

Spring of Peace



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Towards Peace & Coexistence

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In conflict areas worldwide local people are building peaces, stopping violence, saving lives, healing shattered communities. Local peace builders are making a real difference in the world's most difficult and dangerous situations and conflicts. **Every day they risk their lives to build peace** and prevent conflict in the places where it starts – locally. These local heroes can work in places where outsiders can't reach. And stay long after the immediate danger has passed. They work tirelessly for the future of their country because it is their home to where they would like to bring transformation of lives. Local people have the power to find their own solutions to conflict – and to build their own better futures. **Together we can make this happen. South Sudan children and women enjoy the happiness and freedom from conflict situations through our awareness programs and activities.**

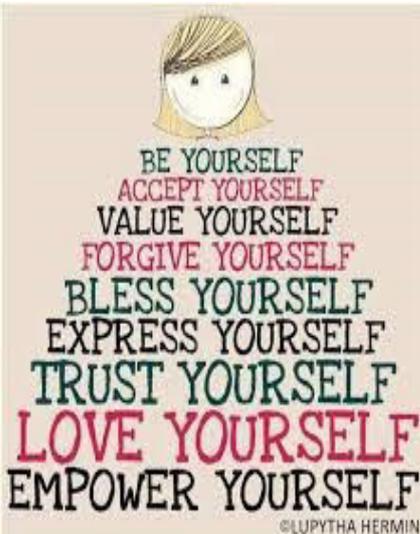
Women Empowerment Programs

Promotion of Agriculture Activity:



Women were motivated to do agriculture forming as a group and they have achieved from the harvesting of nuts in the planted field. They were happy when they removed and harvested the grown nuts from the land and thanked DMI for its support and trainings provided on various corps plantation. They were also motivated to do the group activity of cultivating vegetables to support their

family economically and feed the nutrias food for the members in the family.



Distribution of Agriculture Seeds & Tools:

DMI has distributed twelve treadle form and 175 Maloda in three payam women groups to create the vegetable garden and cultivate more vegetables with the help of the state agriculture department. 53 families benefitted from this program.



FAO visit to Agriculture Development Program



Mrs. Regina from FAO visited 20 beneficiaries in Gogrial and Alek. She conducted interview with them about the agriculture program support of crops and tools, which they received through DMI from FAO. All beneficiaries very positively shared that this program was very much supportive and helpful to every one of them and they were able to cultivate more and be able to support their family. All family members are happy and expressed their gratitude to FAO and DMI for this great support.

On 16th Sep'15, DMI has conducted Leadership training program for 30 women leaders at Mouna village. All women participated very actively and expressed their group problems. They have learnt about the leadership skills during the training. Group leaders were motivated and assisted with

Training on Leadership:



State Level Federation meeting for leaders :



On 5th Sep'15, DMI sisters conducted State Level Federation meeting for all Leaders of SHG's at Gurei. All the leaders of the group presented and discussed about the development of all the villages through Group meeting, Training and women business. More than 90 women leaders participated this meeting. They decided to strengthen the village Level federation with the orientation on leadership training. They also expressed about benefit of Food security program.

Cultivating habit of Savings for Economical changes...

Internal conflicts push women and children frequently to flee from location to location. This stops all growth and development. But, the sisters and staff of DMI take extra step to motivate women and children to reform the group with special reinforcement and direction on saving, micro-credit program and training on capacity building. Sr. Amala, the cluster coordinator, Sr. Suja and filed staff Mrs. Jenty visited the location on 14th Sep'15 and provided the training and strengthened women and children. More than 60 women gathered and participated and showed their interest on the same for the bright future of children.



Food Security program:



DMI is happy with the way of empowering women with promoting various developmental activities. In Luri, women harvested groundnuts and many other crops through their hard work and commitment in spite of no rain. Their hard work produced very good results during harvesting and benefitted more out of it. They were all very much thankful to sisters for their support. They have harvested more than 15,000 Kilos in cluster one area. Other crops like cow peas, tomato also resulted in positive way.

Awareness Programs on Health and Women's Issues

Health Care Programs :

On 19th Sep'15, DMI has organized a free medical camp with the coordination of local Doctors from Gurie Health Center. As says going "prevention is better than cure", Sr. Dr. Paschel has intrude the gathering with her orientation talk on preventing oneself from various sickness. More than 350 women and men with children registered for different sickness. The chief of Gurei area has inaugurated the medical camp by his effective talk of encouragement. It was noticed that more old people and poor people benefitted from this Medical camp.

Preventing women from prone to illness & supporting the Elderly Persons:

Awareness program on 'water borne disease' has been organized for women and children in UN House Camp at poc-3 on 14th of Sep'15. 100 Pregnant women and 150 Lactating mothers were actively participated in this program and gained the knowledge on the prevention from Malaria and Cholera. The program has been concluded with final prayer and at the end of the program they were provided mosquito nets to prevent them from mosquito bites through which Malaria spreads. DMI has provided basic items to the elderly persons around 250 persons benefitted.



