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Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States. As an independent 501(c) (3) organization, ERD takes its mandate from Jesus' words found in Matthew 25. All programs work towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Together with the worldwide Church and ecumenical partners, ERD strengthens communities today to meet tomorrow's challenges. We rebuild after disasters and empower people by offering lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease, including HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Sudan

ERD is partnering with the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) and its development arm, the Sudanese Development and Relief Agency (SUDRA), to build capacity of local dioceses in both northern and southern Sudan to respond to community needs. We've helped SUDRA implement leadership training programs and a strategic planning process, and construct community facilities, while creating income-generating projects to secure long-term support for each diocese.

Other initiatives include:

- Promoting Health and Fighting Disease
 - ◆ Health centers in the Dioceses of Maridi and Malakal provide care and essential services for the community.
- Creating Economic Opportunities and Strengthening Communities:
 - ◆ A training center for women offers skills development in the Diocese of Yambio.
 - ◆ Computer training courses for young people in Port Sudan teach skills needed for employment.
 - ◆ A vocational education and training program provides opportunities to increase income in the Diocese of Ibba.
 - ◆ An agricultural improvement project helps farmers improve their produce in Ezo.
- Responding to emergencies
 - ◆ Relief assistance for displaced persons in the five ECS dioceses most impacted by the Lord's Resistance Army's (LRA) brutal attacks. ERD partners with the ECS and SUDRA to address this ongoing humanitarian crisis.

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