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Introduction and Background

This annual report covers the period from September 2022 to December 2022. It covers all the activities from the time of the national level registration of the organisation until December. It highlights the country context, strategic and operational activities, Policies and procedures, programming, collaboration and partnerships, project activity, financial report, achievements, challenges and recommendations for fiscal year 2023.

Doctors Actively Serving in Africa (DASA) is a national organisation formed on 17th June 2020, registered with the National RRC on 4th July 2022 with the registration number 4337. Our goal is to improve health and wellbeing of the most vulnerable communities in Africa by responding to shocks caused by disasters, conflicts, epidemic outbreaks, and where there exist need in health, nutrition, water, hygiene, and sanitation, education, food security, livelihoods as well as research and innovations.
Our Vision is to have a healthy, empowered and resilient communities across Africa, with a Mission to improve the health and wellbeing of the most vulnerable communities in South Sudan and Africa. DASA operates on the principles of accountability, transparency, collaboration and partnerships and DASAs' core values are humanity and impartiality with the ingredients of volunteerism and team work in all its activities.

Operational Context in South Sudan.

South Sudan is the newest nation recognized by the United Nations and it's the youngest state in Africa born on July 9, 2021 from the Sudan after a referendum. The hope for peace in the young nation started swinging on a pendulum bob when conflicts erupted in December 2013 and renewed in July 2016. The developmental gains accrued in the post-independence period were destabilized and humanitarian situation has deteriorated. The country remained in a vicious cycle of fragility, economic stagnation, and instability. This situation has strengthened the prevalent poverty (91.6%) in the country.
As a consequence, UNOCHA estimated that of the 12.4 Million people in South Sudan, 9.4 million of the most vulnerable people will need urgent life-saving assistance and protection in 2023, compared to 8.9 million in 2022. South Sudan continues to be the most violent context for aid workers (9 humanitarian workers killed in 2022 and 3 in January 2023), followed by Afghanistan and Syria. Across the country, aid workers -- mostly national humanitarian workers -- are affected by the impact of armed violence, bureaucratic impediments and targeted violence.

- ☑ An ongoing outbreak of Yellow fever: with 130 cases 127 suspected cases and 3 lab confirmed cases in western Equatoria state counties of Yambio, Nzara, Ezo, Tombura, Ibba , Maridi, Mvolo. Intervention: 2 Phases of vaccination where 465,798 individuals were vaccinated with Yellow Fever Vaccines.

- ☑ Circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Virus type-2(cVDPV2) outbreak from Yambio, Tombura in WES, Juba in CES, Upper nile and Jongeli States with a total of 9 lab confirmed cases of AFP. Intervention: Two phases of vaccination has been conducted, the third phase is expected to be in November 2024.
- ☑ Measles Outbreak on 10th December 2022, MoH declared outbreak after at least 22 counties confirmed the outbreak since the beginning of the year. As of Epi Week 25, 2024 a total of 2425 measles cases have been reported and 31 deaths have been reported in 21 counties this year 2024. Interventions: Measles vaccination campaign in 15 counties immunizing 544,104 children reaching 93% of the targeted population.
- ☑ Hepatitis E Virus Outbreak: In Bentiu POC, 23 new cases were reported in week 25 of 2024, including 7 RDT positive and zero deaths. Since the outbreak commenced in 2018, a cumulative total of 5619 cases have been recorded, resulting in 27 deaths. On the 17th July 2024, Abyei declared an outbreak of Hepatitis E with 14 suspected cases, two PCR confirmed and 3 deaths. No intervention yet.
- ☑ Sudan Crises: Returnees and Refugees: Since the start of the Sudan Crisis, 720 508 individuals (175 262 households) have arrived in the country. Among them, 77.9% (561 344) are South Sudanese returnees, 20.8% (149 732) are Sudanese refugees, and the rest are refugees from different nationalities Interventions: Nutritional status assessments for children under five are conducted at various entry points along Sudan's border. Daily health screenings for AWD/suspected cholera cases at Wunthou Point of Entry are ongoing.
- ☑ Rising hunger and malnutrition driven by climate change and conflict; 7.76 million people are likely to face acute food insecurity during the April-July 2023 lean season while 1.4 million children will be malnourished
- ☑ South Sudan will continue to face one of the largest food insecurity emergencies worldwide through January 2023, with many households likely to experience Emergency—IPC 4—or worse outcomes, according to FEWS NET.
- ☑ Flooding: Over 1 million people affected by torrential rainfall and flooding in 36 counties.
- ☑ COVID-19 Situation: Since April 2020, 18,339 people tested positive for COVID-19 in South Sudan, with 138 deaths recorded. As of 5 November 2022, a total of 2,193,424 vaccine doses have been administered https://bit.ly/3V1nRjw
- ☑ 2.3 MILLION South Sudanese Refugees in Neighboring Countries *UNHCR – August 2022*. Other have started to return e.g. 1756 households registered in Yei since January 2022 according to RRC
- ☑ 2.2 MILLION Estimated Number of IDPs in South Sudan *UN – August 2023*

