

SIM Investor Summary

Country Context

Sudan is the largest nation in Africa and home to over 30 million people, 5 million (17 percent) of whom are refugees struggling to survive. Since 1985 approximately 2 million have died because of war, genocide, and famine. With the arrival of peace in 2005, a six-year window of opportunity has opened. Under SIM's umbrella program, Rebuilding Southern Sudan: Church and Nation, we seek to establish several Basic Education Learning Centers (BELCs) to train teachers for an increasing number of schools to impact the region.

Objective

More than 80 percent of southern Sudanese children do not go to school. Education is linked to development of both church and nation. The BELCs will include the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) for adults to complete eight years of primary education quickly, primary school teacher training, life skills training, adult literacy, evangelism, church planting, and discipleship and church leadership courses. African missionaries sent and supported by SIM-related churches in Nigeria and Ethiopia are key players in this project.

Target Group

- ABWONG—Dinka Padang on the Sobat River
- ATAR—Dinka Padang on the West Nile River
- THIANGRIAL—Dinka Padang on the White Nile River
- YABUS—Uduk and Mabaan on Yabus River
- DORO—people on the Yabus river

SIM is using educational materials provided by the South Sudan Ministry of Education. The intent of the project is to multiply the number of Sudanese teachers at large because we believe that the churches, communities, and government can run and sustain primary schools if they have qualified teachers.

Expected Results

Each year for the next five years, more African teacher trainers will be mobilized and sent out to establish BELCs in different communities of South Sudan. This program is designed to quickly place the educational infrastructure in the hands of the Sudanese. SIM will hand over the BELCs by 2011, when the project will see:

- 150–200 primary school teachers complete their training
- trained teachers establish 50–75 primary schools in different villages
- 2,000–3,000 children attending primary school



- 800–1,000 students complete primary school
- 400–500 adults become literate

Project Action Plan

Teacher/evangelists will be placed on a three-year contract in any given location. The term is intentionally limited to encourage Sudanese to take responsibility after the three years.

- **Year 1**—a pilot group of 10 teachers (5 teams of 2) will be deployed, finishing after Year 3.
- **Year 2**—the second group of 20 teachers (10 teams of 2) begin, finishing in Year 4.
- **Year 3**—a final group of 20 teachers begin, finishing in Year 5.

Future teachers for area schools will be trained at colleges the government is planning to establish.

Accountability

SIM projects are required to report on a regular basis for monitoring and evaluation. Corporate accountability is through country directors to SIM International, whose director reports to its Board of Governors. Quarterly reports will be sent by the Project Director.

Cost Summary

The total project cost is \$1,579,600, of which the total sending church contribution (\$100 per month) is \$180,000. The overall SIM contribution for the Rebuilding Southern Sudan: Church and Nation Project will be \$1,399,600.

