



Projects 2026



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Dear supporters of *Partner sein*,

In February 2025 members of the board of *Partner sein* travelled to **South Sudan**, the youngest country in the world and visited three of the projects supported by



our charity. Until recently, the USA was by far the largest giver of development and humanitarian aid to the country. However, the US president has ordered most of such aid to be discontinued and thus created an existential crisis in the international aid system. According to numerous sources South Sudan is the most aid dependent country in the world.

Fortunately, we did not find the humanitarian situation as bad as reported in some of the press. Both our local partners, the

Anglican Bishops of Ibba and Yambio are very engaged and loved and respected by the local people. Life is simple, but people have enough to eat. The title picture of this brochure is that of a local woman selling her wares at a market stand in Yambio. She has profited from a microcredit financed by *Partner sein* (Project Ss 03).

Uganda was the second stage of our journey. We visited the area around Kanoni where for political reasons we had to withdraw from the projects (this was explained in the 2024 editorial). We continue our work in the area by working more closely with the agricultural and household school of the association «Mwebale Nnyo», founded by the Swiss citizen Regula Kamer. Some of the local teachers who previously worked at our Kanoni School project now work with «Mwebale Nnyo» in addition to teaching at other schools. Both the school and the adjoining guest house are well run by local persons, so well in fact, that Regula Kamer has been able to retire from day-to-day management activities.

The situation in **DR Congo**: Since January 2025 the rebel group M23 controls much of eastern Congo, including the cities of Goma and Bukavu. Both M23 and the retreating government army have left a trail of destruction and many casualties amongst the civilian population. Our projects have been badly hit, but our local partners in Goma and Bukavu are safe and in good spirits. We are in

contact with them and currently evaluating what support is needed to reactivate our projects. Currently a certain level of normality exists, but for how long is the question.

With 34 projects totalling CHF 236'600.- in the Philippines, DR Congo, Uganda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Zambia, *Partner sein* continues to be there where help is needed. In new projects as well as projects that we have supported for many years, concerning health, education and provision of clean drinking water. We work together with trustworthy local partners with whom we have regular contact.

These projects can only be realised with your generosity. In the name of the poor, we thank you for your support.



Partner sein delegation in Uganda.

Raymond Dumont, President

Maxine Wildhaber, Anglican Church delegate to *Partner sein*.

Planned spending 2026

DR Kongo	12 Projects	CHF	86'000.-
Philippines	10 Projects	CHF	47'100.-
Uganda	3 Projects	CHF	29'000.-
Tanzania	4 Projects	CHF	31'000.-
South Sudan	4 Projects	CHF	33'000.-
Zambia	1 Projects	CHF	2'500.-
Disaster relief		CHF	8'000.-
Total	34 Projects	CHF	236'600.-

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South Sudan/Zambia

Dedication of a new water well in Ibba by Bishop Wilson | Ss 02

South Sudan

Vocational training for young people, Ibba Ss 01 | CHF 12'000.–

The diocesan training centre at Ibba offers various vocational training courses for teenagers and young adults. The number of courses offered is continually increasing. On the one hand it aims to help young women who, through the disruption of civil war or early pregnancies, were unable to finish their primary school education to obtain a diploma in computer science, English and administration. On the other hand, young men are offered courses in carpentry, plastering, auto mechanics as well as in farming techniques. *Partner sein* supports the day to day running of the school as well as further education for the teaching staff.

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Construction of residential quarters for students and planting of teak trees, Ibba Ss 02 | CHF 15'000.–

The school now consists of three buildings and has an increasing number of students. For students from far away villages accommodation is needed. In 2024 a number of simple houses was constructed. A further ten houses accommodating each three persons will be built. Furthermore, 9'000 teak trees will be planted. They will serve as future income as well as a contribution to climate protection.

Supported by Stiftung Solidarität mit der Welt (sdw-sam.ch)

Microcredit for start-ups by women, Ibba Ss 04 | CHF 3'000.–

With help from a microcredit, women from the diocese can borrow money in order to set up a small business. Profits will help support their families and improve their lifestyles.

