

OUR STORY

HOPE for Ariang grew out of a life-long dream of former refugee and "Lost Boy of Sudan" Gabriel Bol Deng. When he returned to his home village, Ariang, after 20 years away, he saw students learning in makeshift schools under trees. Gabriel was determined to transfer the poor learning environment into a permanent learning facility and provide inclusive access to quality education for the next generation.

He founded HOPE for Ariang in 2006 as a vehicle to rebuild his community after years of devastating conflict. He first led a project to drill six hand-pump water wells. Next, he mobilized the community to make bricks to construct Ariang School. The school opened in 2011 and today, more than 1,000 students in Primary 1 to 8 are attending.

QUICK FACTS

- 73% of South Sudanese adults are illiterate.
- More than 50% of school-age children are not in school.
- Only 7% of teachers are trained
- Only 11% of girls ages 7-14 attend primary school. The country is listed among the toughest countries for a girl to get an education.

(Reference: HOPE for Ariang publications and Rosen report, the guardian, Liliir Education project)



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MISSION

HOPE for Ariang partners with local communities to provide inclusive access to quality education and opportunities for children and youth through a holistic approach.

VISION

We envision prosperous and empowered communities in South Sudan, where every man, woman, and child has access to education, leadership, social, and economic opportunities.

OUR PROGRAMS

ARIANG SCHOOL

HFA completed the Ariang School building in 2011, the first of its kind in the village and equipped each classroom with locally made desks and chalkboards. Today more than 1,000 students in Primary 1 to 8 are able to learn inside classrooms rather than under trees. There are 22 local teachers. HFA is committed to providing continued support to Ariang School so that all students can access education that is equitable for all. Since 2012, HFA has distributed among students:

- shoes
- full school uniforms
- stationeries items
- teaching materials

TEACHER TRAINING

Trained teachers foster a more conducive learning environment, student-oriented learning and positive school growth. HFA formalized a teacher training program in 2018. In partnership with Dignitas, a teacher training NGO, the first cohort of six teachers completed an intensive training and one-on-one coaching. Our teachers learned how to plan lessons, engage students, and check for students' understanding. Each year we plan to expand this training to new teachers.



SCHOLARS' EMPOWERMENT

HOPE for Ariang Foundation recognizes the obstacles for a student to continue learning after completing their primary education at Ariang Primary School. In order to provide increased opportunities for graduates to attend secondary school, HFA launched a Scholars' Empowerment Program (SEP) which will sponsor students annually to transition to high school. During school breaks and holidays, SEP students will engage in leadership development seminars. Our goal is that all Ariang graduates can receive a high school certificate and beyond!



WOMEN & GIRLS EMPOWERMENT

HFA aims to eliminate the barriers for a girl to go to school and complete her education. Women and Girls Empowerment Program will develop confident women and girls who are able to achieve their dreams. The program includes the following initiatives:

- Girls' leadership and mentorship programs at Ariang School
- Menstruation and Hygiene Management (MHM) trainings and distribution of MHM kits
- Women small-business training and implementation



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