

# **Fact Sheet**

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## Providing clean water to thousands in South Sudan

Goal: US \$ 36,000 (C \$ 44,000)

## The project

The Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada (AFDFC) is partnering with the <u>Diocese of Wau</u>, South Sudan to bring clean, secure water to people with little access to uncontaminated

water. We are raising funds to drill three borehole water wells which will benefit at least 7500 people.



In the Wau region, the people often struggle for access to clean drinking water because the area is semi-desert and experiences droughts. Women and children can spend hours collecting water for their families, sometimes travelling long distances especially during the dry seasons. During the rainy season water is often contaminated.

#### The need

**South Sudan** is the world's newest nation and among the poorest due to decades of war which destroyed millions of lives and virtually all the infrastructure.

Geographically, the country is about the size of France, but with only 11 million people – 51 per cent of whom are under the age of 18 years. Since 2011, the population has grown dramatically

as refugees have returned following South Sudan's independence.

Needs are overwhelming. The literacy rate for those 15 and older, for example, is only 27 per cent – only 16 per cent for women.

### Our project partners

ARDFC is partnering on this project with the <u>Diocese of Wau</u> in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan under the leadership of Bishop Moses Deng Bol, as well as with the Christian Action for Relief and Development (*ECSS-CARD*). The diocese has a population of approximately 1.3 million people.



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## How to support the work of ARDFC

Donations to ARDFC can be made:

- Through your parish
- Online using the secure Canada Helps website. See: <a href="https://www.ardfc.ca/donate.htm">www.ardfc.ca/donate.htm</a>
- By sending your cheque to: ARDFC Box 1013 Burlington, ON L7R 4L8

#### **Endorsement**

"I wholeheartedly support the sponsorship of the ECSS-CARD project to drill three boreholes in Warrap state. Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust has worked alongside Bishop Moses for several years...The programs are phenomenally effective in engaging the community and having a lasting impact. Furthermore, I can attest to the meticulous accountability of Bishop Moses. The work of ECSS-CARD has impressed me and my colleagues so much." ~ Baroness Caroline Cox, founder & CEO, Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust, United Kingdom