Supported by Verband christkatholischer Frauenvereine (VCF) and the Trinity Sunday collection

Microcredit for start-ups by women and girls, Yambio Ss 03 | CHF 3'000.–

The diocese of Yambio wishes to help girls and women, especially those suffering from violence, death, destruction and displacement, with small amounts of start-up capital. These women have often lost their husbands and must look after their families without help. With guidance and a start-up capital of USD 200.– the creation of a small business is possible.

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Planting of 9000 Teak Trees in Ibba. | Ss 02



Accommodations for students in Ibba. | Ss 02

Zambia

School fees for girls, Kitwe S 01 | CHF 2'500.–

The Anglican Church affiliated «Cecily's Fund» (ceciysfund.org) enables orphans to receive schooling. Since years, *Partner sein* has financed various project, mostly to enable girls aged 14–19 to obtain secondary education. Information on personal health and sexuality is given by former pupils, so-called «Peers Health Educators». Families are encouraged to participate in schemes to generate income. New is a programme to grow bamboo which can be turned into charcoal for which there is a demand. Parallel to this, further «GROW» exchange groups will be founded for the people responsible for the schoolgirls. The idea is to assist them in obtaining the basics they will need to start a small business and provide for themselves in later life.



Democratic Republic Congo

Sewing machines secure the future | K 18

Cows for families, Bukavu region, Süd-Kivu K 02 | CHF 2'000.–

Three poor families in the Bukavu region will each receive one cow plus building materials for a stable as well as veterinary support. A daily milk ration will relieve the undernourishment of the children. In addition, the cow dung will provide manure for vegetable plots. In case of need, further income may be generated by the sale of a calf. Families will also receive instruction in animal husbandry as well as information on healthy children's diets.

School center Shaloom, Ciriri, Bukavu, Süd-Kivu

K 04 | CHF 12'000.–

The primary purpose of this school is to enable children in the Ciriri quarter of the town of Bukavu to read and write and combat the large-scale illiteracy in the area. The Shaloom school provides 550 primary and 250 secondary school pupils with a functional and weatherproof infrastructure. The school has been a success and is the pride of Ciriri, and the number of pupils grows. In 2024 and 2025 two more classrooms were built. In 2026 the uncovered area of the school will be weather-proofed.

Mental Health for all, Bukavu and South-Kivu

K 07 | CHF 24'000.–

Our former stipendiary, psychiatrist Dr. Philippe Amani Busane, has incorporated psychological treatment into the health services network of the Anglican Diocese of Bukavu. Treatment is many-sided. Emphasis is placed on the therapy of traumatised, sexually exploited children, young people and women as well as the mentally ill. People recovering from drug or alcohol addiction are supported in their efforts to return to normal life.

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Doctor and psychiatrist Philippe Amani Busane. | K 07

Renovation of medical centres, Bukavu und South-Kivu

K 14 | CHF 10'000.–

The Anglican Diocese of Bukavu maintains a network of medical centres in many regions of the Province of South-Kivu, including on the island of Idjwi. Civil war and time have damaged the infrastructure. Since 2022 *Partner sein* has supported renovation work. Each year one roof should be repaired and ten new hospital beds provided.

Tapping of fresh water springs, Island of Idjwi, South-Kivu

K 05 | CHF 5'000.–

The Anglican Diocese of Bukavu has been engaged for years in the provision of clean drinking water on the island of Idjwi, in the lake of Kivu. However, there are still villages without access to clean drinking water. In addition, a number of existing springs need repairs as a result of increasingly strong rainy seasons. This long-term project is one of the many success stories of *Partner sein* in the region.



Provision of medical supplies on the Island of Idjwi. | K 06

Medical supplies, Island of Idjwi, South-Kivu

K 06 | CHF 2'000.–

Sick persons should have access to basic medical facilities and the necessary medicine. *Partner sein* supports the provision and dispensing of medicines on the island of Idjwi in the lake of Kivu. Especially for the treatment of diseases caused by poor quality drinking water such as cholera and typhus.

Support for orphans, Goma, North-Kivu

K 09 | CHF 10'000.–

The already precarious situation of the many refugees in Goma has been made worse by the fighting in spring 2025. Orphaned children, as well as children of poor single mothers, are supported by the Tumaini project (future) in a dignified and sustainable manner to achieve an independent life and a future worth living. In this project, some 75 children are cared for in the Tumaini day-care centre. They receive food and clothing as well as psycho-social and educational support. The mothers / responsible persons are supported with basic foodstuffs. Need has been made greater since Goma has been occupied by the M23 rebel army. Despite closure of the school, work on finishing the new school buildings has continued and should be completed in 2026.



