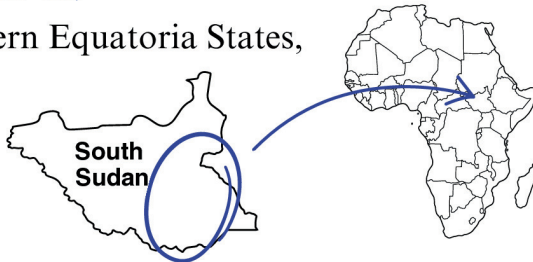


Small Business: Canoe

Your **Canoe** helps a family grow their fishing business. Profits can be used for school, medicine, and livestock ... plus when floods come, so do the fish!

Your gift delivered in:

Jonglei and Eastern Equatoria States,
South Sudan



Your investment	\$1,649
What you give	Wooden Canoe
Why your help is needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonglei State is the least-developed region of Africa • Conflict, flooding and drought are ongoing • Millions of South Sudanese have had to flee their homes • Many remain displaced, and many are also returning home to rebuild their lives and their country • Yet there is nothing there for them - all destroyed by war, floods, drought • Families struggle to survive, with no reliable sources of income, and very little to eat
How your gift changes lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Canoe helps a family grow their fishing business • Fish provides good nutrition for family and selling brings income • Profits can be used to meet other needs, like school and medicine • If floods come, it's good for business! • Families grow stronger, healthier, and continue to rebuild their lives!



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I want to send my gratitude to you for the support offered to me and my family through LWF. You have changed my life!"

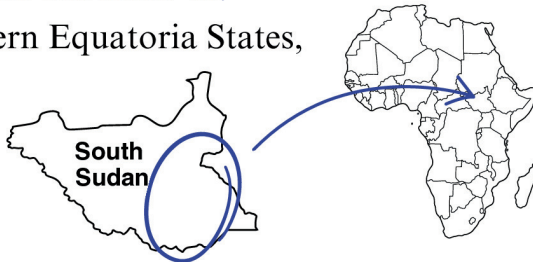
Atong, South Sudan

Cast off a Canoe



Your **Canoe** helps a family grow their fishing business. Profits can be used for school, medicine, and livestock ... plus when floods come, so do the fish!

Your Gift of Grace delivered in:
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CASE STUDY

“Now I am free!”

“My name is Matiop. I used to be a successful farmer with cows, sheep and goats.

Unfortunately, many years ago, a flood came. It destroyed my farm and killed all my animals.

Our land has been submerged under water since then.

I was left with nothing but starvation.

Life became much worse. My children had to stop going to school and my family was starving.

I was in a terrible way.

I moved to the river to fish for survival, and began fishing with one spear to feed my family.

Then you came, and supported me with fishing net and hooks through LWF.

My life began to improve - all because of your help through LWF to start up my life.

I started to have surplus from fishing, which meant I could catch enough fish to take to market.

The canoe has improved my fishing, because I can row deep into the river for a better catch.

I also learned preservation methods. I do smoke, salt and sun-dry to preserve my fish for the market, and I now sell fish wholesale.

With the profits, I have managed to send all my five children to school, and bought a few goats.

Now I can provide for my family. I'm proud of my hard work and give thanks to you. I am really grateful!

My desire is for my children to have a better life...

...to study well, to have good health in body and spirit, to grow into better people for tomorrow, to marry with children and lead a good life. I pray for this.

I am grateful to the people who support me.

May God bless their helping hands so as to continue helping those that are in dire need. May God uplift them!”



“With the profits from selling fish, I now own goats. I am able to feed my family, pay for my children’s school fees and afford their medication.

After losing everything to floods, my life was shattered but now I am free. My life has never been this good even before the floods! I am forever grateful.”



Your impact: ALWayS for the forgotten

South Sudan is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranking 192 out of 193 countries on the UN Human Development Index.

Civil war and prolonged floods, coupled with periods of drought, threaten the fragile social system. This creates huge challenges, both for people's livelihoods and their food security.

In fact, two thirds of people in South Sudan do not know where their next meal will come from.

At the same time, millions of displaced South Sudanese are returning home to rebuild their lives and their country. They desperately need sustainable sources of income.

Women are especially vulnerable as they are often forced to work dangerous jobs to support their family.

This includes jobs like gathering firewood and making charcoal, which mean they are often alone in the forest at night and at risk of attack or even rape.

All this means your action to invest in people in South Sudan is especially precious. Your gift shows extra care to those in danger of being forgotten.



