

# Women's Dignity Initiative

## SOUTH SUDAN

Unto Project Proposal (26-SDS-WHD1)



**Region:** Africa  
**Country:** South Sudan  
**People Groups:** South Sudanese  
**People Impacted:** 420+

**Project Type:** Women's Health Workshop  
**Field Strategist:** Anne Hendrick  
**Total Budget:** \$10,576

### Project Description

Across South Sudan, the majority of people lack access to healthcare. The country has the highest maternal mortality rate in the world. They also have a high child mortality rate — one in every 10 children dies before the age of five. Without adequate education and healthcare, most mothers struggle to take care of their own health and that of their children.

To help address the needs of women and children, the local Unto® staff team plans to host two women's health workshops near Juba. A team of six local women will host the workshops, including female healthcare practitioners who regularly serve with the ministry and lead rural medical clinics. Over the course of the three-day workshop, women will learn about pregnancy, childbirth, infant care, female health, hygiene and much more. They will also hear about how they are made in God's image and have value in Him.

### Ministry Opportunity

The women's health workshops will allow the in-country team to return to communities where other humanitarian projects have taken place and continue building relationships. The workshops will also open up opportunities to serve in new communities. Each workshop will impact not only individual women, but also entire families.

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At every clinic, women hear about God's love and care for them. The gospel is also shared. For many, hearing about Jesus and how He values them is very transformative. Women are often eager to share the lessons and the message of hope with others — ultimately impacting their entire community. Last year, in another African nation, the local staff team saw 40 women come to faith in Jesus as a result of the women's health workshop they hosted in a local community.

## **Follow-Up Plan**

The local staff team will follow up with the women who express interest in Jesus and come to faith during the workshops. They will continue to build relationships with the women and their families. To help women grow in faith, the team will also form Bible study groups using clips from the Jesus Film Project® movie, *Magdalena*, in the local language as well as other resources.

## **Project Impact**

The two women's health workshops will impact approximately 420 women and their families. After the workshops conclude, women will return home and share what they have learned with others. The local staff team will also establish Bible study groups with the goal of helping women grow in faith while also expanding ministry into new areas.

**Total Need: \$10,576**

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