Water for South Sudan

Mission
Deliver sustainable quality-of-life services to and with the people of South Sudan by efficiently providing access to clean, safe water, and improving hygiene and sanitation practices in areas of great need.

“Making our wells more sustainable ensures a continued and reliable source of water.”
~ Salva Dut, WFSS Founder and Senior Strategy Director

Well Rehabilitation
WFSS returns to villages where wells were previously drilled to upgrade and repair the cement platforms around the wells. The original sponsors’ names are then etched into the new platforms – including yours!

After careful study of our well design and process, WFSS upgraded our well design and process, including adding a longer cement channel that leads water run-off away from the pump into an animal drinking trough, far away from the pump.

WFSS also suggests that villagers create fencing around the well to protect the well platform and keep animals away. Fencing also helps ensure the water supply does not become contaminated by animal waste.
Project Background

In 2017, WFSS conducted an evaluation of 80 of our older wells. All of the wells were still operating but the evaluation found erosion and cracking in the cement platforms around the wells.

The team learned that over the years many of the wells had broken down, but repairs were able to be made in a matter of days due to WFSS’s process and training.

In response to the well evaluation, the WFSS operations team studied our well design and process. They upgraded the well design and developed a more robust cement process to strengthen the platforms.

The wells we drill become the property of the village. WFSS trains villagers to manage the wells and instructs them in making minor repairs. The team leaves behind spare parts and connects villages to supply chains through county governments.

“Before there was a well in our village, only four students attended school. Now there are 26 students, including 9 girls.”

~Yar, Boul Village

“WFSS receives many requests from people asking us to repair their well drilled by another organization. We are always happy to assist villagers who approach us for help at our compound or when we’re traveling.”

~Ajang “AJ” Agok
WFSS Country Director

“My life was full of waterborne illnesses like Guinea worm disease, cholera, and typhoid. WFSS helped us with clean water, hygiene education, and well maintenance training.”

~Akol, Aker-Alter Village

Will you help keep water flowing in South Sudan?

Villages that have come to rely on a nearby source of clean water grow and develop, providing opportunities for children to attend school and women to start small businesses. The cost to rehab your well is $3,000. Please consider supporting this important project by making a donation today. Any amount will help ensure clean water is available for years to come.

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Thank you for watering the seeds of change in South Sudan!