How you change lives

You invest in a **Canoe**
for a family in South Sudan...



a man like Matioop
can grow his fishing business...



so his family has food
even in the lean times...



and more to sell
at market...



so he can send
all his children to school...



and buy some goats
for milk, meat, and breeding...



and if a child does become sick,
he can now afford medicine...



and because children are
healthy they miss less school...




...so they have more choices in
their future - and can break
free of poverty for good!

*This is the lifelong
change you bring
when you invest
in a Canoe!*

Country Profile: South Sudan

Despite a peace agreement being signed in 2018, the situation in South Sudan remains challenging. Alongside outbreaks of conflict is the damage caused by major flooding. At the same time, people still long to return to South Sudan to places where there are pockets of peace and stability. Delivered through ALWS partner LWF, your investment supports returning refugees by helping them find sustainable work.

Where	Jonglei and Eastern Equatoria States	
Who	84,028 people	
Partner	LWF South Sudan	

Fast Facts	South Sudan	Australia
Human Development Index* (193 countries measured)	192	10
Life expectancy at birth	56 years	84 years
Mean years of schooling	4.8 years (female) 6.7 years (male)	12.8 years (female) 12.6 years (male)
Maternal Mortality (deaths per 100,000 live births)	1,223	2.9

*HDI is a summary across three basic dimensions of human development: a long and healthy life, access to knowledge and a decent standard of living.

Your partner: delivering your care

Since 2007, LWF South Sudan has been working to bring peace and dignity to communities in South Sudan.

They provide assistance across many different fields including education, child protection, psychosocial support, water sanitation and hygiene, and support to rebuild livelihoods.

LWF South Sudan serves all people regardless of ethnicity, gender, religion, race, or political conviction.

“The people who went back to South Sudan carried the knowledge with them.

I believe they will contribute to their country’s development in many ways.”

Lokiru Yohana,
LWF regional Program Coordinator

Our approach: how you help

ALWS supports an **integrated, community-based empowerment** and **rights-based approach** while working as part of a **global partnership**.



Taking an **integrated approach** to development work means working across different sectors. For example, if you build a school, but there's no road to get there, housing for teachers, or clean water, the school won't be very useful!



A **community-based empowerment approach** gives people the training and support to make their own decisions about the development in their community. This means they then have responsibility for the activities, and grow the confidence needed to become self-sufficient.



A **rights-based approach** recognises community members as rights-holders. Your support empowers people to claim their rights, while at the same time, develop the capacity of those in power to meet their obligations.



ALWS is part of the LWF (Lutheran World Federation) **global partnership**. Working in partnership means we share expertise and resources, so people receive the best support available, and we're efficient and effective.

Your action timeline



NOW: you decide on your investment

We inform the team in South Sudan

6 MONTHS: you receive a Progress Report

12 MONTHS: you receive the final report and hear from those you helped



"All my children are now going to school, because I can pay their school fees - and this is because of fishing. If fishing fails, I have enough goats to sell. Now I have a fall-back mechanism when there is a need.

Nothing I can say can truly express my gratitude to those who helped me. I bless them in the name of God!"

Matiop, South Sudan

Our credentials: why trust ALWS



Code Compliant

ALWS is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a compliant signatory to ACFID's Code of Conduct. The Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability, and financial management.



ACFID
MEMBER



Government Accredited

ALWS is accredited by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), responsible for managing Australia's aid program. To maintain accreditation, ALWS' systems, policies and processes are rigorously reviewed by the Australian Government.



ACNC Registered

The ACNC Tick of Charity Registration aims to give reassurance to the public that the charity is transparent and accountable by highlighting its presence on the ACNC Charity Register.



75 years of care

For nearly 75 years, from humble beginnings at Bonegilla Migrant Centre after World War 2, it's our privilege to take your care to where you are needed most. ALWS reaches out in love, to the forgotten. We bring together people like you, willing to work in service to help end suffering.



Efficient and Effective

We are committed to using your gifts as efficiently and effectively as possible. Therefore, we aim to invest wisely in overheads to achieve maximum impact. Over the last 5 years, 84.6% of ALWS income has been used to help and educate people.



What to do now

1. Simply fill in the **donation form enclosed** and return in the Reply Paid Envelope, call my team on **1300 763 407** or give by **bank transfer**:

2. Let me know of your gift by emailing me at **michaels@alws.org.au** or call me directly on **0430 033 617**.

Bank transfer details

BSB 704 942

Account #: 100448992

Name: Australian Lutheran World Service

*IMPORTANT: Please email **donations@alws.org.au** with your donation details so we can efficiently issue your receipt.*

Thank you!

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ALways for those forgotten

