



Women's Education Partnership

formerly Together for Sudan

NEWSLETTER

June 2017



Power to the Powerless Through Education – Breaking New Ground

Thank you for your continuing support of Women's Education Partnership.

In Sudan, despite facing huge challenges, we are breaking new ground.

We now have 104 disadvantaged women students whom you are sponsoring for their undergraduate studies, in 5 universities in Khartoum. This is a record number and we now have 341 WEP students who have graduated.

15 adult literacy circles help to educate some of the most disadvantaged women in poor areas. We have been able to expand this scheme but we seek funds to do more.

We now have even more eye care outreaches taking place. Every month we care for over 300 patients in dusty and difficult conditions, providing medicine and basic eye care. We have, through this work, been able to reach deeper into areas of poverty and deprivation.

Women's Education Partnership received a significant donation from the Khartoum International Community School, the leading International School in Sudan.

We now reach out personally to more donors in Sudan and in UK.

Our 4 local staff are now housed in our own convenient and compact office in Khartoum. These are our only paid staff. Everyone else is a volunteer.

We are delighted that Trustees Islam Ali and Imogen Thurbon visited Sudan last year

and see our progress first hand. In the last year, I have had the good fortune to spend a considerable length of time in Sudan, encouraging our staff and making plans to do more.

In South Sudan, in response to the emergency crisis, we have been able to provide additional personal financial assistance to our students studying at Juba University and to Kimu Health Clinic.

We have held a fundraising reception at Wolfson College, Cambridge (right) hosted by Trustee Dr Anna Snowdon.

In October, HE Michael Aron, the British Ambassador in Khartoum will welcome us to a reception at the Embassy.

Baroness Kinnock will host our 2017 London reception at the House of Lords on November 21st.

Breaking New Ground relies on your support. To continue to flourish and grow we will need additional funding. We invite you to contribute and thank you on behalf of the disadvantaged women of Sudan and South Sudan. For many Women's Educational Partnership provides the lifeline of education which they long for.

On behalf of the disadvantaged women, we say Thank You.

Peter Hullah, Voluntary Director



Hikma comes from South Kordofan and is Nyamang by tribe She is studying Health Science and her ambition is to qualify and return to help her own people develop.

She is one of 11 children. Her father has only seasonal work and as she has no family or resources in Khartoum, we have helped her by providing basic hostel accommodation. She is one of our top students.

Breaking New Ground – Adult Literacy for Disadvantaged Women

We support 15 literacy circles teaching 322 women every week.

We are now part of the Sudan Network for Literacy and we are privileged to work with others in this crucial work. Women are learning to read and write and ask questions about their own community. They share openly experiences of life and are supported in their desire to gain a better future for themselves and their children.

In March 2017, some of our literacy classes celebrated the International Women's Day for the first time since our projects have started. Even in the most remote areas, our classes have enabled women to learn about global issues that are important for every woman regardless of their place in society.

Every month the facilitators meet in our office to share their experiences and increase their learning.



Giving Strength to the Women Through Giving

£30 funds a teacher of basic literacy in Sudan to teach one class of over 40 women for a month.

£120 (or £10 a month) funds a monthly eye care clinic for up to 50 disadvantaged women in the settlements around Khartoum.

£480 (or £40 a month) supports a (non-residential) scholarship for a year at Juba University, South Sudan to study science subjects.

£600 (or £50 a month) supports a (non-residential) student for a year at Ahfad University for Women, Omdurman, Sudan.

£2700 (or £75 a month over 3 years) trains 2 women medical assistants, chosen from their local community, to work in a health clinic which we support in Juba, South Sudan.

£1,200 (or £100 a month) gives 10 orphan children a year's education in a self help elementary school in Khartoum's internally displaced areas. It also gives direct support to the schools in a simple win-win arrangement for struggling communities.

£3000 (or £125 a month over 2 years) pays the fees of 3 women university students for their 3 year undergraduate course in Sudan. We monitor their progress regularly and the Director meets all our students twice a year.

