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## FOREWORD



*PHOTO: Emeritus Bishop of the African Inland Church Dr. Arkanjelo Wani Lemi, Bishop James Lagos Alexandar, the Presiding Bishop of African Inland Church, His Grace Dr. Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla the Metropolitan Archbishop of Catholic Diocese of Juba and SSCC General Secretary Fr. James Oyet during a visit to Lolongo Pri. School in EES.*

Greetings to you, my brothers, and sisters. Welcome to the New Year, as the first edition of the South Sudan Council of churches NEWSLETTERS; I wish you a Happy New Year. May the almighty Lord see you through this year. Like any other year, this year came with its challenges, God's test for humankind to remind faithful and never give up on prayers. We are very glad and honored that this first edition comes during the lent season.

The Lent Season allows us to rebrand ourselves as children of God, and we are constantly reminded to change our mindsets. Let us fast from hurting words, anger, sadness, and say kind words, be filled with gratitude and patience. We are reminded that goodness, together with love, justice, and solidarity are not achieved once and for all: they must be realized each day and that we should never get tired of praying.

Reflecting on Galatians 6:9-10, "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest if we do not give up" - Pope Francis said, the kind of conversion that Lent calls us to is what we are summoned to every day. Lent is, in some way, an image of life itself. Part of this conversion is the willingness to sow goodness in the life of others: even when we do not see the fruits of what we sow, no act of love, no matter how small, will be lost in the eyes of God. Be Kind and reflect on what God has to offer.



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However, much of South Sudan did not return to the civil war that erupted in December 2013. It has witnessed several inter-communal fights often triggered by cattle raids, land grabbing, and child abduction, heightened by ethnic tension and revenge attacks. From mid-last year these communal and inter-communal conflicts have intensified in most parts of South Sudan, from May last year till recent in Western Equatorial State involving the Azanda and the Balanda. Warrap state involving Tonj North and Tonj East, local farmers and Cattle keepers in Eastern Equatoria in Magwi and the Toposa and Buya, cycle communal that includes the Dinka, Murle, and the Lou. Upper Nile conflict between the Dinka Apadang, Shilluk and the Lou, Abyei, and Ruweng. These communal and inter-communal conflicts call for government, civil society, community leaders, church, and stakeholders' intervention.

#### **REFLECTION AND UPDATES ON THE R-ARCSS PER THE ELECTIONS.**

Progress in implementing the R-ARCSS has been slow and inconsistent. The entire implementation process is behind schedule by the exact amount of time spent on the Transitional Period. For example, the Transitional Security Arrangements in Chapter II were supposed to have been accomplished in the Pre- Transitional Period while the term of the Revitalized Transitional National Legislative Assembly should have started concurrently with that of RTGoNU Executive. This presents a considerable knock-on effect on implementing the mandates of the security and legislative institutions in support of the peace implementation over this period. SSCC continues to conduct shuttle diplomacy and advocate for the acceleration of the R-ARCSS. The question of elections remains unanswered and uncertain as requirements for holding a free and fair election are still inefficient. We need to prepare the ground for elections regardless through advocacy on the election law and conduct civic education to the citizens with support from peace partners. Elections can be used as a tool to build peace and call for good governance.

The Council of Churches urges the actors responsible for implementing the R-ARCSS to act faster and work harder for the process to speed up. This ensures a peaceful coexistence and serves as the government's contribution to the core objectives of Peace, Stability, and security in South Sudan. The advocacy for a wave of sustainable peace, reconciliation, and forgiveness throughout South Sudan will be continued.

We urge all the stakeholders and actors of peace to continue to advocate for a wave of sustainable peace, reconciliation, and forgiveness throughout South Sudan. It is our responsibility to ask and work for a peaceful country. Through the Action Plan for Peace, we believe and pray for the safety of every individual in South Sudan. May this Lent Season bring about a change of mind to you and your family.

**Fr. JAMES OYET LATANSIO**  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**  
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#### 16DAYS OF ACTIVISM 2021

Commemorated under that theme ORANGE THE WORLD: END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, the South Sudan Council of Churches, in partnership with KAIROS, joined the world and echoed its voice in advocating for the rights of women by raising awareness against gender-based violence and in the fight against gender-based violence. Under the theme 'Don't my brother....., don't do this wicked thing!' Samuel 13:12.

