



Help a Child South Sudan Organizational Profile

Help a Child South Sudan (HaC-SSD) is the South Sudan country office of Help a Child International, a Christian humanitarian and development organization founded in 1968 in the Netherlands. Dedicated to creating a future for children in need, their families, and entire communities, HaC-SSD operates across multiple states with a focus on child protection, education, food security and livelihoods, and peacebuilding. Since its registration in 2018, the organization has expanded to four functional field offices with 33 full-time staff and 25 volunteers, serving hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries through innovative programs and strong partnerships.



Our Identity and Approach



Rooted in Christian Values

Help a Child South Sudan (HaC-SSD) is driven by a profound commitment to humanitarian principles and a holistic development philosophy. Our identity is deeply rooted in Christian values, which inspire us to act with compassion, uphold human dignity, and serve the most vulnerable. We believe in fostering self-reliance and resilience, ensuring that our interventions lead to sustainable positive change rather than dependency.



Child-Centred Approach

Our approach is fundamentally child-centred, placing the well-being, protection, and rights of children at the forefront of all our programmes. This means that every initiative, from education to food security, is designed with the unique needs and perspectives of children in mind. We actively engage with communities, recognising that local participation and ownership are critical for effective and lasting solutions. By empowering local leaders, families, and youth, we build capacities that extend far beyond the life of a project.



Sustainability as a Core Pillar

Sustainability is a core pillar of our strategy. We strive to implement programmes that are environmentally sound, economically viable, and culturally appropriate, ensuring they can continue to benefit future generations. Our teams work closely with government bodies, traditional leaders, and other NGOs to create a collaborative environment that strengthens the overall development landscape in South Sudan. This integrated and participatory method allows us to address complex challenges effectively and contribute to a more peaceful and prosperous future for all.

Our Identity and Approach

Vision

Every child, regardless of their background, lives a life of dignity, with love and a promising future.

Mission

To provide a future for children in need, their family, and their entire community.

Core Values

We value every child:

We believe that every child is a unique gift from God, made in His image. We include all children, no matter their background, religion, or abilities.

We empower people:

We encourage children, youth, and adults to use their God-given abilities. We strengthen community structures and mobilize local resources.

We are faithful:

We are trustworthy and accountable to the ones we support and the ones supporting us. We use our resources wisely, effectively, and efficiently.

We embrace partnership:

We work with others based on equality and respect. We are loyal and honest and expect the same from our partners.

We learn and adjust:

We are open-minded and eager to learn. We appreciate feedback, and we learn from our mistakes.

Thematic Pillars

Our programming is centered on four thematic pillars that address the holistic needs of children and communities in South Sudan:

Child Protection

Creating a safe, inclusive environment and addressing MHPSS needs through innovative tools like Child-Friendly Spaces, What's Up sessions, Build Your Own Buddy (BOB), Team Up, Boruboru advocacy sport, and Zoom Out. These approaches help children process trauma, express emotions, and develop resilience in challenging environments.

Education

Implementing Early Childhood Development (ECD), Education in Emergencies, teacher training, school governance, and community mobilization for enrollment and retention. We focus on creating sustainable educational structures that can function even in crisis situations, ensuring children's right to education is protected.

Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL)

Providing emergency food aid, promoting resilient livelihoods, and empowering women and youth. Our FSL programmes aim to address immediate needs while building long-term food security through sustainable agricultural practices and income-generating activities.

Peacebuilding & Social Cohesion

Strengthening community interaction, tolerance, and collective problem-solving. In a country affected by conflict, our peacebuilding initiatives create spaces for dialogue, reconciliation, and collaborative action across dividing lines.

Geographic Footprint

Help a Child South Sudan operates across multiple regions to reach vulnerable children and communities:

- Central Equatoria (Juba, Terekeka, Yei)
- Western Bahr el Ghazal (Wau, Jur River)
- Warrap (Tonj North, Tonj South, Gogrial West)
- Greater Pibor Administrative Area (Gumuruk, Verthet, Lekuangole)
- Northern Bahr El Ghazal (Aweil Center and Aweil Municipality)

Flagship Programmes and Achievements

Innovative Approaches

My Friend (previously called Build Your Own Buddy BOB)
A psychosocial support program for children aged 5–7 and their parents, helping them recognize and manage emotions, cope with trauma, and strengthen family bonds. BOB uses creative activities and storytelling to help children process difficult experiences.

Boruboru
A revived indigenous sport transformed into a powerful advocacy and mobilization tool for girls' empowerment, child rights campaigns, and community cohesion. This traditional game has become a platform for addressing social issues while preserving cultural heritage.

What's Up
Structured group dialogues that enable children, parents, and community members to address issues such as child marriage and develop actionable solutions. These sessions create safe spaces for difficult conversations and community-led problem solving.

