

Africa

Constellation: AF East C1

Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania



NEEDS

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Country: **Sudan**

Cry of the Earth

- Water issues
 - Periodic persistent droughts → inadequate supplies of potable water
 - Water pollution
- Wildlife populations threatened by excessive hunting
- Soil erosion, desertification, deforestation (tree planting)

Cry of the Poor

- Civil wars and continuing conflict after South Sudan's independence has resulted in the displacement of nearly 2 million people
- Refugee influxes from surrounding countries
- Armed conflict, poor transportation infrastructure, denial of access by both gov and armed opposition have prevented provision of humanitarian aid
- Secession of S Sudan led to loss of ¾ of oil production, which had been a major component of the economy → has struggled to stabilize since
 - Majority of population relies on subsistence farming
 - Half of population at or below poverty line
- Currently trying to develop non-oil sources of revenue: gold mining agriculture
- Human trafficking, specifically of Sudanese women and girls for prostitution and children for armed combat (protection of minors and vulnerable adults)

General notes

- Gained independence from Anglo-Egyptian rule in 1956
 - Two recent civil wars between North and South

Commitments

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Countries: Kenya, Sudan, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda

Qn 1- We commit ourselves to tree-planting

- a) At Congregational level according to the number of sisters in the Congregation. We will also extend tree-planting into our Schools and institutions we run. We also dedicate ourselves to offer an alternative fuel for cooking; e.g. bio gas, bricks. We also want to manage waste by reducing the use of plastics in our communities.
- b) We commit ourselves to the protection of minors and vulnerable adults. We also recognize in this group housemaids and our workers in the communities.

Importantly, we will involve other stakeholders – e.g. protection officers, police and other NGOs.

- North is Muslim-dominant and Arabic-speaking, South Sudan is mostly non-Muslim, non-Arab → gained independence in 2011
- Sudan and S Sudan have yet to fully implement their peace agreements
- mixed legal system of Islamic law and English common law

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Country: **South Sudan**

Cry of the Earth

- Same environmental issues as Sudan – droughts, inadequate drinking water, water pollution, loss of biodiversity, deforestation, soil erosion, desertification (tree planting)
- Additional issues surrounding oil production – one of most oil-dependent countries in the world

Cry of the Poor

- One of the poorest countries in the world
 - 66% of country lives on \$2 a day
- Ongoing tensions w/ Sudan over oil production, borders, fighting b/w gov and rebel groups
- Majority of pop relies on subsistence farming (one of the richest agricultural areas in Africa)
 - 80% of pop in rural areas
 - Property rights are insecure
- Poorly developed infrastructure
- Most women marry and start having children early (52% married before 18)
- 2 mill S Sudanese have fled since 2013, another 2 mil have been internally displaced
- Due to fighting, attainment of education is particularly difficult – lack of schools, qualified teachers, materials
 - Less than 1/3 of pop is literate
- Human trafficking, specifically of Sudanese women and girls for prostitution or forced marriage
 - Child labor in construction, brick making, etc.

General notes

- Extremely unstable political and economic situation following independence in 2011 → “revitalized” peace agreement signed in 2018 currently in process of implementation
- Intra-state ethnic conflict among Dinka and Nuer in addition to interstate ethnic conflict b/w S Sudan and Sudan
 - Concerns that genocide may be imminent

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Country: **Uganda**

Cry of the Earth

- draining of wetlands for agricultural use
- deforestation (tree planting)
- overgrazing; soil erosion
- water pollution from industrial discharge and water hyacinth (invasive species) infestation in Lake Victoria
- widespread poaching

Cry of the Poor

- Rapidly growing population – in part due to difficulty to access contraception, little family planning, cultural preference for large families
 - Growing pop → strain on available arable land and natural resources
- Ugandans emigrants have fled to search for jobs, for security reasons
 - As a result, a particular issue of a shortage of medical professionals
- Immigrants to Uganda from S Sudan, DRC other neighboring countries
 - Instability in S Sudan has caused sharp increase in S Sudanese refugees
- 72% work in agriculture – coffee, gold, minerals
- Only 22% have access to electricity
- Limited political freedom under President Museveni → harshly suppresses opposition, journalists and NGOs targeted

General notes

- Relative stability and economic growth since Yoweri Museveni came to power in 1986 → presidential age limits removed in 2017 to allow him to remain in office
- Ongoing conflict b/w gov and Lord's Resistance Army

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Country: **Kenya**

Cry of the Earth

- water pollution from urban and industrial wastes
- water shortage and degraded water quality from increased use of pesticides and fertilizers
- Flooding
- water hyacinth infestation in Lake Victoria
- deforestation (tree planting)
- soil erosion
- desertification
- poaching

Cry of the Poor

- Rapidly growing population
 - Growing pop → strain on available arable land, natural resources, jobs
 - Gov has decreased support for family planning since late 90s
- Large #s of refugees, particularly from Somalia, Uganda, Sudan and S Sudan
- While Kenya has a growing entrepreneurial middle class and steady growth, its economic development has been impaired by weak governance and corruption
- unemployment and under-employment are extremely high, and could be near 40% of the population
- inadequate infrastructure to facilitate improvements in poverty and unemployment

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Country: **Tanzania**

Cry of the Earth

- water pollution
- improper management of liquid and solid waste
- indoor air pollution caused by the burning of fuel wood or charcoal for cooking and heating is a large environmental health issue (alternative cooking fuels)
- soil degradation
- deforestation (tree planting)
- desertification
- destruction of coral reefs threatens marine habitats
- wildlife threatened by illegal hunting and trade, especially for ivory
- loss of biodiversity

Cry for the Poor

- Rapidly growing population and high maternal mortality rate
 - early and frequent pregnancies, inadequate maternal health services, and a lack of skilled birth attendants – problems that are worse among poor and rural women
- Aging infrastructure, which affects trade and mobility
- Forced labor and sex trafficking
 - the exploitation of young girls in domestic servitude continues to be Tanzania's largest human trafficking problem
 - Tanzanian boys are subject to forced labor mainly on farms but also in mines and quarries, in the informal commercial sector, in factories, in the sex trade, and possibly on small fishing boats
 - internal trafficking is more prevalent than transnational trafficking and is usually facilitated by friends, family members, or intermediaries with false offers of education or legitimate jobs
 - trafficking victims from Burundi, Kenya, South Asia, and Yemen are forced to work in Tanzania's agricultural, mining, and domestic service sectors or may be sex trafficked