Formation of PRC group & Distribution of Non-food items:



Women have the capacity to build a strong nation with their abilities. To capacitate women DMI has formed 6 new Peace and Reconciliation (PRC) committees in UN House Camp on 15th Sep'15 to take courage to be responsible to promote peace in the community as well in the country. They were motivated by Sr. Paschal and other staff to bring peace among themselves in order to spread the same within their vicinity. At the same time, sisters have distributed the following items to women such as women wrapper, Blanket, Mat and Radio to the beneficiaries namely, pregnant women and lactating mothers and children .They were happy to receive it.

Awareness Programs

Stop Violence against Women...

On 24th Sep'15, Sr. Amala Francis, DMI staff Jenty, Sr. Sebi organized training program for SHG women on Gender Based Violence. During this program, women openly talk about the domestic violence against women. Sr. Amala pointed out that to prevent and protect women, they should act together and should work on it as a team. As a conclusion, some women involving in making alcohol, promised to leave after finding small business within three months at the villages of Gurie and Gudele.



Peace & Reconciliation Awareness Workshop:



DMI organized peace & reconciliation workshop for 658 people from nine boma's of gogrial payam in this month. Mr. Peter Jok and Mr. Bona Dau Dau were the resource persons and they enlightened the gathering to work for unity and peace. The same event was organized also for PRC members in 10 boma's of Gogrial payam. Out of 120 persons 112 were participated. Sr. Rengis and Mr. Bona Dau Dau were the resource persons.

They enlightened the participants through peace building and conflict resolution guidelines and principles. Mr. Madut malual from NCA has also participated in workshop and had interacted with the two members to test their knowledge gained from this program. People responded well and involved actively to carry forward whatever they have learnt from this event.



World Peace Day Celebration (Gogrial):

DMI has organized World peace Day Celebration on 23rd Sep-2015 in Gogrial Payam together with chief guests of His Excellency Akec Tong Aleu- Governor of Warrap State, Deputy Governor Hon. Abraham Gum, and Hon. Majok Bol Kur – Minister for Agriculture, Hon. Paul Dhel Gum- Minister for Information and Communication, Hon. Mathew Makuac Aru Luac – Commissnor for Gogrial West county, Mr. Robert Mathew Ngori- NCA Area Manager- Alek, and Mr. Madut Malual – NCA Program. There was freedom Square with rally and other programs were performed by children in church compound. More than 1300 people participated from 10 boma's of Gogrial payam. The program has emphasized that the peace would give lasting meaningful life to each and everyone.



Children Empowerment Activities

Share your Joy with Poor.....

“It is poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish -Mother Teresa.

On 21st Sep’15, DMI has organized a meeting with the orphan, and semi orphan children and provided study materials and nonfood items like blanket, mosquito nets, sleeping mats and other communication materials to 100 children. They also participated in drawing competition and proved their individual skills.



Sports Competition for children



To empower the children in different activities, DMI has conducted the football competition between Mauna and St. Peter children parliaments. With lot of enthusiasm, children participated well and finally St. Peter’s children group won the cup. Since it was as a healthy competition, children also found new friends from this competition. Sr. Amala, the national coordinator encouraged the children by distributing prizes to the winners.

Community School



Education is a key to development, today in villages, children are forced to become street children by their parents. So education is being neglected for them. Though poverty is the cause of all evil, parents are not taking efforts to send their children to school. And therefore, DMI started community schools in different locations and provided basic education in a play way method. In three centers, 350 children are enrolled and benefiting.



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Cultural Events – Children from Mother Virgin Nursery School: Children from the Nursery School performed the cultural events during the World peace Day Celebration on 23rd of Sep’15. All the chief guest who witnessed the program appreciated children and motivated them to continue the same spirit till they complete schooling.

Case Study



My name is Benedita Joseph and I was living in khartoon. After the war I came to juba. God has blessed me with 9 children; four died and remaining children are 3 girls and 2 boys. My husband died in the year 2012, of high blood pressure. After that, I was left alone with my children and I became a widow. There was nobody to help me. So I was suffering a lot and not to run my family. At that time, I come to know about DMI SHG and I joined in a group. I

have attended so many skill trainings and I enhanced my knowledge and skills on entrepreneurship program to start a business. By saving the money I got loan and I received seeds, tools through food security program from DMI. I planted the seeds and harvested plenty and started selling the same vegetables as a kind of business, particularly onion, okra, cow peas, and greens. I am earning 200 ssp per week and I am very happy with this money. I've improved a lot and I thank DMI sisters who brought this in my family to say that from darkness to light of new life. I thank God, because He answered my prayers through DMI sisters. Hence, I request DMI sisters to keep on supporting, encouraging and empowering the rural and poor women in south Sudan with various developmental activities.

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