Programme and strategic objectives

DASA's current program includes:
Health, nutrition, water sanitation and hygiene, education, food security and livelihood, GBV prevention, research and innovations.

DASA has eight strategic objectives underpinned by the core values of the organization to enable people in need due to shocks like disaster, conflict, epidemic, or poverty to access quality service according to the core humanitarian standards framework[1] or national or international standards. These objectives are the following:

Objective 1: To improve access to basic healthcare through strengthening local capacity and leveraging on the Boma Health Initiatives (BHI)

Objective 2: To tackle the epidemics of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, other communicable diseases, and the prevention of neglected tropical disease (SDG #3.3).

Objective 3: To promote health awareness through health education, screening, and treatment of the prevailing health conditions, including noncommunicable diseases, mental health, and well-being (SDG #3.4)

Objective 4: To reduce extreme hunger through supporting improved nutrition and food security and livelihoods (SDG #2)

Objective 5: To improve access to water, hygiene, and sanitation (WASH) in healthcare facilities and communities (SDG #6)

Objective 6: To build effective Partnership(s) to achieve DASA's goal through research and innovations (SDG #17)

Objective 7: To promote quality and equitable education opportunities for boys, girls, and school drop outs. (SDG #4)

Objective 8: To promote prevention of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), protection of survivors and empower women and girls. (SDG#5)

Administration, regulatory compliance, Policies and procedures

Administration:

DASA's management planned 24 personnel at the HQ level. None of these has been employed but the organisation has recruited two volunteers, one as an office assistant and the other as a cleaner.

[1] The Core Humanitarian Standard Frame work:
https://corehumanitarianstandard.org/files/files/Core%20Humanitarian%20Standard%20-%20English.pdf

In 2024, We planned to recruit a Program Development Manager/Consultant, and an Office Manager to run the affairs of the organisation until funding is got for program.

Regulatory compliances for DASA

1. National RRC certificate of registration
2. DASA TIN: NGO20220812VMDQ2V accessible through https://etax.nra.gov.ss
3. Bank account with Equity Bank both in local and foreign currency

Policies and Procedures:

The management developed and is implementing the following policies/frameworks

1) DASA HR Manual
2) DASA Code of Conduct
3) DASA Competence Framework
4) DASA Finance Policy and Procedures
5) Assets and Inventory Management Policy
6) DASA Board Charter
7) DASA Board Membership Application Form
8) DASA Complaints Policy
9) DASA Disclosure of Malpractice at workplace Policy
10) DASA Safeguarding Policy
11) DASA Anticorruption and Antifraud Policy
12) DASA Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy
13) DASA PESA Policy
14) DASA Environmental Social Policy
15) DASA Procurement Policy
16) DASA Safety and Security Policy
17) DASA Strategic Plan 2022-2026

DASA Membership and Partnerships

We have; -

1. A two years' MOU with the national Ministry of Health
2. Joined the Health Cluster
3. Joined the WASH Cluster
4. Joined the Education Cluster
5. Joined the Food Security and Livelihood (FSL) Cluster
6. Joined the South Sudan NGO forum
7. Registered at UN Partnerships Portal
8. Registered at USAID Partners Portal

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Operational/Project Activity

DASA implemented board funded WASH activity at Hai Gabat of Juba Town Payam in Juba County, CES.

The project aimed to increase access to safe drinking water among flood affected community in Juba County, Central Equatoria State, South Sudan.

Activity 1: DASA distributed 20L buckets and strips of water guard (aqua tablets) and 250g of washing soap to 38 households. The intervention directly benefited 200 family members living in 38 HHs distributed as follows: 56 boys, 41 girls, 12 adult male, 59 adult female, 7 elderly male, and 25 elderly females. Among the beneficiaries 16 were people with disability. This WASH item distribution was accompanied by hygiene promotion message delivery during the distribution exercise.





