

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

Anglican International Development (AID)

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1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

AID seeks a grant of £3,000 to support internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Gondokoro, South Sudan as they pursue agricultural development. The grant will enable them to hire tractors to break up soil, purchase seeds and tools to plant short season vegetables, and pay an extension officer to support with advice and expertise. This will provide the people in Gondokoro with a route towards sustainable food security and even income generation.

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

South Sudan is one of the most fertile countries in the world with rain patterns and soils well-suited to small-scale subsistence farming and agrobusiness. However, the double threat of destructive flooding caused by climate change and the devastating conflict (2013-2018) in which close to 400,000 died has displaced millions and has meant that food production is minimal. Over 80% of food in South Sudan is imported while only 4% of suitable land is cultivated. According to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification analysis, over 7 million people in South Sudan face critical food insecurity in 2021. Generating sustainable agricultural development is the only effective way to stop this and place South Sudan on a path to nutritional and economic stability.

Mori is a village of 6,250 people, the majority of whom are internally displaced persons (IDPs), in Gondokoro County, Juba State. This population is expected to increase to 10,000 in 2021 due to a further influx of IDPs. In 2020, the community were displaced again by catastrophic floods, the worst in decades, and have now relocated to higher ground.

AID discussed the needs of the community with the village chief, John Wani:

'For an entire year we have not been able to cultivate...because of floods which started June, all our crops were destroyed to a point where we harvested nothing after so much challenging work of preparing the land and planting. In August we were displaced to higher lands. We have now just started to settle back early February. We wish to invite AID who has been a partner to the community and an immense help to us to support us with agriculture activities. We can work hence we do not want labourers, but the land is too dry and that is why we need tractors to help to break the grounds in preparation to planting.'

AID plans to establish a small-scale agricultural support programme in Mori. The objectives of the programme are to provide a reliable source of food for the community and foster opportunities for income generation by taking surplus produce to market. This programme will be of great value to the community because it will provide people with an opportunity to make the most of the potential that the soil offers, develop farming and business skills to grow food for their family and also sell produce to make a living. Thus, the targeted impacts of the programme relate to food security and economic empowerment. Specifically, this project drives progress on SDG 2 Targets 1-4 which pertain to ending hunger, addressing the nutritional needs of children, increasing the income of small-scale food producers and maintaining ecosystems to strengthen communities' resilience to climate change.

The programme will cater for 30 households, each of which has, on average, eight members. Thus, the number of primary beneficiaries for this will be 240. Each household has access to a small plot of land and AID will support the hiring of a tractor, the purchase of seeds and tools to plant short season vegetables (e.g. collard greens, maize), and the hiring of an extension officer to support with their expertise and guidance.

Each year, land preparations take place in January – February. Planting season runs in March and April and the rainy season lasts from April to October before harvesting in November and December.

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

D - Climate change mitigation

E - Work with forced migrants, including internally displaced people

F - Sustainable development

1.3d Climate change mitigation

Simple methods like crop rotation and push-pull technology (natural pest management) can increase the resilience of small-scale sustainable agriculture programmes such as that proposed in Mori. Their long-term success reduces the need for expensive food imported from neighbouring countries produced using methods which exacerbate climate change. In this way, facilitating communities' commitment to small-scale sustainable agriculture can mitigate climate change.

1.3e Work with forced migrants, including internally displaced people

The beneficiaries of these project have been internally displaced by conflict and flooding. This programme, planned and implemented in collaboration with their community leaders, will provide them with the necessary skills and resources to pursue sustainable agricultural production which will give them a foundation for food security and economic empowerment.

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

The project will be evaluated through the collection of qualitative data pertaining to the harvest yield and the beneficiaries' experiences. This will inform discussions with community leaders regarding the programme's next stage. It is envisaged that a second round of households will be selected to participate while those from the first round are supported in expanding their output. Funds will be raised for this second stage by AID through individual supporters and grant-making trusts.

1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

Funds will be channelled through AID's Juba office which is independently audited annually. AID's East Africa manager, Tabitha Muthui (based in Kenya), will visit the project as soon as travel is permitted to gather data and evaluate the impact. Throughout planning, implementation and evaluation, AID staff will be advised by the Agriculture Special Interest Group, a team of AID supporters who have decades of agricultural experience in the East Africa context.

2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Tractor hire	£1,420	30 days, 1 day per household
Short season vegetable seeds	£1,420	Maize, collard greens
Pesticides	£710	The Agriculture Special Interest Group will advise on the most appropriate pesticide solution
Agriculture extension officer	£570	The extension officer will be hired from the local Ministry of Agriculture for 8 months
Farming tools	£350	Hoes, forks and spades
TOTALS	£4,470	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
Edith M Ellis Charitable Trust	£3,000	£0	
Individual supporters	£1,470	£0	AID is currently planning a fundraising campaign focused on our agricultural projects in South Sudan and Uganda. The remainder of the income required for the Mori project will be raised from individual donors during this campaign.
TOTALS	£4,470	£0	

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

£3,000

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

2017

2.4c Was this previous application successful?

Yes

2.4d How much did you receive?

£1,000

2.4e When did you receive the grant?

23/02/2018

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

£136,075

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

No

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

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3.1 Your name

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3.2 Your contact telephone number

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3.3 Your position within the organisation

Projects Manager

3.4 Your email address

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3.5 Organisation name

Anglican International Development (AID)

3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

UK charity

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

Anglican International Development was established in response to the humanitarian crisis in South Sudan. It works to alleviate poverty and promote health in East Africa through agriculture, healthcare training, microfinance and community engagement on water and sanitation. It also sponsors the theological studies of South Sudanese students at George Whitefield College in South Africa. Our Christian faith motivates all that we do but we work with people of all faiths and none.

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

Eslington House, Eslington Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4RF

3.9 UK telephone number

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3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

1138664

3.11 Year established

2010

3.12 Website (if applicable)

<http://www.anglicaninternationaldevelopment.org>

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

<http://www.facebook.com/anglicaninternationaldevelopment>

http://www.twitter.com/AID_SSAfrica

http://www.instagram.com/aid_ssafrica

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

Internet

Charity Commission website

Previous application to The Edith M Ellis Trust