

WORLD GARDENING REPORT

9th District Board Meeting & President's Luncheon

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Water for South Sudan has been an advocate for the people of South Sudan since its founding in 2003, and they continue to assist in the development of the world's newest nation. Since they began drilling water wells in 2005, they have never wavered from their mission: to deliver direct, transformative and sustainable quality-of-life service to the people of South Sudan by efficiently providing access to clean, safe water and improving hygiene and sanitation practices in areas of great need.

Their grassroots development work starts with access to fresh water, and now includes hygiene education and sanitation services, which all help bring greater health and stability to those they serve. With these efforts, they strive to help the South Sudanese people become more capable of determining the work to help the first steps of development, they also aim to help their team members in South Sudan develop, following the lead of their Founder, Salva Dut.

They join the world in supporting a peaceful resolution to the unrest in South Sudan. They also join the world in condemning corruption at all levels in the country.

As the 2016 drilling season comes to a close, Water for South Sudan continues to make a significant impact in the lives of hundreds of thousands of South Sudanese with a **new total of 283** wells drilled since 2005. As of March, 16 villages received new wells and hygiene education (the Hygiene team looks to develop a pilot sanitation project) and 20 wells were repaired with new concrete platforms and fencing. The 2015 Well Evaluation Survey helped shape the 2016 Planning and Drilling Operation Improvements.

As more wells are drilled in South Sudan, the total number of people served by each well has begun to decrease. This is an important quality of life issue. Earlier wells may have served 3,000 people, now new wells, this past season, average under 1,000 people per well. As more people have access to more wells, they also can begin to use water for more uses, including gardening and farming.

The number of wells drilled has increased from 275 to 283. Thank you for your generous support and continued commitment of this worthy World Gardening Project in South Sudan.

Merle Huebner
Chairman
World Gardening, 9th District FGCNYS

WFSS Team Safe. Planning for 2016-17 Season

The WFSS staff and Board of Directors in Rochester, New York, is in daily contact with our South Sudan team. Our team has been busy planning for the 2016-17 season. The Leadership Team in Wau, along with WFSS Founder Salva Dut, continually monitor the situation in their immediate area, and in the entire country, and all agree that we should continue our programs in South Sudan. Our teams have proper security measures in place and continually work to ensure the safety of all team members and our entire operations center.

WFSS is grateful to all who enable our work. Thanks to the generosity of our ever growing donor base, with supporters now in all 50 US states and 33 other countries, we are poised to continue the work that has impacted more than 300,000 people since 2005.