Bild: Orphans receive regular meals. I K 09

Supported by IAKDM (The Old Catholic Church charity)

Sewing machines help to secure the future, Goma, North-Kivu

K 18 | CHF 2'000.–

With hard work and the acceptance of responsibility, African women make a strong contribution to improving their living standards. At the Tumaini day-care centre young women receive training in dressmaking. After training each receives a mechanical sewing machine and money for purchasing cloth. They can then sew clothes for themselves as well as third parties. *Partner sein* will support the purchase of a further ten sewing machines as well as gift textile materials to newly qualified seamstresses to help them become economically independent and build a secure future for themselves and their families.

Equipping of school children, Boga, Ituri

K 12 | CHF 3'000.–

In the eastern part of DR Congo, villages are still being regularly attacked by armed rebel groups. Cattle are stolen and crops destroyed. The villages lose their livelihood and can no longer afford the school fees. In such circumstances the state waives the fees. We assume the cost of fitting out children in the village of Boga with shoes, school uniforms, books, pens and pencils as well as school bags.

Our support in building the Anglican university in Bunia was the first development project which *Partner sein* undertook in DR Congo. Water and electricity supplies were established, stipends paid and funds for the fitting out provided. The university has since then greatly increased the number of courses offered. *Partner sein* supports three projects:

Training for wives of Ministers. Bunia, Ituri

K 11 | CHF 6'000.–

Ministers are trained at the theological college in Bunia. They are often accompanied by their wives and families who also live on the campus. The wives can attend bible courses and receive further education in practical activities such as sewing and knitting, in questions of basic health as well as in vegetable growing and animal husbandry. This knowledge can be passed on to other women in the community and help to improve life in the villages.

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Climate, environment, agriculture, Bunia, Ituri

K 13 | CHF 3'000.–

The Anglican university in Bunia is reforesting part of its 40 hectares of land with suitable trees as well as investing in crop and cattle farming. The university offers courses in farming and integrates the students into their in-house farm. Emphasis is being placed on sustainable farming methods to minimise the effects of climate change. Farm produce will provide a healthy diet for the students and their families.

Maintenance of the solar power supply, Bunia, Ituri

K 16 | CHF 7'000.–

The energy need of the students has increased, and a reliable electricity supply is required. The national power grid is expensive and breaks down regularly. The renovation and expansion of the solar electricity cells, which began in 2025, will be completed in 2026.



Uganda/Tanzania

Household school in Bulyakamu | U 11

Uganda

Schooling for aids orphans, Kanoni U 01 | CHF 14'000.–

We pay the annual school fees for 60-70 children and young people whose families cannot afford to send them to school. In addition to primary and secondary schooling we also finance courses at vocational colleges. Education increases their chances of being able to earn a living and live an independent life. Motivation is high and this is reflected in good school notes.

Agricultural household school, Bulyakamu U 11 | CHF 5'000.–

In recent years, *Partner sein* has supported various projects of the local charitable foundation «Mwebale Nnyo» founded by Regula Kamer. The charity has constructed and runs a household school in the village of Bulyakamu. Courses include the production of herbs, ointments, clothes and shoes as well as in sustainable farming. A goat project for orphans who live in foster families, in which they raise a goat, should enable them to partly finance their own school fees though the sale of milk, meat and young animals as well as enable them to gain skills in animal husbandry.

Improving the fresh water supply, Kanoni U 09 | CHF 10'000.–

A new borehole with water pump will be built in the village of Kammengo (Mikunyu). This will improve access to fresh drinking water for the villages and help to reduce waterborne diseases.

Supported by the foundation of Goba AG (goba-welt.ch)

Tanzania

Training of CMM sisters, Sayuni T 02 | CHF 5'000.–

The Anglican CMM sisters promote ongoing training of the sisters. Particularly the novices, who have often only attended primary school, need training for their future roles in the health system as midwives, epidemic nurses (malaria/HIV), laboratory assistants and administrators. Qualified staff from their own ranks ensures continuity, reduces cost and enables them to run self-supporting health centres in Sayuni and other locations.

