



SUDAN & SOUTH SUDAN UPDATE

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The Society in **Sudan** is going through some difficult times for many reasons. The work of our 148 twins continues and they are faced with large numbers returning to the IDP camps around Khartoum from the fighting in South Sudan as well as those coming from Eritrea. The Conferences respond to their many challenges, assisting widows, orphans, disabled, blind and the elderly with clothes, food, money, medicine, shoes, soaps, blankets and plastic sheets as well as giving counselling and encouragement.

In Khartoum the major projects of Baby Feeding, Medical Clinics and Water Distribution carry on and desperately need our on-going support. Most of the homes for street children have had to close but there are still around 20 children for whom they can find no family.

The outbreak of the civil conflict in **South Sudan** which started in December 2013 is adding greatly to the work of our members. We have 29 twinned conferences which are mainly in and around the capital, Juba. Their regular work is mainly in attending to the elderly disabled widows and orphans. The phrase "war widows" is used as so many were killed in the long running North/South conflict and there are many grandparents struggling to bring up their orphaned grandchildren.

The work of the Lullugu Vocational Training Centre in Juba is continuing to give young people a future. 97,200 meals each year are being provided for Baby Feeding and other services continue. The civil conflict is also creating major additional needs with our members providing regular supplies of 50kg maize, 30kg beans, 5 litres of oil plus salt and soap for 2,200 households every month giving sustenance for 12,000 people

Our Disaster relief work sent a total of £18,100 to assist our members in Juba (South Sudan) provide regular food supplies to refugees displaced by the fighting in their country and a further £11,419 to Uganda (for the refugee relief work with displaced South Sudanese).

In the last year 2014-15 our Sudan appeal funded medical treatment for over 27,000 people, clean water for 30,000 people in the desert area around Khartoum, regular meals for 4,000 as part of the Baby Feeding programme. We've provided homes for 25 street children in Khartoum and vocational training for over 400 young people at the Lullugu Centre in Juba.

It costs:

£1 a week to feed a baby.

£1 for a medical consultation and treatment for life threatening illnesses such as malaria.

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.