This international campaign is aimed to end Gender-Based Violence by 2030. The UN 2030 Agenda envisages "a world of universal respect for human rights and human dignity, the rule of law, justice, equality, and non-discrimination." Goal Number 5 emphasizes the importance of gender equality. The 2021 16days of Activism marked 30 years since the campaign's initiation in 1991. The yellow color chosen for the commemoration symbolizes the bright future free of violence and is used as a sign to eliminate violence against women. This campaign calls for the world to take action and play a role in their communities by standing against violence against women and girls.

Under the Advocacy Pillar-Action Plan for Peace (APP) under the objective "create a conducive environment for peace, reconciliation and good governance." SSCC mobilized young women and men to create public awareness through radio talk shows on the fight to eliminate violence against women and girls in South Sudan and commemorated on a day event in Juba Christian Centre. Used as a platform for advocacy and passing messages on the elimination of Gender-Based Violence against women and girls; women graced this annual event with men and children of faith, youth & women peace committees, civil society, community leaders, clergy, government officials and representatives of the international community (Diplomatic corps from Embassy of Canada represented by Mr. Eric Crompton Vice-Consul – Embassy of Canada). A total of 341 people (299 female and 42 male) attended.

Sharing her experience, Rev. Paska Aciya Nimiriano said she was raped by a neighbor at the age five and didn't dare to talk about it publicly till 2017. "I am healed inside and can now use my experience, in any event, to let other sisters come out and break the silence of violence and sexual abuse," she lamented.

"We should embrace a Zero -tolerance culture that says big NO to gender-based violence, NO to Sexual Harassment, NO to domestic violence, No to sexual exploitation and any form of abuse." Said SSCC Youth of faith. Let's reclaim the most cherished values as Africans, and We should be our sisters' keepers. This event encouraged the attendees to build confidence, resilience and strength, autonomy in dealing with the issues surrounding GBV. They (attendees) expressed hope for a better society if we all eradicate negative attitudes and behaviors. Furthermore, the Women Link pledged to wear black on Thursday, joining the global campaign in speaking up for rape survivors and victims.



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#### PICTORIAL FROM THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM



#### PICTORIAL ORIENTATION MEETING ON COUNSELING AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT.



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#### ORIENTATION MEETING ON COUNSELING AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Since the civil war erupted in 2013, millions of South Sudanese have gone through Gender-Based Violence, but often not talked about, aided with Covid 19 were victims, and survivors live with their perpetrators.

Aligned under our advocacy pillar: Action Plan for Peace (APP) under sub-objective “Create a conducive environment for peace, reconciliation and good governance that facilitates community cohesion and restoration” and with a critical message taken from 2 Samuel 13:12, “Don’t my brother...., don’t do this wicked thing”! In partnership with KAIROS, the South Sudan Council of Churches organized a day orientation meeting on counseling and psychosocial support.

The biblical quote from 2 Samuel 13:12 was chosen to create and raise awareness on GBV and encourage churches to speak out against GBV to create a safe space for women, girls, boys, and men to talk about GBV. The one-day community-focused activity aimed at increasing awareness-raising for better S/GBV prevention and response; this orientation meeting brought in female survivors from nine community zones, namely Gumbo, Sherikat, Kator, Nyokuron West, Nyokuron East, Hai El Jebel. Rock City, Gudele One, Lemon Gaba, Gueri Jopari, and 107.

As many GBV survivors remain in constant fear and stigma and are often silenced, the long-lasting psychological effect on survivors has always led to anxiety, depression, low self-esteem and may result in many diseases. Still, God’s word is full of comfort, direction, reassurance, and healing, especially for survivors, mediating on some contextual scripture raised HOPE of survivors.

The one-day orientation training/meeting is an awakening event to engage survivors in identifying risks and concerns about Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in their families and various communities. There was experience sharing narration, exercises basically aimed to create a conducive environment of HEALING and FORGIVENESS. Its main objective was to enable survivors to understand their fundamental rights, knowledgeable on the coping mechanism, resilient, build self-confidence and trust by exemplifying the concepts, causes, effects, and impact of the gender-based violence, sanitizing them on the types of power- theory of change, enable survivors to realize that they can still be actors in their families and communities despite of their violated rights.

