical and counselling services and thereby we envisage to rebuild their lives and their dignity.

We have appointed a team of community counsellors to identify the traumatized and needy victims through community informal consultative process and monitoring.

The newly built Counselling centre would facilitate the process of intensive counselling to the individual survivors and help them reintegrate with their families and community to live a normal and decent life.

“Violence Against Women is perhaps the most shameful human rights violation and it is perhaps the most pervasive. It knows no boundaries of geography or culture or wealth. As long as it continues, we cannot claim to be making real progress towards Equality, Development and Peace” - Kofi Annan.