

## CRS GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Established in 1943, CRS is engaged in humanitarian relief and development efforts in nearly 100 countries throughout the world. We strive to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas, promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person. CRS acts to:

- promote human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies
- serve Catholics in the United States as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world

Although our mission is rooted in the Catholic faith, our operations serve people based solely on need, regardless of their race, religion or ethnicity.



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Cover photo: Catholic Relief Services promoted peaceful national elections in Sudan by working with the National Election Commission and local volunteers groups to get out the word. Debbie DeVoe/CRS

Inside top: The first meeting of the Women Group Cultivators radio listening group. Such civic education is critical to the success of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, which ended the decades-long war. Debbie DeVoe/CRS

Inside bottom: Sr. Veronica Daniel casts her ballot in Juba, Sudan, on Sunday, January 9, 2011. Sara Fajardo/CRS

Back cover: A youth group from the Episcopal Church of Sudan visits three marketplaces, performing songs, skits and discussions to teach market vendors about the national elections. Debbie DeVoe/CRS

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# Governance in in South Sudan

CRS' strategy  
to support  
governance  
in South Sudan



## CRS GLOBALLY

CRS governance projects call upon citizens and decision-makers alike to assume their rights and responsibilities and to foster an ethos of personal integrity and professional accountability. Recently CRS has helped select and train female political leaders and supported young people in the fight against corruption by holding school officials accountable to positive leadership models. CRS promotes democratic governance through a variety of interventions and strategies worldwide, with a specific focus on civic education and engagement.

## SOUTH SUDAN OVERVIEW

In April 2010, Southern Sudanese voted in elections followed by a national referendum in January 2011. CRS leveraged its extensive partner network to disseminate information about voter rights and voting procedures. The network was crucial to implementing the *Greater Equatoria Democracy Initiative* to support the 2010 National Elections, which was the first multiparty election in Sudan in over 20 years. CRS also supported the *South Sudan Referendum Initiative* by facilitating a civic education campaign to raise awareness of the 2011 referendum for self-determination of South Sudan. Both initiatives received financial support from USAID through the National Democratic Institute (NDI).

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Greater Equatoria Democracy Initiative 2010

Donor	People reached
USAID via (NDI)	427,000

### Southern Sudan Referendum Initiative 2010-2011

Donor	People reached
USAID via (NDI)	1,200,000 (estimated)



## GOAL

**CRS' goal is to facilitate and ensure that South Sudanese communities successfully advocate for more effective and equitable governance.**

## THE CRS APPROACH

### Partnership and cross-sectoral integration

In South Sudan, as elsewhere, CRS relies on its strong partnerships with local church and secular organizations, the host government, non-governmental organizations, and international agencies to efficiently and effectively deliver services to those most in need.

One priority of CRS is to help bolster the technical, managerial, and financial capacities of its partners as we collectively work towards greater sustainability.

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

CRS will maintain or increase its level of support for the government. CRS has worked through its church partner network to ensure citizen voice and local community input into the constitutional review process and will maintain this commitment to transparent governance in legislation and ensuring more equal access to quality public services for all South Sudanese.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

CRS has implemented governance interventions in Southern Sudan since 2006. CRS implemented the UNDP-funded Local Government Recovery Program (LGRP), 2006-2008, in collaboration with the Local Governance Board (LGB) in the Office of the President. Collaborating closely with the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS), its new state-level governments, and selected local authorities, UNDP, PACT and CRS provided a comprehensive custom-tailored capacity development package. The package provided technical assistance, established internal control and administrative management systems and supported the renovation of physical facilities. More importantly, it increased social capital among citizens so that they demanded more responsive governance, including oversight mechanisms.

At the invitation of GOSS, CRS participated in the Public Administration budget sector working group during the LGRP initiative. This group facilitated a comprehensive and peer reviewed planning, reporting and budgeting process that underpinned the 2009–2012 GOSS budget.

