



Community School Development for Empowerment and Gender Equality

# Education is key to post-war recovery

- 17.08 years median age, 27% adult literacy rate, widespread poverty, broken families and trauma
- Education is essential to:
  - ✓ rebuild human, social, and financial capital
  - ✓ foster self-reliance, empower girls, and mitigate gender inequality
  - promote understanding, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence and thus reduce conflicts and harmful cultural practices
- Challenges: lack of government funding and qualified teachers, unsafe travel distances to schools, absence of electricity and internet connectivity



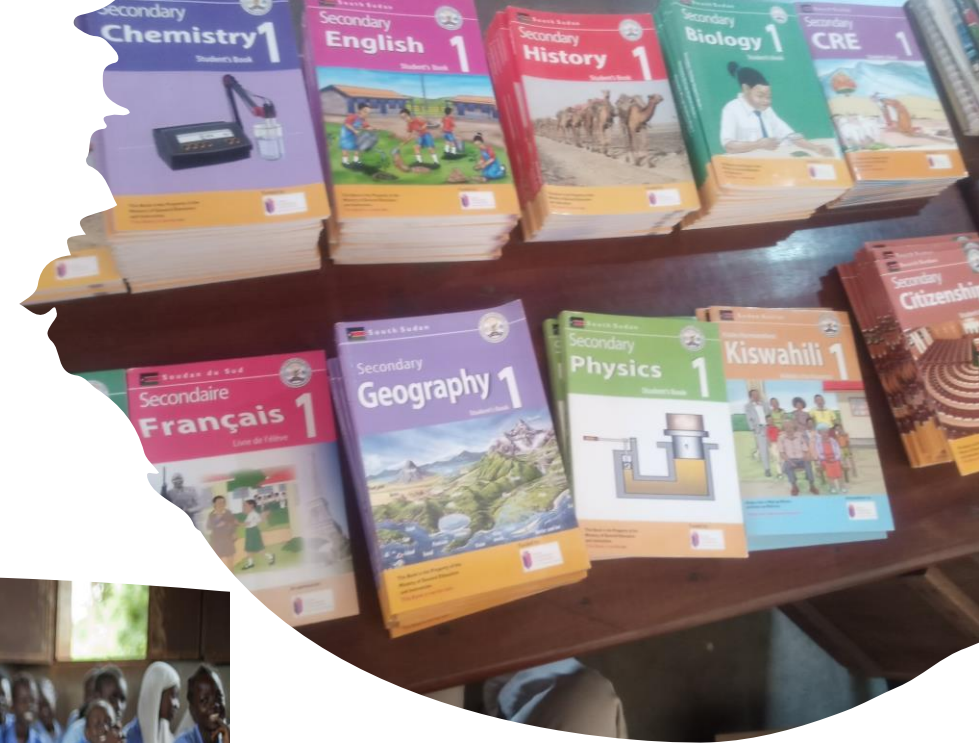


## Loiku Bai Academy (LBA) in Panawac, Lakes State, South Sudan

- Community donated land and labour to build the basic infrastructure – 2 mud block classrooms, and several outdoor under tree classrooms
- LBA offers primary and secondary education, and adult learning
- 150 students, 15 volunteer teachers, expect to expand to 600 students
- Schooling disrupted during rainy season, from May to November

# The Project

- 1) Infrastructure Development:** two classrooms, a solar panel system to ensure year-round learning
- 2) Essential learning materials** like books, pens, and desks
- 3) Advocacy for girls' right to education:** awareness campaigns to shift cultural norms and increase school enrollment





# Give the students a hope

- Extended school hours during the wet season.
- Increased school attendance and retention among girls, boys, men, and women.
- Improved student learning outcomes and motivation
- Enhanced confidence and hope among female students.
- Improved life skills and employment readiness for adult learners.