



New Sudan Jonglei Orphans Foundation Inc.

ASSESSMENT CARRIED OUT ON 14TH- 16TH JANUARY, 2013 FOR TRAUMATIZED ORPHAN CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS WERE KILLED DURING TRIBAL CLASHES IN PIERI PAYAM IN JONGLEI STATE IN 18TH AUGUST 2011.

INTRODUCTION

On 18th August 2011, the tribal clashes occurred in Pieri payam in Jonglei state-South Sudan leaving over 640 people dead and more than 170 orphan children were left with nobody looking after them. The South Sudan Presbyterian evangelical church became a Good Samaritan and offered their compound as orphan children's trauma and healing center to give them spiritual hope to relieve the children from post trauma stress disorders. The center also gives them food with the help from world food program and other nongovernmental organizations such as NSJOF. The center accommodate 170 orphans both boys and girls. It was on 14th January 2013, when the New Sudan Jonglei Orphans Foundation's coordinator visited the center and met the center manager Mr. Peter Yien Reath who narrated the whole story to NSJOF.

The assessment was made by the NSJOF and found that most of the children have no basic needs such as clothing, inadequate rooms (children sleep in triple dickers) and most of them walk bar footed. Following the assessment, the NSJOF offered 61 clothes which were brought from USA by the founder/president of the NSJOF, Peter Garang Deng. The distribution was done on 16th January 2013 by NSJOF's coordinator Abraham Chiek with the help of center manager Mr. Peter Yien and Jonglei state inspector of primary education Mr. Ajak Lukuach.

These are some of the photos taken from the center during the assessment and the distribution of clothes. The orphan children were excited and some of them immediately dressed on new clothes and line up to take the photos with the NSJOF coordinator as you can see in the photo.



NSJOF Coordinator with orphans in new clothes.



Center manager with orphans in new clothes.



NSJOF Coordinator Abraham Chiek distributing clothes



NSJOF founder, Peter Garang Deng, during his visit to South Sudan in 2012, he initiated program within NSJOF title as *Because I am an Orphan*. NSJOF Initiative: **Because I am an Orphan**, I need your help, was initiated by Peter Garang Deng and it focus is to help NSJOF orphans on waiting list and the ones in the center like this one that you see above with basic needs such as clothes, shoes and food while they wait for their chance to be sponsor to school when fund become available. There was 170 orphans and NSJOF has 61 clothes only to give, out of 170 only 61 orphans got clothes and the rest were promise that they will be the next in line in the future to receive any gift either clothes or shoes. Both the ones who got clothes and ones that didn't were all filled-up with joy as you can see in the pictures. "This is the great day of my life." Said, the young boy in the circle holding his red t-shirt while running back into the line with so much excitement. NSJOF Initiative: *Because I am an Orphan* is proven to be a great program and NSJOF founder Peter Garang Deng will officially launched it in February 15th, 2013 in USA and NSJOF here in Jonglei will launched this program with official campaign in July at the time of independent day of South Sudan. During this time of launching NSJOF will print t-shirts in Kampala, Uganda and the word written "**Because I am an Orphan,**" I need your help. This will be done when the founder is back to Jonglei so that he can address Jonglei people.

NSJOF work in the first three years has got a lot credits from people working with government, people in the education system and local communities. NSJOF is now view as young organization that is making great change at every high speed.

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