The participants elaborated and highlighted on the consequences of physical violence causing pain, injury, damage, death, poverty, stress, weakness, and shame: Sex Violence consequence causing unwanted pregnancies, contracting HIV/AIDs, bareness, disability caused by paralysis on legs, especially for young girls, abortion, shame, finger-pointing and gossip resulting to TRAUMA: Economic resulting to poverty, lack of support for children’s education, unstable income, increase in streets children due to lack of feeding, drug abuse coupled with emotional violence that leads to disability, hypertension, diabetic, suicide, fear in the community, failure to cope up with life and self-isolation.

This meeting encouraged survivors to build confidence, resilience and strength, autonomy in dealing with the issues surrounding GBV.

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#### ARCHBISHOP PAUL GALLAGHER VISITS SOUTH SUDAN.



*Photos: Archbishop Paul Gallagher during the briefing of the press on his arrival.*

The Secretary of Relations with States, Archbishop Paul Gallagher visited Juba from the 21st to 23rd December 2021, and this visit was to lay a ground for the Papal visit, which is anticipated to be between May to July. Joint by Monsignor Andrea Piccioni of the Section for Relations with states. He was welcomed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mayiik Ayii Deng at the Nunciature, Anglican Bishop Precious Omunku and Martha Jarvis, Charge d'Affaires at the Vatican embassy in Juba, Archbishop of Juba, and Bishops of Wau and Malakal, diplomats, and the General Secretary of the South Sudan Council of Churches.

During the briefing at the Nunciature, the Minister of Foreign Affairs highlighted on the holy see meeting with various groups of people starting with the president of South Sudan His Excellency Salva Kiir "The archbishop will discuss issues related to our financial relations as well as the Rome initiative" he lamented. He went further by explaining how the Vatican is related to South Sudan and added that there are a lot of South Sudanese who have been educated by the church. "And it has also helped organize their faith during the liberation struggle to stay strong." He continued.

He lamented that the Government of South Sudan, led by his excellency president Salva Kiir, have been devoted to implementing the peace process. "The Republic of South Sudan government and particularly his Excellency Salva Kiir has been devoting his attention to the ongoing peace talks with the holy group in Rome. He also added that the visit of the secretary of Relations with states will strengthen the efforts of finishing the agreement with the holy group."

With much appreciation for the warm welcome, Gallagher urged those parties who were not committed to the agreement to commit and confirmed the coming of the long awaited visit of the Pope to South Sudan.

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*Pictures of Archbishop Gallagher 'sArrival to Juba, accompanied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mayiik Ayii Deng, Anglican Bishop Precious Omunku and Martha Jarvis, Charge d'Affaires at the Vatican embassy in Juba, Archbishops of Juba, and Bishops of Wau and Malakal, diplomats, and the General Secretary SSCC.*



During which he also affirmed the willingness of the holy see to see to it that South Sudan attain what it desires “ We are not pretending to bring solutions, we are not pretending to be able to resolve many of the challenging and difficult things that exist here, but we are determined to try and to make a contribution into what the South Sudan people desire and what the South Sudan people are willing to do” I quote

In the discussions with the church leaders, Archbishop highlighted the vital role of political leadership in implementing the A-ARCSS. He recommended the establishment of military tribunals to answer the question of command in the Necessary Unified Forces. Most importantly, he stated that there is a will for the Holy Father to visit South Sudan, and the visit is hoped to happen soon. He encouraged civil society to work with the government rather than demonizing it and highlighted the importance of ownership of the R-ARCSS by the people of South Sudan.

Bishop Precious Omuku, called for regular conversations between the church and civil society for information sharing.

In the conclusion of the trip of faith, Archbishop Gallagher reflected how energetic and optimistic Africans are. On his thought for Christmas, “this is a country of great faith, with a great Christian Tradition. And Christmas is a moment when indeed Jesus Christ, in his frailty, comes among us. God chooses humanity. Therefore, there is a great message of hope and perseverance.”

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## LAUNCH OF CROSS PHASE II IN JUBA AND BOR.

