



2021 Annual Report

Integrity - Hardwork - Stewardship

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ACROSS Mission: to transform communities in South Sudan and beyond through a Christ-centred, holistic approach.

Forward

Throughout the world, 2021 saw continued challenges and changes for how people and organisations operate. This was certainly true for us at ACROSS. When we chose the 2021 theme, Integrity, Hardwork, and Faithful Stewardship, we didn't know what lay ahead. These attributes proved essential to carrying out our mission in the complex context of an extended global pandemic.

Some plans for the year were re-prioritised; others were replaced with urgent needs and calls to action from our partners. In true ACROSS fashion, we remained adaptable and responsive to the changes and needs as they occurred.

We didn't do it alone. Many partners also had to adapt projects that were already planned or underway. Restrictions, rising costs, social distancing, cancelled visits, and communication changes created a stressful environment. But we never carried the burden alone. Partners reached out with additional funding and restructured plans to help our staff continue to implement life-saving interventions in challenging circumstances.

By God's grace and for His glory, we celebrate the ministry of ACROSS in 2021 and the many opportunities we had to be God's light in a dark time in human history. Now we march forward, into a year of celebration and hope as we commemorate our Jubilee anniversary in 2022.

Serving with you,



Elisama Wani Daniel
ACROSS, Executive Director



ACROSS Overview

We are an interdenominational Christian organisation, based in South Sudan and working to transform lives and communities through partnership with the global church, other organisations, and the communities we serve. Working with South Sudanese communities in a dialogue of equals, ACROSS seeks holistic transformation in all sectors. Through training programs and local resources, we work to understand and engage root causes of problems from the perspective of those affected. A holistic approach, one which brings the whole Gospel to the whole person and whole community, is necessary for creating meaningful relationships and authentic change.

Listening to Communities, Listening to God

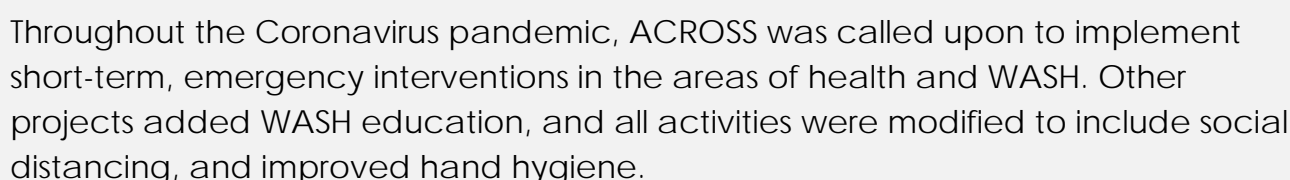


The dynamics in South Sudan affect the nature and style of ACROSS' work. Beyond security concerns, refugee issues, and political movements; the presence of international relief agencies has made some people hopeless and others dependent—dampening some people's imagination for change. There is an urgency for communities to seek God's direction in their trajectories, identify their needs, seek a solution together, and move toward their envisioned destiny. For this reason, we actively seek to engage the community in the process of their development. ACROSS' Transformational Leadership: Church and Community Engagement department was increasingly active in each project in 2021, ensuring communities have a voice that is heard and a vision for their future.

Key characteristics of ACROSS:

1. A clear holistic ministry approach.
2. An integrated program approach.
3. Strong partnerships with agencies from around the world.
4. A reputation for program implementation and careful management of resources.
5. Geographic locations throughout South Sudan and Northern Uganda.
6. Substantial involvement in rehabilitation and reintegration responses to refugees and displaced people groups.
7. Unique partnership with the local church.

ACROSS implemented 21 projects and programs in nearly every humanitarian sector: health, nutrition, WASH, education, food securities & livelihoods, camp management, integrated response, peace and reconciliation and more. Ongoing programs included Participatory Awakening Process (PAP), children's ministry, sports ministry, and a variety of media activities.



Testimonials

Peace Economy Project in Rumbek

32-year old Makur is a former armed youth who participated in trauma healing from ACROSS' Peace Economy project. Makur's elder brother was killed in a night-time revenge attack on the cattle camp. The attackers were armed youth from a rival area that is at conflict with Makur's community.



Makur spent months of sleepless nights and finally decided to avenge the killing of his brother in any way possible—even if the plan cost his life. On receiving trauma healing and counselling through ACROSS, Makur said his mind has been relieved and is now free from obsessive thinking. He now feels empowered enough to renew his life and future plans.

Trauma Healing in Uganda Refugee Settlements

A woman aged 39 years of age said, "I am glad to hear the story of the prodigal son, and I have learnt a lot from the story. I can identify with the story because I had disputes with my son some time back and this son of mine left us and went to Juba and refused to communicate with me and I have not also been able to look for him or reconcile with him. But praise God yesterday when I heard the story of the prodigal son it touched me and I forgave him and released the bitterness that I was having in my heart. After I went home I received a call from the son. It was a surprise. Indeed it's true that when we release bitterness and pain in our heart it can open the way for relationships to be healed. Now our relationships are healed'".

Atiriu Transformation Centre



Click the image above to watch [testimonials](#) from Atiriu Transformation Centre

ACROSS Media consists of digital audio recordings, print publications, mobile projector ministry, shortwave radio, and teacher training programmes. The printing facility is located at our base in Arua, Uganda and the digital recordings take place in both Arua and Juba.



Public address systems in refugee settlements broadcast messages of hope.

Book publishing activities in 2021 included printing or reprinting 15 titles (5040 copies). Nine of the titles published were special orders to support the work of Christian ministries in East Africa. Book orders and printing were significantly reduced this year due to the pandemic. A new distribution point for SLC books is Amazon Kindle. SLC published five ebooks to Kindle in 2021 with more planned for 2022.

