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PASS

Partnership in Agriculture for a Sustainable Sudan

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About PASS:

The Episcopal Church of Sudan is working for sustainable development—development that promotes self-sufficiency and sustainable use of resources. The ECS Agriculture Department (new this year) is part of the development vision of the ECS. The Agriculture Department consists of: 1) large scale food production to generate income for the church and food security for the region and 2) assistance in agriculture advising and training for sustainable techniques with their own projects and with all the dioceses in their ministry to subsistence farmers.

The ECS Agriculture Department needs partners to assist in its mission of reducing hunger, teaching techniques for the long-term sustainability of agriculture, and encouragement for building up the church. This brochure contains a list of individual items which will help meet the needs of this vital mission.

If you are interested in receiving the monthly report of the ECS Agriculture Department, please email Robin Denney at redenney@gmail.com.

Opportunities for Support:

Support a subsistence farmer or parish farming group **\$50**

As the Agriculture Department trains working groups and pastors about improved farming techniques throughout the province, they come across communities that are so cut off and impoverished they do not have access to seed or tools to try these techniques. This is a small amount of seed and tools that can be given to a small parish agriculture group, or an individual, to help them produce more food.

Creation of a demonstration and teaching garden **\$1,000**

Employee for a demonstration and teaching garden **\$140**

The Province is starting a small teaching garden at the provincial guest house in Juba. Establishing the garden is a necessary one-time cost for teaching proper farming. Money is also needed to pay the salary of the gardener who will maintain the garden, so that it can be used for training in improved sustainable techniques.

Tree planting

30 timber trees: \$40, 25 fruit trees: \$75, 15 Cash crop trees: \$50

Trees are an investment in the future and a good opportunity for income generation for the church. These trees will be given to agriculture work groups associated with the church, who are looking to generate income for their church and community. Improved trees also provide seed and bud wood that can be used by local people to propagate their own trees. The trees will be obtained from nurseries within Sudan.

Tools for training an agricultural group **\$600**

The Agriculture Department travels from diocese to diocese, training groups about agriculture techniques. In some areas, tools are not available. Being able to bring a set of tools that can be left in the community after the training would increase the ability of the people to produce food.

Tractor **\$32,000**

Additional tools—Disk & drill: \$11,500, Blade plow: \$27,000, Trailer: \$8,000, Harrow: \$4,600, Ridger: \$2,500, Ditcher: \$2,000, Transport from Khartoum: \$6,900

Total **\$69,000**

Tractors are needed for the larger scale agricultural projects of the province and some dioceses. Massey Ferguson models will be purchased since these are the most common models in Sudan and will be most easily maintained. Tractors can be hired out for income generation and support for the community, used for other projects (i.e. brick production), or where transport of heavy items is necessary.

Tractor tires **\$2,000**

Several dioceses already own tractors and need to replace worn tires.

“Walk behind” tractors **\$3,500**

These tractors are simple tilling machines which are well suited for small group projects.

Ox Plow Project **\$200**

The Diocese of Rumbek has a very well developed ox plow project that has helped 400 farmers. The farmers bring their own bulls, are given an ox plow, and are trained how to use it. This price includes the cost of a plow and the training. Funding for the ox plow project has been depleted and is in need of support at this time. Similar projects are needed in other dioceses.

Two young bulls **\$800**

The Diocese of Rokon has plows but no bulls. These bulls would help them restart their agriculture projects.