Please donate through our website. Give (using Gift Aid if possible) through standing orders or by single donations.

www.womenseducationpartnership.org/donate.aspx

Or please send donations (small or large) in the form of sterling or US dollar cheques to the Treasurer, Norman Swanney, 33 Balmoral Road, Trowbridge, BA14 0JS United Kingdom

Breaking New Ground Making dreams come true



Out of 20 of our scholars who graduated in 2016 – 7 are training to be teachers in the Khartoum area.

Dr Luica Omar Albino (left) from Torit, graduated as a medical doctor, after studying in Khartoum sponsored by WEP.

Graduations are very special. Congratulations to all our sponsored graduates as they enter work, many returning to their home areas where they seek to make a difference.



Breaking New Ground



Above: Our undergraduates are welcomed each Saturday morning at Khartoum International Community School. KICS students teach them English and help them become more confident in telling their stories.

Eye Care Outreaches



Dr Nabila conducts eye care outreaches for us every month. This year she has treated over 1500 patients and conducted over 100 eye operations on our behalf. We provide the medicines and transport for her work. Thank you to the Swiss Embassy, Khartoum and to donors in UK for supporting this life changing work. Listen to Dr Nabila telling of her experiences on our WEP Facebook page or via our website www.womenseducationpartnership.org



Left and below: KICS adopted WEP as one of their local charities. Mrs Samia Omar, one of our Patrons and Founder of the school, presented Neimat Hussein, our country coordinator with a very generous donation.



Right: We had successful meetings at the Ministry of Higher Education. Professor Dr Tarig Nour and his colleagues were especially welcoming to the work done by Women's Education Partnership for the disadvantaged women of Sudan.



Left: In Sudan, we support local elementary schools and some orphan children. For the first time we have received a donation of blankets which will help keep children warm in the cold Sudan winter. Thank you Jean and Val from Oxenholme for making a difference to some very vulnerable children.



WEP students at University

We now fund 104 undergraduates at 5 universities in Sudan – Afhad, Khartoum, Bahri, Al Nilain and Sudan University.

Right: Breaking new ground

We now fund 2 girls who are training to be lawyers. Salma Ayoub Alseddig (left) is studying at Bahri University and Abeer Suliman Salem at Al Nilain University. Thank you to the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers for generous funding for these two exceptional scholars who come from very disadvantaged backgrounds.



South Sudan

Despite the troubles, an adult literacy class funded by Women's Education Partnership is being held every week at Kimu Clinic near Juba. 60 women attend and there are 4 teachers to help. Our emergency relief work in education in South Sudan is generously supported by the David Wootton Education Foundation and St Patrick's, Preston Patrick.



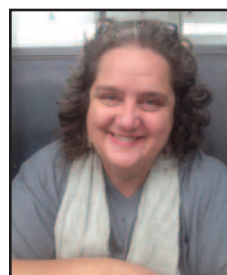
Education for disadvantaged women is at the heart of all we do in Sudan.

We welcome 2 new patrons

Right: Dr Leila Bashir Gamil is Chair of Parmoja Sudan Reflect network and one of the country's leading experts in adult literacy for women.



Below: Louise Burrett MBE
Louise Burrett, MBE has been a career diplomat for 38 years. During this time she served twice in Sudan,



first with Alan Goultly and Lillian Craig Harris when WEP, then Together for Sudan, was founded, returning almost 20 years later (2014-2017). Due to take up a post in Addis in September 2017 she and her husband, Bill Ridout, look forward to maintaining strong ties to Sudan and to supporting the work of WEP.



The office staff and Ann outside our Khartoum office.

Voluntary Director Peter Hullah, a retired UK Academy Principal and International Educationalist, formerly Bishop of Ramsbury in the Diocese of Salisbury

FOUNDING LIFE PATRONS OF TOGETHER FOR SUDAN now WOMEN'S EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Lillian Craig Harris OBE and **Alan Goultly CMG**

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Professor Herman Bell an authority on Sudanese languages

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Awareness Raising and Fund Raising Receptions 2017

Khartoum Tuesday 10th October British Embassy 8pm-10pm

London Tuesday 21st November House of Lords 6pm-8pm

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Women's Education Partnership



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