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Press Release: Customary Authorities in Twic East Islands Appeal to Jonglei State Govt to Support newly Inaugurated Schools in the Sudd Wetland (Toich)

Press Release For State Ministry of Education/Humanitarian Partners and Twic East Diaspora

Authorities in Twic East, The County Commissioner and two Chiefs of Toch;- Chol Gak Deng Reh and Garang Chol Kongor(Garang-Mameer) appealed to Jonglei State Ministry of Education, Humanitarian Partners and Twic East Diaspora to support the newly inaugurated Primary Schools Ayeth-Gak, Biothagaany, Pannhial and Bur-Dut to support volunteer teachers who are currently teaching in various levels of education.



Pupils of

Pannhial Primary School in a classroom accommodated by the Church

"As you are aware, the huge population of Twic East County 12,075 stays in Highlands, isolated and surrounded by water as the current flooding escalates".

This has forced some resilience families who have defied moving to IDPs camps to reside in Highlands with in Twic East, adding to population already living in Toc,

The County administration as of recent initiated 4 Primary Schools there on different highlands and engage some volunteer teachers to continue teaching pupils in the 4 Primary Schools from Primary 1-3.

These Schools include: Ayeth-Gak Primary School, Biothagaany Primary School, Pannhial Primary School and Bur-Dut Primary School.

The aim of this establishment is to ensure that children at Toc (wetlands) and IDPs returning from displace camps would continue to have basic education.

It is the first time in history to have Schools there, and with these schools, both the displaced from payams and returning IDPs together with the host communities of Toc(Wetlands) would have access to Education.

It would also be in your decision to access the qualification of these volunteer teachers required for consideration once they met the standard needed by the ministry and other faith based humanitarian organizations.

Find below the names of Volunteers and their respective Schools

Volunteer Teachers in Biothagaany Primary School

- 1- Kuer Bul Chol
- 2- Abraham Ajith Atem
- 3- Akechnhial Yak
- 4- Bol Ajak Biar
- 5- Atem Abuoi Chut
- 6- Abraham Jok Chol
- 7- Khot Duot Deng
- 8- Deng Bul Kuer
- 9- Mark Aliei Dau
- 10-Deng Bul Garang

Volunteer Teachers in Ayeth-Gak Primary School

- 1- Ajak Garang Guik
- 2- Bol Chol Akoi
- 3- Aweer Daniel Bul Arok
- 4- Payai Machar Payai
- 5- Deng Chol Akol

Volunteer Teachers in Pannhial Primary School

- 1- Nyuop Bul Deng
- 2- Akok Majok Akok
- 3- Deng Mabior Awai
- 4- Malual Garang Ghak
- 5- John Chol Deng
- 6- Ghak Makuach Ghak

Volunter Teachers in Bur-Dut Primary School

- 1- Atem Kuereng Anyar
- 2- Mabior Makol Mabior
- 3- Gak Duot Gak
- 4- Atem Dau Atwic
- 5- Deng Marier Kuir
- 6- Guor Kiir Guor
- 7- Bol Wal Adeer
- 8- Akech Garang Akech
- 9- Dau Garang Angok
- 10-Matiop Kuir Marier
- 11-Dau Atem Deng
- 12-Deng Ajak Atem

Challenges

There are some outstanding challenges that faced these schools given the fact that they existed only as Temporary structures.

- Many pupils are taught in Churches/under coconut trees.
- Inadequate/limited learning space
- Lack of Blackboard
- Text Books
- Exercised Books
- Bell

Pupils that are taught in those temporary schools are from Primary 1 to Primary 3

Primary one are mainly for indigenous children who were born around Toch while primary 2 to Primary 3 are comprising of IDPs.

There is also a demand for opening of Primary 3 to Primary 4 as raised by chiefs inhabiting these highlands along the river.

In Summary, the total number of Teachers in the above Schools are 33 as shown in the table blow.

Attached are the Pictures of school pupils in their temporary classrooms.

S/No	School	No. of Volunteer Teachers	
01	Biothagaany Pri-School	10	
02	Ayeth-Gak Pri-School	5	
03	Pannhial Pri-School	6	
04	Bur-Dut Pri-School	12	
Total		33	





The Ministry of Education together with the County administration should speed up the assessment of these teachers in term of Qualifications and include them in payrolls so that they can continue teaching pupils in Toch(Wetland).