



WEDO PROFILE

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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WHO WE ARE

Women Empowerment for Development Organization (WEDO) is a national, women-led, and community-driven NGO working to improve the lives of vulnerable populations in South Sudan. Founded by South Sudanese women leaders in 2018 as a Community Based Organization, the organization has now grown into a formidable national NGO with extensive experience in humanitarian and development programming.

WEDO seeks to address gender inequality and promote social inclusion through targeted interventions in health, education, WASH, nutrition, food security, protection, and livelihoods.

In South Sudan, where decades of conflict have disproportionately affected women, girls, children, persons with disabilities, and marginalized groups, WEDO is committed to advancing peace, dignity, and resilience. Our programs are designed to meet urgent humanitarian needs while building long-term community capacity for sustainable development.



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VISION AND MISSION

VISION

A peaceful, prosperous South Sudan where women, girls, and persons with disabilities are healthy, educated, economically empowered, and actively shaping their own futures as leaders and change-makers.



MISSION

To empower women, girls, persons with disabilities, and vulnerable communities in South Sudan by fostering peace, advancing health, expanding education, and promoting sustainable livelihoods. We work through holistic programs, advocacy, and grassroots leadership to break cycles of poverty, inequality, and violence—creating pathways to resilience and transformation.

CORE VALUES

- Respect
- Excellence
- Collaboration
- Empowerment
- Compassion
- Inclusivity
- Integrity



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THEMATIC FOCUS AREAS

HEALTH & NUTRITION

**EDUCATION & SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT**

**FOOD SECURITY,
AGRICULTURE &
LIVELIHOODS**

**PROTECTION &
GENDER BASED
VIOLENCE RESPONSE**

**PEACEBUILDING,
COHESION &
HUMANITARIAN
RESPONSE**

WASH, HEALTH & NUTRITION

Health & Nutrition:

- Support to Primary Health Care Units (PHCUs) and health facilities.
- Mobile health outreach services for remote, underserved, and displaced communities.
- Maternal and reproductive health education, focusing on safe motherhood and family planning.
- Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) programs, particularly for GBV survivors.
- Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM).
- Promotion of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices.
- Inclusion of persons with disabilities in access to health services, with specific programs addressing barrier-free healthcare.

WASH interventions, including:

- Provision of clean and safe drinking water to communities.
- Construction and rehabilitation of sanitation facilities.
- Promotion of hygiene practices, including handwashing and safe water storage.
- Distribution of hygiene kits and essential WASH supplies.
- Community awareness campaigns on waterborne disease prevention



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EDUCATION & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- Accelerated Learning Programs (ALPs) for girls, young mothers, and children who missed formal schooling due to conflict.
- Provision of school materials, sanitary kits, and awareness campaigns on menstrual health.
- Establishment of vocational training centers to empower women, youth, and persons with disabilities with livelihood skills.
- Community sensitization on the importance of inclusive education for all, including children with disabilities.



FOOD SECURITY, AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOODS

- Distribution of agricultural tools, drought-resilient seeds, and farming inputs to women-led households.
- Training on climate-smart agriculture, kitchen gardening, and food preservation techniques.
- Facilitation of Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) to promote women's and youth's economic empowerment.
- Support to income-generating activities (IGAs) for marginalized groups, including persons with disabilities and widows.
- Promotion of sustainable livelihoods for returnees, IDPs, and host communities.





PROTECTION & GENDER BASED VIOLENCE RESPONSE

- Provision of psychosocial support and case management services for GBV survivors.
- Operation of safe spaces for women, girls, and vulnerable persons for social support and life skills training.
- Legal literacy and rights awareness programs, focusing on women's land rights, inheritance, and civic participation.
- Advocacy against harmful traditional practices, such as early and forced marriage and sexual exploitation.
- Establishment of inclusive protection mechanisms ensuring that persons with disabilities are part of community safety networks.



PEACE-BUILDING HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE



SOCIAL COHESION

- Community dialogue forums to promote peaceful coexistence between returnees, IDPs, and host communities.
- Engagement of women and youth as peace agents at local levels.
- Conflict-sensitive humanitarian response during floods, droughts, and other emergencies, with special focus on marginalized groups.
- Collaboration with protection clusters and coordination platforms to align with South Sudan's Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).





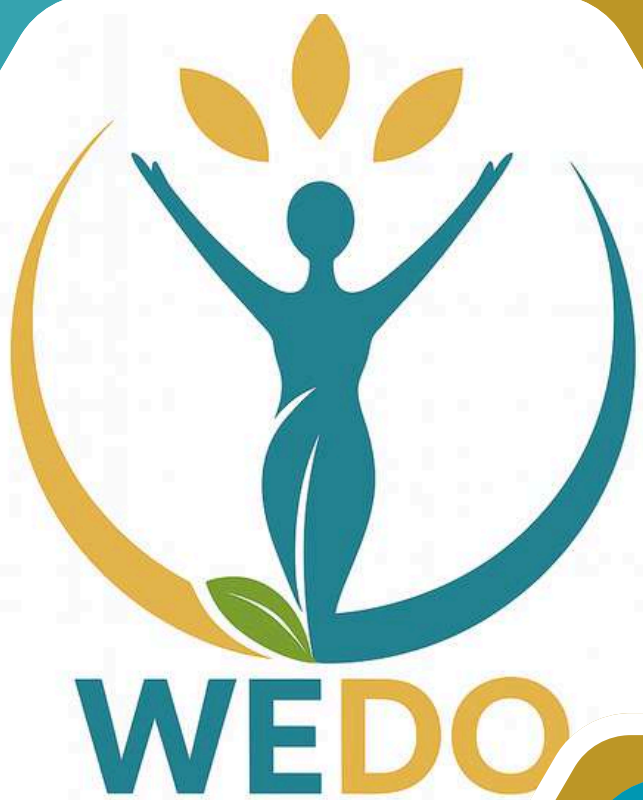
TARGET GROUPS

- Women and adolescent girls
- Persons with disabilities (PWDs)
- Orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs)
- Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), refugees, and returnees
- Widows, elderly women, and female-headed households
- Youth and out-of-school adolescents

ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHS

- Women-led leadership and decision-making, promoting gender equity in organizational governance.
- Community-rooted programming, leveraging local knowledge and participation.
- Skilled and dedicated team with field experience in emergency response and development programming.
- Strong partnerships with grassroots women's groups, disability networks, and youth associations.
- Commitment to inclusion, safeguarding, and accountability to affected populations (AAP).





STRATEGIC PRIORITIES & FUTURE PLANS

- Geographical Expansion: Reach underserved counties in Upper Nile, Jonglei, and Western Equatoria.
- Mobile Health Clinics: Develop mobile health services for inaccessible areas.
- Vocational and Technical Centers: Establish women and youth empowerment hubs in Juba and rural areas.
- Inclusive Programming: Strengthen disability inclusion across all thematic areas.
- Partnership Development: Collaborate with donors, UN agencies, INGOs, and government ministries to scale impact.
- Emergency Preparedness and Response: Enhance capacity to respond to humanitarian crises such as floods, conflict displacement, and food insecurity.





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Partner with WEDO

WEDO welcomes partnerships with donors, international NGOs, government entities, and local actors committed to advancing women’s empowerment, disability inclusion, peacebuilding, and humanitarian response in South Sudan.

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