

PROJECTS DELIVERING



Delivering tailor-made aid to the South Sudanese

## Spring 2026 Newsletter

Dear friends,

Welcome to our first PDH Newsletter of 2026, in which we report on the following headlines:

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**One project is now fully funded thanks to our Poultry for Christmas 2025 Appeal;**

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**Two projects (in one) completed since our last newsletter in December 2025;**

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**Three projects have been fully funded and already set in motion since the start of 2026;**

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- **Four new projects for 2026: fundraising appeals have just been launched.**
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thanks to our Christmas 2025 Appeal!**



**Poultry for Christmas Appeal:  
£13,500 raised!**

Last July we set about fundraising to set up Poultry Projects in **five villages** in the Diocese of Kajo-Keji, South Sudan. We are delighted to report that **all five** are now fully funded.

The first two villages, (St. Peter Leikor Parish and St. James Wudu Parish) were funded and set up before Christmas, each with 50 chicks. We then received the amazing news that our friends at the Richard Taylor Foundation would fund the third village (Kiri Boma Parish). And having launched our **Poultry for Christmas Appeal**, the final two villages (Logu Parish and Bori Archdeaconry) have now been funded.

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**HOPE**  
*Hatching hope for a brighter future this Christmas, one chicken at a time.*

By supporting our poultry project, you will be helping the South Sudanese earn an income, put food on the table, and build independence.  
**A single chicken will make a world of difference.**

**£15** ..is all it costs to rear one chick (including feed & equipment)

We are so grateful to everyone who gave to this project (or to our General Fund) which has enabled these vital start-ups to be put in hand. Each village receives a 3m x 10m shed with surrounding fence, feeders, waterers,

vaccines and feed along with the first 50 chicks. Members of the Mothers Union care for the chicks until they are big enough to sell at a profit, and more chicks are purchased with the proceeds so that the flock grows until eventually, the shed is at capacity. A Community Savings Fund is then established from the proceeds which is used to encourage other small businesses with start up funding and micro finance loans.

The third village (Kiri Boma Parish) will be the next to receive their Poultry Project and we look forward to hearing how that progresses.

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**Two projects (in one) completed since our last newsletter!**



**Brick Making Project is now complete**

We were so pleased to learn that this PDH-sponsored Brick Making Project, being run by Kajo Keji Christian College, has gone so well. Despite a water shortage, the team reached their target of making the first batch of 150,000 bricks.

This is two projects in one as, not only does it provide essential employment, but it also makes low cost building materials available to refugees returning from refugee camps to rebuild their homes.

Our grateful thanks to all those who contributed so generously to the appeal for this project when attending the PDH Philippa Hanna Concert held at Holy Trinity Ripon last October.

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**Three Fully Funded Projects  
already under way!**

Since our last newsletter, we have been supporting the people of South Sudan with a number of projects which have been set in motion using donations made over time to our General Fund. More details about the impact of these projects can be found below.

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**Project 1 fully funded and under way (\$5,600 / £4,300 provided):**

**Village Savings & Loans Associations**



Based on the success of a community savings project set up by PDH in 2019 (see photo above), we have now enabled a further 12 Village Savings & Loans Associations (VSLAs) in Kajo-Keji by providing each of them with saving kits and offering business training for small scale business owners. This is a financial empowerment project to enable groups of men and women to acquire easy-to-access loans to boost their business initiatives. For more details, visit:

[VSLA Update](#)

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**Project 2 fully funded and under way (\$8,200 / £6,300 provided):**

**Pig Rearing**



This pilot project is helping six single mothers or grandmothers, who have returned to Kajo-Keji from the refugee camps, and who are struggling to support their children or grandchildren with their schooling. Each of the women has received two piglets, with a shelter and all the necessary feed and equipment to kick-start their self-sustaining venture. When mature, the piglets will be bred and their subsequent piglets sold to generate income. This process will be repeated to provide much needed funds for these women to feed their families and to pay their children's school fees. If the pilot project is successful, we plan to extend the opportunity to other women in Kajo-Keji. For more details, visit:

[Pig Rearing Update](#)

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**Project 3 fully funded and under way (\$10,000 / £7,700 provided):**

**Smile Academy Skills Training 2026**



Smile Academy is part of the Smile Charity Village where small children are given a home and an education, and young people are trained in skills such as tailoring, hairdressing, mechanics and driving. Following on from our [2024 Skills Training project](#) we have been able to support a further 35 students. For more details, visit:

[Skills Training Update](#)

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### **Thank you for your donations to our General Fund**

Setting in motion all of these projects was possible only through a number of generous donations to our General Fund from our followers and supporters. The General Fund allows us, as PDH Trustees, to allocate funds for emergencies or for projects whenever a significant need is identified.

Our grateful thanks goes to all of those who support us in this way. If you too wish to donate like this, then please click below to give a **one-off gift** or to set up a **regular monthly donation**.

[Donate to PDH General Fund](#)

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## Four Fundraising Appeals for Future Projects

Over the past month, we have been in close liaison with our good friends at the Smile Village in Uganda to identify specific ways in which the lives and experiences of the children at the Charity Village and the young people at the Smile Academy can be enhanced through four special projects.

Please have a look through our **Smile Village/Academy Shopping List** to determine whether you are able to support one or more of these initiatives. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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### Option 1: Smile Village Bread Oven (Target: £1,150)



Smile Children's Charity Village in Uganda is in need of a large bread oven. Heated by charcoal, it will be used to teach baking skills to young people, and to bake many loaves of bread to help feed the 400 children and students who attend school and training courses there every day. For more details and/or to donate, please click on the green button or scan the QR code:

[Donate to Bread Oven](#)



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**Option 2: Smile Academy Driving and Mechanics**  
**(Target: £3,798)**



The young people of the Smile Academy need to learn both to drive and to maintain vehicles, as this will enhance their opportunities to find work and make a living as they reach adulthood. This fund raiser will enable the village to purchase a suitable car to replace the old one which has reached the end of its life on the rough roads in Uganda. For more details and/or to donate, please click on the green button or scan the QR code:

[Donate to Driving and Mechanics](#)



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**Option 3: Smile Village Maize Mill**  
**(Target: £1,500)**



Smile Village grows maize as one of a range of crops on their nearby seven-acre plot of land. If they possessed a Mill, they could produce flour from the maize to use for baking at the Children's Charity Village where 400 children are educated and fed each day. For more details and/or to donate, please click on the green button or scan the QR code:

[Donate to Maize Mill](#)



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**Option 4: Sewing Machines for Smile Academy**  
**(Target: £1,925)**



Since it was founded in 2019, the Smile Academy has been equipping young people with the training and skills required to become tailors and dressmakers. At that time, Projects Delivering Hope provided a machine for each student to use, but these now need to be replaced. We aim to provide 25 new manual machines (at a cost of just £77 per machine). Each one supplied will set up a young person with a new career and therefore with a means of supporting themselves. For more details and/or to donate, please click on the green button or scan the QR code:

[Donate to Sewing Machines](#)



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**So, which one (or more) of these projects do you feel you would like to support?**

**We would love to hear from you if there is a story behind your choice.**

**Thank you in advance for following the relevant link or for using the relevant QR code to access our Fundraising Pages on the Stewardship website.**

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### **And Finally ...**

Thank you again for your on-going generosity and support for the people of South Sudan (whether they are back in their homeland in Kajo-Keji or still living across the border in Uganda).

We ask those of you who pray regularly to remember the people of South Sudan in your prayers, especially asking for:

- peace, reconciliation and a comprehensive ceasefire;
- the provision of safety, shelter, food and medicine for those who are still displaced;
- protection for the vulnerable;
- wisdom for church leaders in their support of the people; and
- strength for the church in its role as a beacon of God's hope in communities.

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With best wishes from  
**The PDH Trustees**

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