South Sudan Council of Churches, in partnership with Lutheran World Federation (LWF), launched CROSS(Covid-19 Response Operation in South Sudan) Phase II in Juba and Bor. The trends of Covid-19 continue to change with the Omicron emerging in South Africa, spreading to 38 countries in the world so far already with the existing variants such as the delta and its spreading nature.

The South Sudan Council of churches and LWF has continued to engage the communities in the fight against COVID-19 by creating awareness about COVID-19, preventive measures including personal and public hygiene, personal and protective measures, and COVID-19 vaccination.

The launch of the CROSS-Phase II project is to engage and help stakeholders in Juba and Bor, i.e., State Ministries of Health and agriculture, communities, church leaders, Youth, and Women, get involved in the prevention of COVID-19, vaccine campaigns, and behavioral hygiene change.

On so many occasions, vaccine campaigns and Covid-19 awareness campaigns are termed as the Health Sector role; the CROSS Phase II is to help all the stakeholders understand their role and how a collective responsible can contribute to a COVID-19/Health-related free South Sudan.

This launch was attended by 11 participants (2 female and nine male) and 25 participants (6 females and 19 males) in Juba and Bor, respectively.

It is our responsibility to prevent and protect our communities from COVID-19.



*Pictorial from the Launch of CROSS PHASE II both in Juba and Bor.*

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## POPE FRANCIS TO VISIT SOUTH SUDAN.



After repeatedly delaying his trip to the second youngest nation in the World due to instabilities. Pope Francis is set to visit South Sudan in July after a trip to the Democratic republic of Congo.

According to Bruni, the Director of the Holy See Press Office, the 85 years old pontiff will visit the Democratic Republic of Congo Capital Kinshasa and Goma in the eastern province of North Kivu from July 2nd to 5th 2022, and will visit South Sudan Capital Juba from the 5 to 7 July 2022.

This historic trip will mark as the third trip of the Pope's to Sub-Saharan Africa, and it is the first time a Pope visit the second world youngest nation. Pope Francis has made 4 visits to the continent of Africa since his election in 2013. He visited Kenya, Uganda, and the Central African Republic in 2015, Egypt in 2017, and two years later went to Morocco and Mozambique, Madagascar, and Mauritius.

The visit to South Sudan and Congo will be the second this year according to a statement from the Vatican since the pope is set to travel to Malta in April 2022.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the moderator of the Church of Scotland, Jim Wallace will Join Pope Francis for this visit to South Sudan. In a statement released last month, Welby stated that the joint ecumenical trip to South Sudan will be historic since they were to visit South Sudan since 2017.

In December, the Vatican's foreign minister, Archbishop Paul Gallagher visited the Capital of South Sudan where he met both the country's political leaders, church leaders and the civil society activists/leaders. All this was in preparation for the visit of the papal as his statements confirmed the safety of the horizon.

Since the independence of South Sudan, South Sudan has suffered from chronic instability and a 5 year long civil war. In 2019 the South Sudan 5-member leadership delegation – President Kiir, First Vice President Machar, Vice presidents – Taban Deng Gai and Rebecca Nyandeng De Mabior visited the Vatican for a Peace Retreat and in the quest for peace. In a historic scene the Pope knelt down to kiss their feet begging both the president and the rebel leadership to never return to Civil war. Nearly 400,000 people have been killed since the war began in December 2013 and an estimated 4 million people have been displaced. Though the country has not returned to the civil war that erupted Mid December 2013, there has been instability due to communal conflicts and insecurities.

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#### ECUMENICAL NETWORK OF SOUTH SUDAN (ENSS) ANNUAL MEETING.



Every year, the Ecumenical Network of South Sudan (ENSS) gathers/meets to update themselves about the progress of the previous year, issues that emerged, away forward, and what plans are there for the New Year. Mainly it pushes for how the Network can raise support both International, Regional, and National through the central APP pillar (Advocacy).

This year's ecumenical meeting happened virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions in different countries. Bringing in various stakeholders and close partners of the South Sudan Council of Churches like the Sant Egidio Community, ENSS Africa Hub Co-Chairs, ENSS Europe, and North America Hub Co-Chairs.