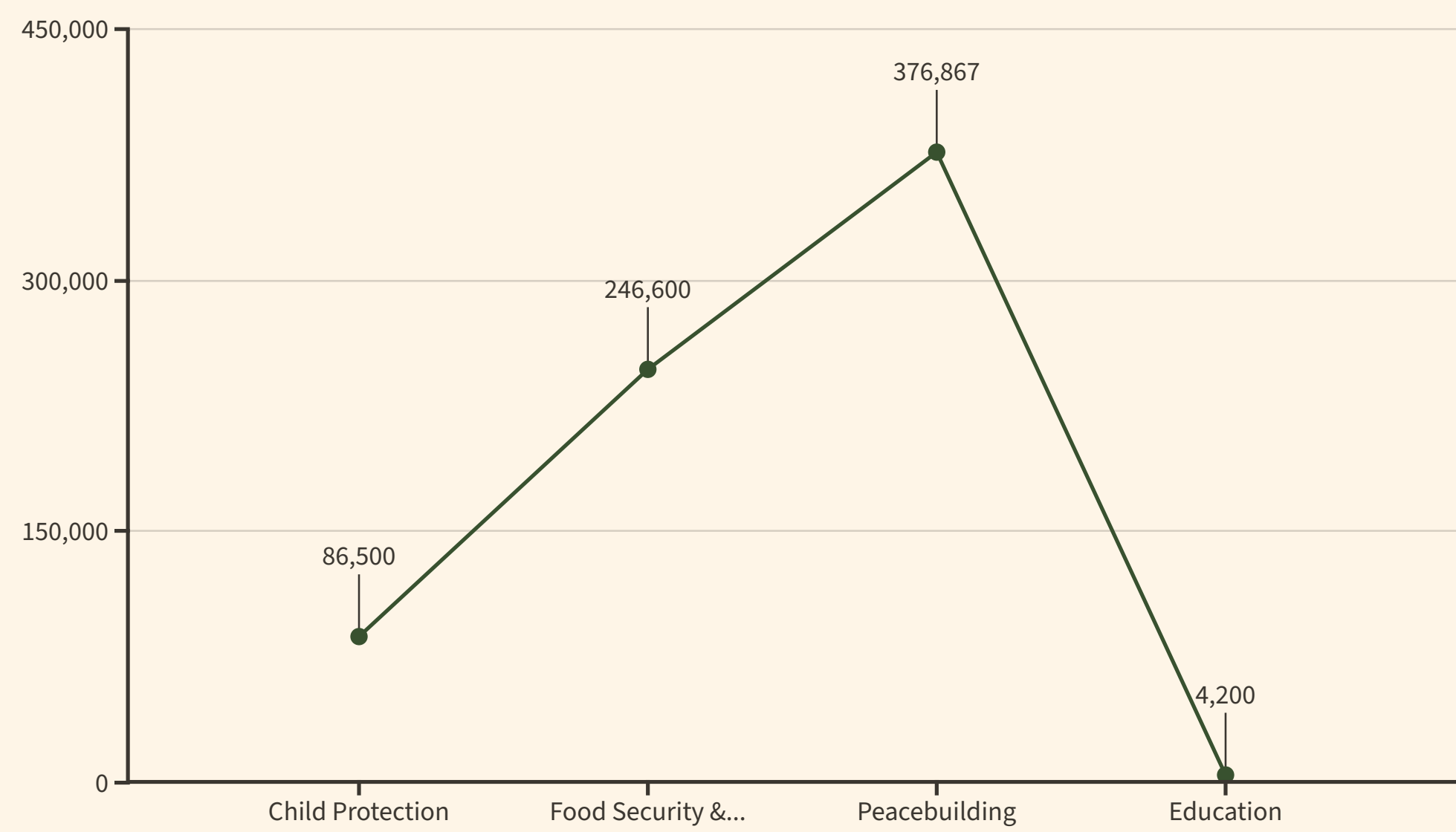
Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS)

Safe, equipped centres for play, learning, counseling, and community activities. These spaces serve as hubs for child protection and development activities, especially in areas affected by conflict or displacement. They provide children with a sense of normalcy and routine in otherwise chaotic environments.

Education Projects

Construction of classrooms, ECD centres, temporary learning spaces, and training of PTAs/SMCs. Our education infrastructure projects are complemented by capacity building for teachers and school management committees to ensure quality education delivery.

Key Achievements from 2019-2024



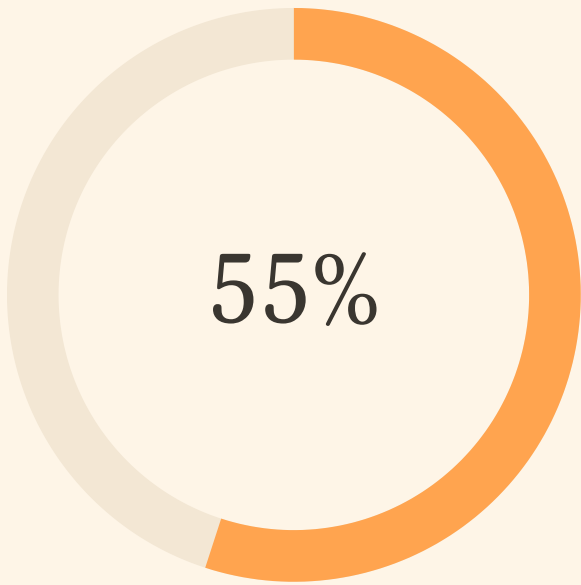
Beyond these impressive beneficiary numbers, Help a Child South Sudan has achieved significant infrastructure and capacity development milestones:

- Expanded from three states to four states with the addition of Aweil Center in Northern Bahr El Ghazal State
- Constructed 10 permanent, well-equipped child-friendly spaces in Pibor, Wau, Mapel, Tonj North and Aweil Centre
- Built four ECD centres in Pibor and Tonj North
- Trained 400 primary and ECD teachers in Aweil, Wau, Tonj North and Pibor
- Led multi-state child protection campaigns through Boruboru, reaching tens of thousands of children, adults, and leaders
- Secured multi-year funding from Dutch Relief Alliance and leading the South Sudan Joint Response (SSJR), a consortium of seven international and nine national NGOs

Partnerships and Organizational Structure

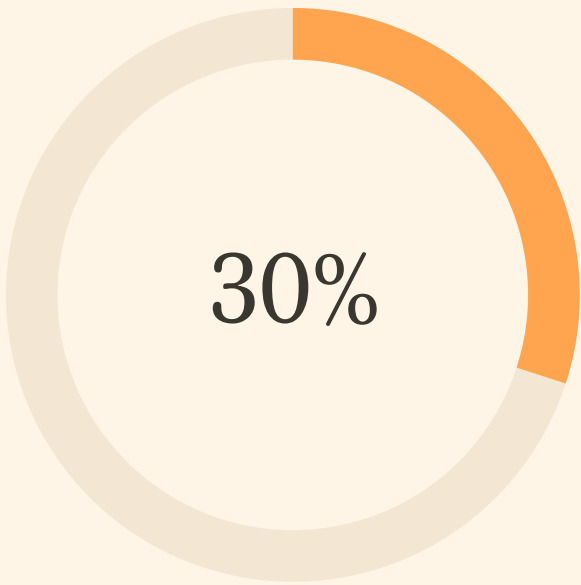
Partners and Donors

Help a Child South Sudan operates with an annual budget of **8.4 million**, supported by various international donors and implemented through strategic partnerships with international and national organizations.



Dutch Relief Alliance

Primary funding partner providing more than half of the annual budget



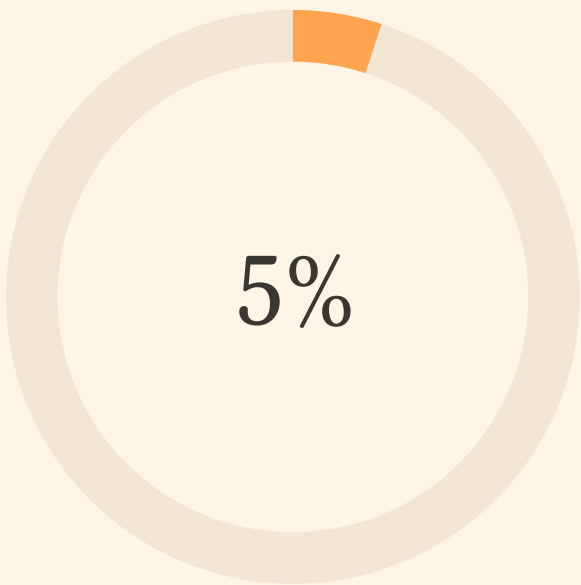
UNICEF

Supporting child protection and education initiatives



Pharus Foundation

Contributing to innovative programming approaches



EO-Metterdaad

Supporting community-based initiatives

International Partners

We collaborate with established international organizations to leverage expertise and resources:

- Plan International
- CARE
- War Child Holland
- Tearfund
- ZOA-DORCAS
- Save the Children

National Partners

We are committed to localization and work closely with national organizations:

- ACROSS
 - Women Development Group
 - UNIDOR
 - African Development Aid
- Coalition for Humanity
 - Smile Again Africa Development
 - Widows and Orphans Charitable Org. (WOCO)
 - Charity and Empowerment Foundation (CEF)

We also work closely with government ministries, local NGOs, and community-based organizations to ensure our programmes are contextually appropriate and sustainable.

Organizational Capacity

HaC-SSD has an experienced multidisciplinary team comprising program managers, field coordinators, education and child protection specialists, construction engineers, MEAL experts, and community-based facilitators. We are a certified Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) member, active in national clusters and working groups, and a recognized advocate for localization in humanitarian action.

Country Office

- Country Director
- Program Manager
- Finance and Admin Manager
- MEAL Coordinator
- South Sudan Joint Response (SSJR) Coordinator
- Logistic and Procurement Officer

Field Offices

Our field offices in Wau, Aweil Centre, Greater Pibor Administrative Area, and Tonj North are staffed with dedicated professionals, including:

- Field Coordinators/Team Leaders
- Child Protection Officers
- Education Coordinators and Officers
- Finance and Admin Officers
- MEAL Officers
- Social Workers

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