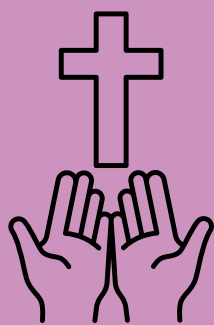




Pastoral Program



In **South Sudan** **traumas** caused by years of conflict and daily violence remain **untreated**. More than

2.2 M people are internally displaced

and more than half of those are women and children. A loss of hope and faith is widespread.



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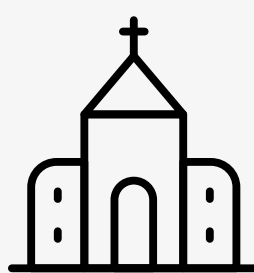
Pastoral Program



The pastoral team of Solidarity with South Sudan is based in the **Good Shepherd Peace Centre** in Kit, but activities take place locally across the country. The pastoral team organises **activities to empower** the people of South Sudan, and to build a more just and peaceful society.

1 Trauma Healing Workshops

Trauma healing activities for men, women and youths as well as training for teachers and facilitators.



All the 8 Dioceses in South Sudan are involved

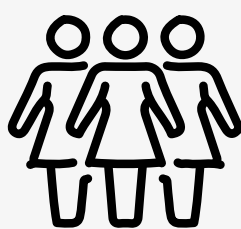
Participants in **Trauma healing** workshops since the beginning of the project in 2008

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3 Workshops for women

Great attention is given to women and their empowerment.



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participants in workshops on formation of small **Christian communities**, training for **catechists** and support the **Diocesan Pastoral Teams**



2 Peace Building and Youth activities

There is a strong focus on young people, on promoting fraternity, peace and faith.

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young people participated in activities centred on **empowerment**, leadership, **peace** and **reconciliation**



participants in activities dedicated to supporting **women** since 2008

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4 Religious formation

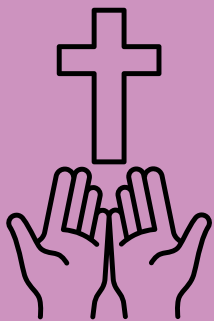
Activities dedicated to the ongoing formation of pastoral ministers, spiritual retreats for congregations, as well as religious education for youth and small communities.

Spiritual Retreats

The Good Shepherd Peace centre welcomes every year dozens of religious people seeking peace and meditation. Between 2020 and 2025, **more than 550 women and men of the church** were able to conduct their **retreats** and moments of **prayer** there.



Pastoral Program



Sustainable Development Goals

Pastoral Program contributes to



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



Goal 16: “**Peace Justice and strong institutions: promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels**”

- 16.1 Reduce violence everywhere



Laudato Si' goals

Pastoral Program meets



**ECOLOGICAL
SPIRITUALITY**

"May this protracted suffering not be in vain; may the patience and the sacrifices of the South Sudanese, this young, humble and courageous people, challenge everyone and, like the seeds sown in the soil that give life to plants, allow peace to blossom and bear fruit"

(Extract from the Pope's address to the Meeting with authorities, civil society and diplomatic corps - South Sudan - 3 February 2023)



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