ACROSS serves as a distribution point for solar-powered digital audio players (DAPs), including the entire line of the popular MegaVoice Media Players. ACROSS records many of the messages in a variety of local languages as well as English and Arabic. Programmes utilizing DAPs have proven to be more impactful than workshops alone. The DAP stays with the community long after the training staff leave. Repetition and discussion-based engagement are proven techniques encouraging behaviour change.

Through a partnership with One Tribe, ACROSS was able to establish a shortwave radio station at 4995khz. Two hours of hope-filled messages are broadcast throughout Sudan and South Sudan each weekday.

2021 Project List

Project Name	Location	Sector
Integrated Response Refugee Camp Management	Juba Gorom Lasu	Refugee Care
POSITIVE INTEGRATION OF RURAL COMMUNITIES INTO THE PEACE ECONOMY	Rumbek/Wulu, Lakes	Peace and Reconciliation
South Sudan Joint Response	Various locations	Early Recovery
Multi-sectoral Lifesaving Humanitarian Assistance	Eastern Equatoria	Early Recovery
Food Assistance, WASH & Non-Food Item Support	Eastern Equatoria	Early Recovery
Zai Pits for Peace and Productivity	Eastern Equatoria	Community Transformation
EMPOWER II	Juba	Education
Enhancing Livelihoods and Economic Opportunities for Youth Refugees and Host Community	Gorom Juba	Livelihoods
Teacher Training	Jonglei State	Education
Radio & Digital Audio Messages on peace building and social education in South Sudan	Various locations	Peace and Reconciliation
Atiriu Transformation Centre	Rumbek East	Community Transformation
Integrated Community-based Development Project	Rumbek, Lakes	Community Transformation
Promoting Peaceful Co-Existence & Access to Education	Boma	Peace and Reconciliation
Acute Nutrition Support and Nutrition Centre	Various locations in Central Equatoria	Nutrition
Integrated Food Security Support	Rumbek, Lakes	Early Recovery

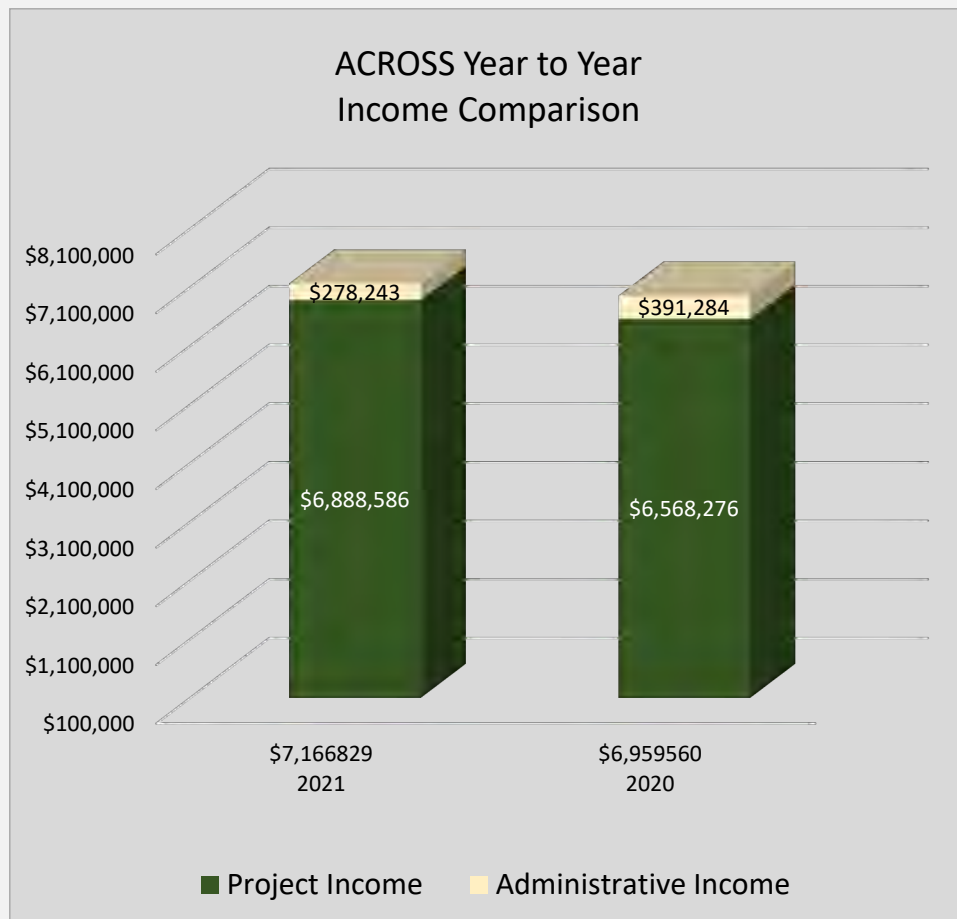
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Early Recovery Support for Crisis affected IDPS in Kassengor	Eastern Equatoria	Early Recovery
South Sudan Joint Response	Greater Pibor	Emergency Response
Piloting Action Plan for Peace and Gender based violence (GBV) project	Aweil and Yirol	Peace and Reconciliation
Children's Ministry	Arua, Uganda	Ministry
Sudan Literature Centre	Arua, Uganda	Ministry
Sports for Peace	Arua, Uganda	Ministry



Menstrual Hygiene Education and Dignity Kits for Living Water Orphanage

Financial Overview

ACROSS relies on project funders to continue its vital work. Just as the projects we implement are varied and vast, so too are those who support them. We are grateful to each of our project partners for making 2021 a successful and impactful year.





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and Communities



Thank you to our 2021 partners!



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