The Annual Meeting was moderated by Elizabeth Zimba from the 26th to the 27th of January 2022. In the two days, the Network managed to get general updates from and about SSCC, including the latest updates on the Peace Implementation (i.e, Update on the justice, Reconciliation and Healing Commission development), elections in South Sudan, an update from the Sant E'gidio Community on the engagement of the non-signatories to the peace process.

Further more, the ENSS Co-Chairs in Africa, Europe, and North America elaborated on how the hubs can support and strengthen the lobby and advocacy agenda of the SSCC. The implementation of the Peace agreement/mechanism and more beneficial elaborations continued.

This meeting was graced by an opening prayer led by Bishop Arkanjelo Wani Lemi and closed by Rev. Fred Nyabera.

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## WORLD DAY OF PRAYERS 2022.



*Pictures taken during the commemoration of the World Day of Prayer : Kiden VIOLA LUBANG*

The World Day of Prayer is commemorated on the first Friday of March to encourage Christian women to engage in personal prayer and lead communal prayer within mission auxiliaries and associations. It is always noted that women have a strong sense of identification with each other women; hence every year since 2013, the SSCC conducts women's monthly prayers and fasting and joins the world in celebrating the World Day of Prayer.

In the spirit of ecumenical cooperation, solidarity, and accompaniment, the South Sudan Council of Churches National Women's program members commemorated the day on the 4th of March at the PCOSS along Airport Road. This day was lined up so that Women within Juba could share their ideas and concerns about the country, besides the worship, praises, readings, role plays, prayer petitions, and the exhibition of women's entrepreneur's works and products.

The event was attended by numerous women from within Juba, SSCC National Women's program members, Inter-Church Committees, SSCC Staff, SSCC General Secretary Fr. James OYET, Rev Nelson Jomo, women leaders from different sectors, and various stakeholders.

In his opening remark, Fr James OYET said. Days like the World Day of Prayer invite women to pray for their families and the nation. South Sudan needs our prayers. "Men, you are not excluded from praying; you are also to pray to God to listen to your prayer," he said. He added that we shouldn't question how long one can pray because God always answers our prayers. In conclusion, he appreciated the efforts of every Peace-loving person and the mothers of South Sudan - "We want to thank our mothers we are praying for the peace and security of our country," I quote.

Meanwhile, the Equatoria Region facilitator Mama Gladys urged people to pray with an open and clean heart; during this lent season, people should open their hearts.

The World Day of Prayer is an affirmation by women of the importance of prayer during a life crisis. It affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world.



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## STARTING ANEW FROM FORGIVENESS

When pope Francis announced the Holy Year of Mercy in 2015, he shared that he had often thought about how the Church could fulfil its mission of being a witness of mercy. And he also said that “*Mercy is the very substance of the Gospel*”.

A year after my appointment as bishop and the attack I suffered, I return to Rumbek for the episcopal ordination and to celebrate Easter. I leave with feelings of renewed trust in God who never abandons us, and in the local Church and Christian community to walk together hand in hand.

The South Sudanese Church is a poor Church with only few means, but rich with a lively community of people who are resilient and generous. It is a wounded and suffering Church, but there is no lack of faith and hope in healing. It is a young Church, that has a long way to go before it. It is a fragile and imperfect Church that experiences the compassionate love of God and is called to be a witness of mercy.

Jesus’ prayer is of great comfort: “*I pray for them because they are yours. Keep them in your love so that they may be one. Sanctify them in the truth. Your word is truth*”(Jn 17s). And the truth is, we all need mercy. We must welcome it to make truth in our life, to repent and discover that life is a gift. So, we are called to spend ourselves at the service of one another for the life of all. The Church of Rumbek demands truth and forgiveness. The country, since misery and violence unfortunately continue, demands truth and mercy. Only by welcoming these gifts will there be room for peace.

I wondered about the etymological meaning of the word mercy. It comes from the Latin word Misericordia. Miserere means to have pity, whereas Miseria simply means misery. Cor or cordis means heart. Therefore, the meaning of mercy is to nurture in the heart a feeling of compassion for the moral or material misery of others. Our heart is compassionate when the misery of others makes us recall our own misery, inadequacy and emptiness which are filled only by the merciful love of God.

