



Women's Education Partnership

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Dear Friend,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022! WEP is continuing to work hard to deliver our programmes, and we are optimistic that we will be able to recommence those that were paused or disrupted due to the pandemic. Read on for updates on our projects!

Our work is not possible without the generosity of donors, and we would like to thank those of you who contribute towards our programmes. If you would like to donate, please see the column to the right for more information.

2022 and the Future

Firstly, we would like to thank our hard-working Sudanese team of four for their steadfastness over the last two years, working in increasingly difficult conditions. We are delighted to welcome our newest recruit, Hoyam Isameldin Hassan Ali, who joined at the start of this year.

Neimat Issha, WEP's Country Coordinator, looks forward to our projects becoming fully operational in 2022, despite the political situation, civil unrest, and other challenges to implementing our planned activities. However, we are pleased that the government has so far approved WEP to implement four projects (literacy for women, schooling for orphan children, teacher training and university scholarships). We hope that our eye care project will receive approval to recommence soon. The deteriorating economic situation and increasing poverty in the country as a result of civil unrest for more than 3 years has left huge gaps in education. Furthermore, the pandemic impacted the provision of services to our target groups. As such, our work is more important than ever and we hope to extend our projects through sponsoring more university students, providing teacher training in schools, and adult literacy circles to support women with their income generating activities.

Money Matters

Thank you to all our donors both individual and institutional. We greatly appreciate your financial support for our life-changing work.

WEP extends a helping hand to the women and children of Sudan and South Sudan to give Power to the Powerless through education. If we are to keep our promise, they need your hand as well.

Our regular donors are our critical lifeblood. Month after month, we see their generosity and loyal support. Some have been with us for nearly 20 years!

Please consider joining them.

WEP urgently needs to boost the ranks of this wonderful group and ensure our projects in Sudan and South Sudan thrive. These are difficult times for the people of both countries suffering revolution, climate change, disease and displacement; a time to realise that education and diversity are needed to support justice and equality for all.

To make a one-off donation or set up a regular contribution, please [CLICK HERE](#).

If you have any questions or would like further information, please email: treasurer@womenseducationpartnership.org

We have a wonderful team of four local WEP aid staff who, with your help and those of our sponsors, have continued to make these fantastic life-changing efforts possible. We are so grateful to our loyal supporters and donors.

To donate to our work, please visit our website <http://www.womenseducationpartnership.org/> and select the *Donate Now*.



Teacher Training

The BFSS funded teacher training project for elementary schools targets the poorest and most vulnerable areas in the outskirts of Khartoum, with an objective to improve teaching skills. Teachers in these schools rarely receive training regarding teaching methods, affecting teachers' own performance and consequently the students' learning. In the first of this 3 year programme, WEP provided training for 98 teachers, equipping them with subject-specific teaching techniques and life skills training, in addition to a training of trainers (TOT) workshop for selected 40 teachers to enable them to pass on their skills to others.

We are thrilled to have received positive feedback; attendance was full, teachers participated actively and constructively, and commented that they had benefited greatly from the training.

South Sudan

WEP has restarted developing work again in South Sudan – we recognise the importance of educating women within South Sudan to contribute to the development of the country. We are delighted that our first sponsored student is in her second term at the Juba Health and Science Institute, studying to be a clinical officer. In a country where there is only 1 doctor per 65,000 people (compared to 1 per 200 in the UK), training medical staff is crucial to reduce some of the worst health outcomes in the world.

While the situation in South Sudan remains volatile, we will concentrate on sponsorship to higher education institutions in the Juba area; however, women across the entire country can access these sponsorships. WEP is pleased to announce that a donation from Wordwall will ensure that up to 10 more women will be supported into higher education in 2022.

Kimu Integrated Development Organisation continues to offer women literacy and general education. WEP provides funding for the literacy tutors, and a grant from the Edith Ellis Trust has provided books, printing and resources to support the programme.

Elementary School Education

Our programme to support 300 poor and orphan pupils in 10 schools on the outskirts of Khartoum continued last year, but was interrupted by political instability in the country. The project provides school uniforms, teaching aids, and teachers' incentives. A plan for 2022 has been agreed jointly by WEP and our new local partner Babikir Badri Scientific Association for Women (BBSAW), and we have arranged funding to enable schools to begin the programme later this year.



Last December, WEP was delighted to join the Big Give Christmas Challenge, giving donors the chance to see their donations doubled in value from match funds pledged in advance to WEP.

We are delighted to announce that we raised an incredible £23,741, the largest amount we have ever raised from donations!

We are immensely grateful to all those who donated so generously and particularly to those who provided the match funding. This money will make a huge difference to the lives of women and girls in Sudan and South Sudan.

As ever, you can keep up-to-date with our work and other news from Sudan and South Sudan via [our blog](#). Read about our [health and literacy projects in South Sudan](#) and catch up on our [latest news](#).

As always, we would love to hear from you so do feel free to [get in touch at enquiries@womeneducationpartnership.org](mailto:enquiries@womeneducationpartnership.org).