Impact: we carried out another assessment after one month of distribution and found a reduction in the incidence of water-borne disease, only 37 of the initial 97 Children we reported to have diarrhoea, or malaria or typhoid fever post distribution. The HH water purification and hygiene promotion message at the single occasion had in part positively impacted 62% of the children.



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Activity 2: DASA together with MoH and other Hepatitis CSOs participated in the commemoration of the World Hepatitis Day 28 July 2023.
The objective of the activity was to increase awareness, screen, and reduce viral hepatitis infections among the people.

Implementation: DASA supported six (06) volunteers who conducted the actual screening at the University of Juba (UoJ) and Kator PHCC, participated in the public health lecture about viral Hepatitis at the University of Juba.

Impact: We screened and tested 137 individuals (68M, 69F). Out of which 6 males tested positive (8.8%) and 62 were negative (45.3) for Hepatitis B virus; 4 females tested positive (2.9%) and 65 females tested negative (47.4%) for Hepatitis B virus. No individual tested positive for Hepatitis C virus during the screening.



DASA Volunteer conducting Hepatitis Screening at University of Juba 28 July 2023

4. Activity: World AIDS Day Celebration 2023

Implementation: DASA gave a presentation to congregation at the Seventh-day Adventist Church about preventation of HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination upon invitation.

Impact: About 1000 individuals (550 F, 450M) attended the presenatation and question and answer sessions about HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination





The Executive Director of DASA, Dr Margaret Semira delivering presentation on Stigma & Discrimination on 25th Nov 2023 at Seventh-day Adventist Church

Summary of Financial Report 2023

Income	USD	SSP
Income(contribution) from Board to DASA in USD	5500	
INGO	0	
NNGO	0	
Bilateral Organisation	0	
UN Agency	0	
Total Income		
Operational Expenses in USD:		

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1. Organisation registration renewals, and legal fees	650	
2. Website, hosting and emailing system maintenance	200	
3. Office rental agreement for 6 months	2000	
4. Partitioning work and repair of office	200	
5. Furnitures maintenance	300	
6. Stationaries requirement	100	
7. Personnel USD payment for 6 months	1200	
8. DASA World Hepatitis Day celebration	120	
Total Expenses in USD	$4,600	
Surplus (deficit) for the year	$0.00	
Income (contribution) from Board to DASA in SSP		1,100,000
Operational Expenses in SSP		
1. Electrical maintenance and material costs		250000
2. Office work and repairs		200000
3. Digital Unlimited Internet Bundles		240000
4. DASA WASH Intervention in Hai Gabat, donations to 38 HHs		173973
5. Personnel SSP payment for 4 months plus one volunteer		60000
6. Petty cash for unasserted office operations		85550
Expenditure total in SSP		1,009,523
Surplus (deficit) for the year in SSP		90,477

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Summary of Achievements/Developments

I. Established DASA office:

Located at CES Women Union compound with 4 rooms.

II. Volunteer Recruitment:

Recruited three volunteers.

III. Opened Post Office Box:

Obtained PO Box number 151 at the Ministry of Postal Services and Telecommunication in Juba, South Sudan.

IV. Bank Accounts:

Opened one USD and one SSP account at Equity Munuki Branch.

V. Policy Development:

Developed 17 policy documents for board endorsements.

VI. Joined Clusters:

Joined the NGO Forum, Health, Education, FSL, and WASH Clusters.

Actively attending cluster meetings.

VII. Active Organizational Website:

Running an active organizational website.

VIII. Established MoUs:

Signed MoUs with the University of Juba and Marino Marcos State University in the Philippines for collaborative training, research, and conferences.

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Challenges/Way Forward

The main challenge has been the lack of funding from national and international donor agencies due to funding fatigue. DASA board members have been supporting operational costs to keep the organization running.

Way Forward:

- Create more partnerships and collaborate with wider organizations and institutions with similar goals to overcome funding bottlenecks.
- Deploy volunteers at selected states and county levels for stronger DASA representation at the grassroots.

It's inspiring to see the progress and dedication of DASA. Despite funding challenges, the organization's perseverance and commitment to its mission are commendable.

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