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COVID affecting work of the Salisbury-Sudans Link

The impact of COVID-19 has hit charities especially hard. The Salisbury-Sudans Link is no exception and we desperately need your help to allow us to keep funding all the crucial work we support.

As well as your generous regular and individual donations, we are able to match this with successful fundraising events such as the Bishop's Garden Party and the Chase Benefice Christmas Fair and from collections at ordinations and ministry licensing – Covid -19 prevented these opportunities.

As a result, with severely reduced funds, we have been unable to send all the grants and support that our sisters and brothers in the Sudans have come to rely on.

Would you be willing to help us make up the difference?

Even a slight increase in your regular giving, or a commitment to give each month, would make a vast difference and help us support those who really need our help.

A meal out costs us about £20 per person, something we mostly haven't been able to enjoy in the past year, and which a Sudanese person will never enjoy. Could you donate the cost of a meal out monthly to support our work?

Or maybe you had planned a holiday or another event that got cancelled due to Covid and some of those funds could go to saving a life in the Sudans?

The needs are so great in our partner churches and, although we always keep them in our prayers, our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries ask why we have no money at all to spare to help them.

What can't we do without your help.....

- A £5000 grant each year to four Theological Colleges, one of which is the only College in the world that teaches Christian ministry students in Arabic pays for staff. This year we had to halve our donation and probably their salaries as a result.
- Every year we send consignments to primary healthcare medicines to church-run clinics in South Sudan. These enable the clinical officers and nurses to treat malaria, bacterial and parasitic infections, burns and wounds, and a range of other conditions and to alleviate pain. Medicines were sent in 2020, but we have had to tell the clinics that at present we cannot send any more consignments until we have the money to pay for them. Imagine the feelings of the clinic staff as they have to turn people away without treatment.
- We pay training fees for clinical officers, nurses, midwives and technicians, adding to the workforce of professionals who can give high quality care to those suffering and to mothers giving birth. We have had to tell one College that we cannot pay the second-year fees for some of the students we agreed to sponsor, without those funds the students may not be able to complete their training.

What we could do with your donation

- Ensure the health professionals we train have the clinical resources to help their patients.
- Help the churches in Sudan and South Sudan to produce more well-trained clergy to serve and lead their congregations.
- Give grants where needed to improve the skills of teachers, provide basic facilities for schools and increase the number of children receiving education.

More about our work

Visit our webpages. Click [The Sudans Link — Diocese of Salisbury \(anglican.org\)](#) or 'Google' Salisbury Sudan Link

What regular giving has already allowed us to do

Lavina's Story – Changing one person's life can change many



Lavina received a bursary, one of a number awarded by the Headmaster to children from poor families in Juba. Her bursary was paid for through a donation by a doctor in the UK. She was a diligent student, passing her School Certificate with high grades and going on to study at university in Cairo, where she graduated in nursing. Following the death of her mother, Lavina returned to Juba to look after her family and to work at the Juba Medical Clinic, where currently some Covid-19 patients are being treated. Lavina volunteered to work for a Christian charity called 'Samaritan's Purse' in a hospital in the north of South Sudan. Before leaving Juba to go there Lavina herself caught Covid-19. With the help of Samaritan's Purse she recovered and duly went north to serve her Lord. Recently she has returned to a town near Juba to be closer to her family and is working for another charity called 'HealthCare' in the operating theatre of their hospital.

Help us now..

If you commit to a regular donation we can guarantee our help to those in need.

If you are willing to increase your giving then we can plan for future generosity and we won't be reliant on good weather or good health to offer the opportunity for a fundraiser.

How to donate

Return the enclosed Standing Order form or any other cheque donations to Sudan Link Treasurer, Church House, Crane Street, Salisbury, SP1 2QB. Explain whether it is for the 'Sudans Link General Fund' or 'Sudans Medical Link'.

Donate online - Click this link: [CAF Online](#) and search for 'Sudan Medical Link' of the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance.

Via your online banking - Set up a standing order or donation using the details on the Standing order form. Then send your Gift Aid form by post to the Diocese.

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Thank you – we can assure you that the Salisbury-Sudans Link Committee will use your donations where they are most needed, and ensure they are spent carefully and wisely.

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