The Jews used to express this concept of an open heart able to welcome brothers and sisters with the term Rahamim. This word indicates the maternal womb that welcomes the new life that is born. So, mercy indicates the space made within oneself for the life of others: it is a space of profound communion, of feeling with others, of rejoicing with others and suffering with others. Mercy is therefore nothing more than God’s appeal against selfishness, indifference and rejection of others. Instead, it indicates acceptance, compassion, and embracing others. And it becomes the ability to establish relationships and rebuild those that for some reasons were left broken.



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On March 25, the feast of the Annunciation, I will be ordained Bishop of Rumbek. I did not choose this specific occasion, but it was given to me as a gift. The yes of Mary is a beautiful answer to the first yes of God when he called human beings to exist. I too am called to repeat my yes to the Church and people of South Sudan in a way that is perhaps a little more radical than I have managed to live up to now. I pray that the people of Rumbek may also say their yes to a communal ecclesial journey. For this I entrust myself to the Lord and to your prayers. The prayer that the people of Rumbek recited every day in my name has been source of great strength. Thank you.

I take up what Saint Augustine wrote about his episcopal ministry: *"Pray for me so that I will be able to bear the burden. And join me to bear all burdens together. If Christ did not carry our weight, we would be crushed by it; if he didn't carry us, we would end up succumbing. **Where I'm terrified by what I am for you, I am given comfort by what I am with you. For you I am a bishop, with you, after all, I am a Christian.** The first is the name of an office undertaken, the second a name of grace; that one means danger, this one salvation"*

Therefore, this is my journey of Lent this year in preparation to celebrate Easter: it is a deep experience of mercy and forgiveness which opens the way to start anew and welcome new life in Christ.

*Christian Carlassare*

HAPPY EASTER of RESURRECTION

Father Christian Carlassare, mccj  
Bishop-elect of Rumbek (South Sudan)



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#### WOMEN'S DAY MESSAGES 2022



**WOMEN SHOULD BE GIVEN RESPECT. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE WOMEN WORLDWIDE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. LET'S RESPECT, ACCEPT AND WORK TOGETHER WITH THESE WOMEN-**

**MAMA GLADYS – EQUATORIAL REGION FACILITATOR.**

**WOMEN'S DAY IS A SPECIAL DAY FOR ALL WOMEN. WE CELEBRATE WOMEN'S DAY BECAUSE OF THE PAIN WE HAVE PERSEVERED IN DIFFERENT. KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS NOT ALONE. THE SOUTH SUDAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IS PRAYING FOR YOU.**

**REBECCA**



**Women's day is a day where you remember all the contributions and the roles of women in our society. Let's stand firm, let's stand united as women and let's help each other. Help that girl within your reach to become a strong woman.**

**Priscilla Ajak COVID-19 Focal Point.**



**YOU HAVE EVERYTHING IN YOU. THAT'S WHY THE WORLD IS CELEBRATING YOU.**

**HELLEN YOUSIF YATA – PUBLIC HEALTH INTERN.**

**WOMEN'S DAY MEANS REMEMBERING ALL THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD AND IN A SPECIAL WAY THE WOMEN OF SOUTH SUDAN AND ALL THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN EVERYTHING AND MOST IMPORTANTLY IN RAISING CHILDREN. BECAUSE WHEN YOU RAISE CHILDREN IN A REFLECTION OF THE NATION, RAISING THEM RIGHT IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WOMEN. LET WOMEN RELAX AND REST. CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT ALL OVER THE WORLD TO LIVE PEACEFULLY, LET'S BRING AN END TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. –**

**JUAN RACHEAL ADVOCACY COORDINATOR.**



**I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS DISARMING YOUR PROBLEMS THROUGH A SMILE. I ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR STRENGTH TO FACE HARDSHIP WITH BRAVERY AND RESILIENCE. YOU ARE STRONG AND KEEP CONQUERING THE WORLD.**

**KIDEN VIOLA LUBANG COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**



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*As women, we should always do good and be good to others; we should have a positive mind. When you have a positive mind positive things will happen to you. Positivity wins at the end of the Day. Rita Joseph – Public Health Intern.*

**RITA JOSEPH – PUBLIC HEALTH INTERN.**



**Women should be considered in the discussion making process right from the local level to the national level. Arek Malek Francis – Youth Coordinator**

**Arek Malek Francis, Youth Coordinator.**

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