Replacement Jeep, Sayuni T 09 | CHF 10'000.–

In Sayuni the CMM sisters run a health clinic as well as a large farm with fields some distance from the convent. The sisters need transportation, both for themselves and for bringing in the crops. The old jeep is no longer reliable and must be replaced.

Girls Hostel, Masasi T 07 | CHF 6'000.–

The girls hostel in Masasi, run by the CMM sisters for secondary school pupils, guarantees girls from the countryside safe accommodation in the town. It also enables them to gain knowledge in domestic and garden work as well as in nutrition and basic healthcare. Currently, 20 girls ranging in age from 12 to 18 live and work at the hostel. Following long periods of drought, the groundwater table has sunk and the water supply no longer functions properly. *Partner sein* will finance construction of a deeper borehole.

Social engagement of the Anglican «Holy Spirit Monastery», Korogwe T 10 | CHF 10'000

In north-east Tanzania the monastery supports the local population. Apart from spiritual support the community (comprising both men and women) ensures that particularly needy children can be schooled, and the sick receive medical support. They also support young people and women in learning practical skills and business knowledge which will allow them to earn their own living.



Philippinen

Kindergarten in Ubay | P 01 – P 06

Kindergarten, Bohol P 01–P 06 | CHF 38'000.–

On the island of Bohol, Iglesia Filipina Independiente / Independent Philippine Church – IFI, runs kindergartens in isolated villages. Children of poor families can thus, free of charge or for a small fee, attend kindergarten. Such attendance is a prerequisite to later attend primary school. In recent years, with the help of Partner sein, six kindergartens have been built or renovated. Currently, *Partner sein* assumes the running costs (salaries, uniforms, school materials and food).



Partner sein supports kindergartens in Carangi (left) Candijay (middle) and Matin-ao-(right). | P 01 – P 06

Training of female theologians, Urdaneta

P 10 | CHF 2'500.–

In the seminary of Urdaneta, *Partner sein* supports the theological studies of five young women who are called to the priesthood within the Iglesia Filipina Independiente / Independent Philippine Church. Small renovations of the buildings are also being financed.

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Support for farmers, Catagdaan, Bohol P 13 | CHF 3'300.–

and Candijay, Bohol P 14 | CHF 3'300.–

Farmers in both parishes have few farming machines and tools. Both projects will help to increase production and give some 200 poor households the opportunity to raise their income. This will be to the betterment of the whole community.



Partner sein supports the kindergarten in Catagdaan. | P 01 – P 06

Disaster relief

If anywhere in the world a catastrophe occurs, be it a major earthquake, a typhoon, an epidemic or other catastrophe, *Partner sein* can respond quickly with financial assistance.



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Your donation helps:

CHF 50.- will support a girl for 6 months at the residential school in Masasi, Tanzania.

CHF 110.- makes it possible for a child to attend a kindergarten in the Philippines for 1 year.

CHF 200.- will finance a microcredit in Yambio, South Sudan and support the establishment of a small business.

CHF 1'300.- will finance the tapping of a freshwater spring on the island of Idjwi and provide drinking water to hundreds of households.

Many thanks for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

Our network

- Fastenaktion
- Stiftung Solidarität mit der Welt
- Swiss World Day of Prayer
- Swiss Old Catholic Church
- Anglican Churches in Switzerland
- HEKS
- Latitude 21
- Foundation of Goba AG
- IAKDM

«And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of those of them which make peace.»

(James 3:18)

What is Partner sein?

Partner sein is the charitable arm of the Old Catholic Church in Switzerland. Since 1972 the Old Catholic Church has performed social welfare work outside of Switzerland through the work of Partner sein.

We bundle our resources

In its projects, *Partner sein* concentrates primarily on improving health, education, mitigating poverty and disaster relief. Where possible we strive to achieve long term solutions.

Integration of local partners

Successful development work needs reliable local partners. Together with local people long term improvements in standards of living can be achieved. Many of our projects are with the local Anglican Church.

Find out more about our work and projects:
www.partner-sein.ch



How to donate?

If you would like to support any of these projects, or *Partner sein* in general, please make your payment to:

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Legacy

Another possibility to support people in need through *Partner sein* is to establish a legacy. Details can be found under www.partner-sein.ch/en/partner-sein-legacy.



Partner sein constructed this school centre in Ciriri, DR Congo. | K 04