

**Sudan Youth Voluntary Rehabilitation Services
(SUYOURES)**

Final Report

On

**Sustainable Rural Livelihood and Local Resources
Management Project**

Supported by

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Suyoures Final Report

Country : Sudan

Location : Kotobi, Karika, Bahr Olo, Maribe, Bari and Banglo villages Western Equatoria State South Sudan

Project : Sustainable Rural Livelihood and Local Resources Management.

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Donor : Rufford Foundation
(for Nature Conservation)

Contribution Received : USD8,735.50 (GBP 5000)

Funds Committed : USD8,735.50

Background

Sudan Youth Voluntary Rehabilitation Services is one of the Sudanese local non-governmental and non-profit making organizations, which has been serving war-affected people of Southern Sudan since its establishment in February 1991.

Throughout its humanitarian assistances for internal displaced persons in Southern Sudan, its management committee discovered that, the local communities they serve, need some basic knowledge of environmental conservation so as to enable them sustain their livelihood as civil war went on.

As result of this, the organization (SUYOURES) applied to Rufford Foundation (for nature conservation) for a financial support to help it accomplish its planned community environmental education in those previous mentioned rural areas in Western Equatoria where people's livelihood predominantly rely on farming and game meat/hunting.

Objectives

- (a) To train 600 community wildlife and environmental conservation volunteers from six villages within one or two years.
- (b) To train 600 wild bee-keeping farmers from within the same six villages for enhanced honey production within two years.
- (c) To train 600 voluntary villagers as local forestry extension volunteers to help the common villagers acquire knowledge of forest protection and conservation too with five or more years.
- (d) To sensitive 4,000 rural households on both wildlife an environmental issues especially for youth who do carry poaching and felling of wood for charcoal to earn living and village women the same with a year's period of time.

Achievement

By the grant received from Rufford Foundation in June 2004, the organization managed to train,

- 100 villagers in each village attended at least 4 trainings with wildlife conservation.
- 100 people in each of the six villages were organized 4 trainings in bee farming.

- 100 people in every village mentioned attended four times a week trainings in forestry conservation.
- 2000 household were organized open-air sensitization campaign at least 4 times a month.

Constraints

- Re-location of villages and people's movement about, looking for better life has a negative impact on our project.
- Re-location of the train people to towns
- Dilapidated infrastructure in the project areas.
- Inter tribal localized conflicts over resources.
- Un revived social-economic activities encourage charcoal burning poaching especially by youth in villages.
- Many idle youth also poses threat.

Future Plan

- To nature conservation resource center to be constructed and equipped with educative learning materials in the area.
- To help village school have nature conservation clubs.
- To establish farmers' village nature clubs in local villages market center in six villages within one or two years.
- To involve idle village youth directly in planning and conservation of environment through training, sensitization. or awareness creation etc.
- Empower youth and women economically so as to enable them rely on their socio-economic activities rather than destroying their surrounding natural resources.