

Rebuilding Southern Sudan: Safe Drinking Water

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The women of Nalgan enjoying their clean sand filtered water. A simple yet life changing system.

↙ **The only home many Southern Sudanese have ever known has been an over-crowded refugee camp. After decades of civil war, these brave people are returning to a homeland most have never seen. Everything needs to be rebuilt from the ground up. Rebuilding Southern Sudan—Safe Drinking Water provides clean water for these new communities.**

↙ **Update from Justin Agnes, Project Manager, February 2010.**

Nalgan, 40 minutes from Doro by bike, was one of the village we visited back in May when assessing water needs in the area. Like many villages, they have a 30 minute walk to the river where they collect the muddy water and use it directly in the home. They continue to hope for a borehole, but in the meantime we offered to do what we could to assist them.

On our first visit we met with the community leaders to discuss their situation and explain to them some of the ways we could help. On our next visit we met with the whole community and had an interesting morning teaching them some basic health and hygiene, showing

them how to use settlement aids to treat the river water, and distributing a Christmas package to each household: a bar of soap, a supply of settlement sachets and a filter cloth.

On our final visit we had a fun day down by the river with people from the community, washing sand for two sand filters which we later assembled in the village. People bringing water from the river can now pour their water into the filter and immediately re-fill their container with filtered water. We have provided them with a sustainable solution that can be maintained easily by the community.



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