

STAD's Report to St. John & St. Philip Church (StJ&StP)

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What do training on peace building in a refugee settlement in Yumbe District and the procurement of tables & chairs in Koboko District (both in Northern Uganda) have to do with SJSP? Plenty, for without our sponsorship, these two projects would not have been possible.

PEACEBUILDING, TRAUMA HEALING & RECONCILIATION TRAINING



Participants busy taking notes

The training for church leaders, youth & women leaders and elders took place on 12 – 16 June 2017 in the Bidi-bidi, South Sudanese Refugees Settlement in Yumbe District, Northern Uganda.

This 5-day workshop drew together 27 participants from the Bidi-bidi (largest in the World) - Swinga, Yoyo & Rhino Camps & covered topics such as trauma healing, peacebuilding, conflict resolution, conflict management, behavioural changes, etc. More importantly, biblical passages were used as guiding principles for many of the concepts and skills taught.

At the end of the workshop, participants took away with them motivation, knowledge & skills on how to effectively help the vulnerable communities to recover from trauma & to prevent conflicts arising in the refugee camps. Little did we know how important these first steps are in rebuilding communities torn apart by conflicts, fighting & civil wars! "If it was not their [STAD & StJStP] open support, this training wouldn't have taken place. We cannot reciprocate, but only pray to the Almighty God to bless them with abundant resources in order to continue supporting our projects."

The administration of Diocese of Morobo

PROCUREMENT OF FURNITURE FOR PEACE HALL

Tables, chairs, table cloths & covers, wall curtains – these are things we so often take for granted that we could never imagine that there are places still so lacking in such basic necessities, but there are. The Peace Hall at YWCDO in the Koboko District in Northern Uganda is the case in point!

With the Harvest gift of 2016 from our church, StJStP, the Youth & Women Community Development Organization (YWCDO) is able to procure plastic chairs, conference tables, wall curtains and table cloths in her bid to furnish the Peace Hall so that activities can take place more smoothly and comfortably.

The Peace Hall, fully functional is being used effectively to host conferences, meetings, workshops and lobbying work – important outreach activities that serve to advance the cause of YWCDO.

Our little efforts are indeed small seeds sown in empowering the vulnerable communities in Northern Uganda and South Sudan for sustainable development.



It feels so good to sit on these new chairs

"We therefore continuously thank STAD, StJStP and her partners and friends for the support accorded to YWCDO, to realize our dreams and gradually gain independence to support other vulnerable communities by offering services for a better life."

~ Baiga Ronald, Co-ordinator, YWCDO

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