

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

AFRICAN LEADERSHIP AND RECONCILIATION MINISTRIES

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1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

Flooding in South Sudan drove thousands of people to flee their homes and seek refuge in Mangalla, Central Equatoria state. Cattle, communal issues, limited boreholes, health facilities, mistrust, fear of land grabbing, and unnecessary tree cutting have all contributed to conflict between IDPs and host communities. ALARM is looking for funding to start community dialogues and foster reconciliation among internally displaced people (IDPs) and host communities in Mangalla Payam in order to live in peace.

1.2 Tell us more about your project, the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and why you consider the proposed approach to be innovative

Project Description

South Sudan's 2022 floods displaced thousands of people from Jonglei State and sparked widespread unrest in the Equatoria region among the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and host communities, leading to land disputes between long-time occupants and recently expelled herders. The conflict has claimed numerous lives and continues to escalate, particularly in Mangalla Payam, where inter-communal violence is escalating due to the presence of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). The host communities are unhappy with the permanent settlement of IDPs in their lands, arguing that it is land grabbing. State and community leaders in Jonglei and Central Equatoria states are reluctant to address the issue, while locals are busy butchering themselves. The situation is at its early stages and may escalate into a long-term inter-communal rivalry.

Project objective

To foster collaboration between ALARM South Sudan staff and local authorities, religious leaders, community elders, youth, women other marginalized groups to de-escalate tensions and create a peaceful coexistence environment for both displaced and host communities, while safeguarding their needs.

ALARM staff resolves to engage:

a) Local authority leaders, with an objective to ease political tensions between the displaced and host communities, by organizing a one-day capacity-building seminar on how to conduct community peace dialogue. Thereafter, the Jonglei and Equatorial leaders will come up with basic modalities on how to prevent and address conflict in the likely event of future displacement. These conflict prevention and response strategies shall include; potential migration corridors, grazing land, timetables for returns, protections for farmers and host communities, and adjudication mechanisms that are Alternative Disputes Resolution (ADRs).

b) ALARM South Sudan staff shall identify leaders from the community, church, youth, and women and each category shall have a representative of persons who shall be trained on community peace dialogues and ADRs. afterward, the leaders will work together in collaboration with ALARM staff to conduct at least five peace dialogue meetings between the host community and IDPs and develop an action plan for future engagements.

Project Impact

The approach affects long-term peace between the host communities and IDPs in the Equatoria and Jonglei regions through regular community dialogues facilitated by trained peace champions. The discussion approach will help local authorities, host communities, and IDPs come up with strategic plans that reduce future conflicts over resources and cattle herding. Local conflict resolution will increasingly be done through community peace talks. Members of host communities and IDPs must also learn how to understand conflict's root causes, accept those who have different opinions, recognize the roles of elders, women, youth, and religious leaders, and establish relationships with law enforcement.

Our Strategy

Our method for resolving inter communal conflicts in Mangalla Payam shall be community dialogues. dialogues encourage individuals to learn, share values, and communicate with one another. Assumptions may be challenged and reexamined through discourse, which is essential for fostering peace. Diverse populations are involved in discussions, which help to dispel misconceptions and reestablish trust. Dialogues can foster relationships between participants, result in agreement, and address contentious topics.

Through more involvement, they can also increase the scope and influence a formal process. Rather than haggling over territory, products, or rights, dialogue may transform relationships by establishing new foundations for respect and cooperation. Instead of enabling one side to outweigh the other, it aims to allow the creation of fresh material that is shared by both. In general, dialogues are an effective method for promoting understanding and peace during dispute settlement.

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

B - Peace-building and conflict resolution

E - Work with forced migrants, including internally displaced people

1.3b Peace-building and conflict resolution

ALARM staff in South Sudan will conduct capacity-building workshops targeting, local authority leaders, a four-day workshop, and community dialogue forums. Topics covered in these workshops include conflict resolution, trauma healing, reconciliation, rule of law, human rights, land use, church and local authorities' role in peace building, and gender-based violence. The focus is to host community members and IDPs.

1.3e Work with forced migrants, including internally displaced people

The project's main goal is to resolve the tension that exists between the host community and internally displaced persons. The intention is to resolve their problem amicably through community peace dialogues aimed at peaceful coexistence and creating procedures for IDPs to go back home without creating new forms of conflict.

1.4 Which country is the project based in?

South Sudan (SS)

1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?

Yes

1.5b Please give details of how you plan to continue after initial funding has ended

Peace champions comprising local authority leaders, chiefs, youth, women, and religious leaders who gained skills and knowledge in conflict resolution, peacebuilding, reconciliation, human rights, gender issues, trauma healing, alternative dispute resolutions, and community dialogue mechanisms will continue to support conflict and peacebuilding programs among the IDPs and host communities. They

will utilize the skills and knowledge they have gained to ensure that IDPs and host communities live peacefully.

1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

The project shall ensure maximum participation of the target stakeholders, and information relating to the project will be communicated to the community. Communities will give feedback to ALARM on issues relating to the project implementation and whether any adjustments need to be made to improve the quality of work. A mechanism for addressing complaints will be established and beneficiaries will be provided the opportunity to raise complaints when necessary.

2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Consultative Meetings with Local Community and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Leaders (25 persons)	£765	The funds shall cater for hiring of venue, Meals and Refreshments, transport and fuel facilitation and stationary,
Meeting with Local Authorities and State Leaders from Jonglei and Central Equatoria State (26 persons)	£775	The funds shall cater for hiring of venue, Meals and Refreshments, transport and fuel facilitation and stationary,
Community Dialogue among Youth, Women, Religious, Community, Payam and States Leaders on the Resolution of Conflict Between the IDPs and Host Communities in Mangalla Payam, Central Equatoria State (35 persons)	£2,718	The funds shall cater for hiring of venue, Meals and Refreshments, transport and fuel facilitation and stationary,
project implementation cost	£750	bank charges, communications, south sudan ALARM local logistics
TOTALS	£5,008	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
grants application	£5,000	£0	
	£0	£0	
TOTALS	£5,000	£0	

2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£5,008

2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?

Yes

2.4b Please provide the date of the previous application

July 2019

2.4c Was this previous application successful?

Yes

2.4d How much did you receive?

£1,500

2.4e When did you receive the grant?

2019

2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)

£78,000

2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?

Yes

2.6b Upload File

<https://theedithmellischaritabletrust.org/assets/uploads/2023/09/alarm-uk-audit-2020.pdf>

2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful

African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries

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3.1 Your name

Anthony James Guest

3.2 Your contact telephone number

Home 01543-682163, Mobile 07914407499

3.3 Your position within the organisation

ALARM BOARD CHAIRMAN - UK

3.4 Your email address

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3.5 Organisation name

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3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

UK CHARITY

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

The charity provides education, poverty prevention, relief, religious activities, arts, culture, and economic development to, countries where ALARM has operations and the general public. It offers grants, services, advocacy, and other charitable activities, assisting in education, training, and community development.

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

84 Burntwood Road,

Hammerwich,

Burntwood.

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3.9 UK telephone number

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3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

GB-CHC-1080076

3.11 Year established

25th February 2000

3.12 Website (if applicable)

<https://www.alarm-inc.org>

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

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4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?

Previous application to The Edith M Ellis Trust