



HEAR Sudan

Health Education and Reconciliation Project



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HEAR Sudan staff administering vitamin A supplements to students in Abyei.

Making Strides

Due to significant contributions on the part of HEAR-supported communities, the HEAR Project has already helped to improve the lives of thousands of schoolchildren in target areas through increased access to higher quality education and health services.

HEAR Sudan: raising the quality of primary school education and health services for school-aged children in Sudan's Three Areas...



The HEAR Sudan Project

HEAR Sudan is a \$3 million initiative of USAID's Assistance to Basic Education/ Linkages in Education and Health (ABE-LINK). Begun in October 2006, the HEAR

Project's goal is to provide basic education and school-based health care to strengthen the peace-building process in the Three Areas of Sudan.

Implementing activities in Abyei, Kauda, and Kurmuk, the HEAR Project's three overall objectives are to: 1) promote primary school education, 2) promote health among schoolchildren and their communities, and 3) strengthen school governance through engagement of community groups. The HEAR Project is achieving these objectives by forging links between community members, state and local authorities, educators, and health workers in an effort to establish sustainable access to quality education and health services.



HEAR Sudan staff implementing deworming activities in Abyei Town.

Southern Sudan: Emerging from Conflict

The HEAR Project is working with communities in Sudan's Three Areas, which are still emerging from two decades of civil conflict. Thus a key component of the Project is training community members in conflict-resolution strategies in order to help secure a sustainable transition from war to peace. The capacities of communities, teachers, and parents are developed as lessons of reconciliation are integrated into Project activities.

HEAR Activities

Over the life of the Project, HEAR will implement the following major activities:

- Establish Education Resource Centers in each target area;
- Design and conduct training activities for 360 teachers in 90 schools;
- Design and conduct community health trainings for 360 volunteers;
- Distribute vitamin A tablets, deworming medicines, and insecticide-treated mosquito nets to students;
- Implement Interactive Radio Instruction in 90 schools;
- Train 90 Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs), 180 head teachers, education officials, community leaders, and local authorities in conflict resolution and peace building strategies; and
- Support PTAs and health facilities with small grants for community development projects, such as latrine building and improvement of clean water supplies.



Abyei Boy's School, Abyei Town.

...increasing access for healthy girls and boys to quality education though community support and action...