



## The Extra Mile



Going the “extra mile” means the world to us and the people in South Sudan. For over four years, we’ve battled relentless floods, mastering the art of navigating the swamp to deliver vital supplies—drilling rigs, gravel, cement, and pipes—essential for constructing new water wells. This week, we faced a new challenge.

The swamp waters have receded, creating a tricky terrain—too shallow for an outboard motor yet too deep for overland travel. We are overcoming the odds to bring in materials that transform two hand-pump water wells into water yards with towers and elevated tanks. This will vastly increase the amount of daily on-demand clean water to 3,000 people per water yard. It requires tons of material: heavy steel and iron pipes and large water tanks.

But our boat is now more like a raft. Our workers must make several trips pushing and pulling a heavy boat in knee-deep water for several miles—not an easy endeavor, but necessary. This is just one of the hurdles we jump working in one of the most remote areas of Africa in the middle of the continent’s largest swamp.

Your support of this project is changing the lives of many thousands of Southern Sudanese. Unlike other areas of South Sudan, our work is in a road-less region. With the flooding it has meant transport by boat, canoe, or anything that floats to reach the most vulnerable and needy populations. We are going the extra mile!

In some cases, we’ve had to convert existing wells to “flood resilient” wells with elevated platforms. These are at least 3 feet above the ground so that when the flood waters rise, especially during the rainy season, the well is still accessible.

### 85 Water Wells

Since November 2023 we have completed 22 new wells. Our total of successful wells is now 85. We are so grateful for your help. Consider this statistic. Nine out of ten wells in Fangak County have been drilled by the Alaska Health Project South Sudan. Together we are making a life saving impact in a region other NGO’s found too remote and too difficult. Not the Alaska Team.

We are currently making our program plan for the coming 12 months. Our plan includes 40 new water wells, 20 flood resilient platforms, and 5 water yards. We also plan to repair or rehabilitate up to 80 wells as needed. Can you imagine the impact this will make? We can!

We intend to move into new areas of South Sudan where our support is desperately needed. Your donation today will help us prepare for the drilling in the months ahead. Thank you again for all your help. We could not have drilled 85 wells (so far) without you.

*Moving a 5,000 liter tank through the swamp.*



*Repairing the hand pump at Kony Kony market Old Fangak.*



*Dedicating a well at New Fangak with support from Alaska Community Foundation.*



*Preparing the footings for a new water yard in Old Fangak. A water yard with two 5,000-liter tanks and two tap stands can provide water for up to 3,000 people daily.*





*Tool distribution for some of our 953 farmers.*

Each spring we send teams into the many bomas (towns) of our region in South Sudan. We want to see firsthand the results of the spring planting. We currently work with 953 farming households. It requires a lot of effort to travel—mostly by canoe—to visit the villages and meet with the farmers.

This spring, the harvest has been a great success. The small gardens have produced a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. The food is helping to nourish their children as well as being sold in the market. Take onions for example. The harvest results were fantastic. Many dozens of farmers were successful with large harvests—more than they could eat. The extra onions (and other vegetables) are sold in the markets.

With money from the onion sales the farmers can send their children to school! They can purchase other food items. They use their success to fight famine in their communities.

It is exciting to see. The AHPSS agriculture program has grown from around 100 farming households to nearly 1,000 in just the last five years. The only real limit to growth is funding. Your support of this project has measurable results and is successfully fighting famine in Fangak County.

In the coming months we plan to continue our training of rice farmers, distribute more seeds and needed tools, and create a demonstration garden. The demonstra-

tion garden will be used for training as well as a place for displaced refugees to have a small garden of their own.

Please consider a donation to help our agriculture program. We have a 10 year goal that this program will succeed to the point that the people of Fangak County can end hunger in their communities—with their own harvests. Imagine that! But for today, the immediate need is for seeds and more tools for our 953 farming households. \$51,600. A \$55 donation today will help one family. Thank you for supporting this project. Together we will end hunger in Fangak County.



*Photos above show a field of onions ready for harvest, bagging onions and the harvest ready for the market.*



*At the market in Old Fangak.*

## SAVE THE DATE

### Turn Wine Into Water

**OCTOBER 24, 2024**  
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