



Water for Sudan, Inc. improves people's lives and health in Southern Sudan by drilling wells to provide safe drinking water

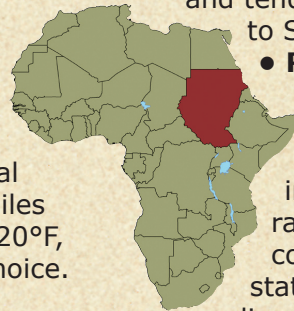


The Need

Every day hundreds of thousands of people in Southern Sudan's remote villages drink water contaminated with deadly parasites and bacteria that cause cholera and other often-fatal diseases. They spend hours walking miles in temperatures that can reach over 120°F, just to get that water. They have no choice.

Our Mission

Water for Sudan, Inc. drills water wells in Southern Sudan, one of the world's poorest regions. As of May 2009, Water for Sudan has successfully drilled 43 wells bringing clean, fresh water to tens of thousands of people, transforming life in their villages.



Safe Water's Impact

Our mission aligns with and acts on the United Nations' *Millennium Development Goals* for Africa.

- **Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger**

A safe water well improves the basic health of a village. Improved health means people have increased capacity to farm and tend livestock, both essential to Southern Sudanese life.

- **Reduce child mortality**

According to The World Factbook, Sudan has one of the highest infant and child mortality rates in the world. Major contributors to those statistics are water-borne diseases, such as cholera and diarrhea.

- **Achieve universal primary education**

Year-round access to safe, clean water means healthier children, especially girls, can consistently attend school.

- **Improve maternal health**

Clean water means women experience healthier pregnancies through improved personal hygiene, more sanitary delivery spaces, and safe drinking water. They're freed from walking miles carrying heavy loads of contaminated water.

- **Combat malaria and water-borne diseases**

Clean water reduces people's vulnerability to infection causing parasites such as guinea worm and schistosomes, and eliminates bacteria which cause often-fatal diseases such as diarrhea and cholera.



- **Promote gender equality and empower women**

Water wells mean those who gather water daily, usually women and girls, no longer have to walk miles. They can consistently attend school or do other work which improves their livelihoods.

- **Establish a global partnership for development to enable community stability**

With a village well, people no longer need to migrate seasonally in search of water. A basic Water for Sudan operating principle is that the people we serve are partners in well building. They become the owners and caretakers of the well which is a community utility. Local leaders are trained by Water for Sudan in basic maintenance and supplied with spare parts.



About Salva Dut, our founder

Salva Dut is president of Water for Sudan, Inc. He is one of the "Lost Boys of Sudan" who fled the war-torn southern regions of Sudan, Africa's largest country by size of territory.

The "Lost Boys" were among the millions who fled or died during Sudan's twenty-one year civil war which ended in 2005.

Relocated to the US, he is now a US citizen based in Rochester, N.Y., where he is completing his Bachelor's degree in International Development.

Each year from June to October, Salva does speaking engagements to educate audiences about Southern Sudan and raise funds to finance the drilling of wells there. He then leads the organization's annual drilling operations in Southern Sudan during the region's dry season which is the only time drilling can take place.



About Water for Sudan, Inc.

Water for Sudan, Inc. (WFS) was organized in 2003 as a US 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation based in Rochester, New York USA



Government Authorizations

Water for Sudan, Inc. is authorized and registered by the:

- U.S. Treasury Department to conduct humanitarian activities in Sudan
- Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS)
- Southern Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission
- GOSS Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development

Contributions from individuals, faith-based groups, civic and service organizations, schools, corporations and foundations enable our humanitarian work.

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Would you drink this water?



What if you had no choice?