



# Sudan

## Village Water Supply and Education

### Location

Nachipo, Narus, South Sudan

### Partner Church

Sudan Council of Churches

### The Situation

The villages of Nachipo have a population of 3,650 people. The land is arid and covered with shrubs with goat husbandry providing the main source of income and food.

Water shortage is a part of life for the people of Nachipo. During the long dry season the community dig shallow wells in the dried river beds to access drinking water. Alternatively, the children walk more than 5 kilometres to fetch water from the only well that serves the area. This leaves little time for education and before this project almost every adult was illiterate and no child attended school. The Toposa communities in Nachipo had no schools or pre-schools in their local area before this project.

### The Project

UnitingWorld has committed to the construction of several deep bore holes and a water capturing system as well as to establishing a well resourced pre-school for the community. Bore wells improve the health of the people, reduce the workload of women and children and strengthen community spirit by providing safe and clean water for the communities. Additionally the pre-school project will provide the foundations for learning for the children of Nachipo.

The project is supervised by Gladys Mananyu, Project Officer of the National Council of Churches Sudan.

### Achievements

In 2007 the preschool project saw the construction of three classrooms as a place for learning for the children of Nachipo. The pre-school now enrolls around 150 children and caters for children up to the age of 12 years old due to widespread illiteracy.

Also between 2007-2008 four deep water boreholes were sunk into the ground in the Nachipo region. These were an enormous task and have greatly reduced the workload of the women and children. A management committee of five women and four men plus the village chief has also been formed to sustain the bore holes.

### The Future

In 2009 a further six boreholes will be sunk into the ground in the Nachipo area. Community workshops on health and hygiene will also be conducted.

In 2009 the pre-school is also set to be expanded with funds going towards basic facilities such as desks, chairs, blackboards and teaching and learning materials. This will also help to support two qualified teachers employed to run the school effectively. The project will also cater for the second phase of the construction work of the Administration block for the teachers, storage and the Head teachers' Office.

### Get Involved

We invite you to get involved with the project by supporting the work financially, praying for the success of the project and receiving regular updates.

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