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CHARITY WATCHLIST

Sudan Relief Fund



PARTNERSHIPS

Congregation of Christian Brothers

 SRF provides funds for a project being implemented by the Congregation of Christian Brothers in Yambio for AIDS/HIV prevention in 2016. ALL discovered that, as of 2009, Christian Brothers permit UNICEF, one of its partners, to <u>distribute a brochure</u> called "<u>Summary: Voluntary Counseling and Testing.</u>" The brochure promotes condom distribution and encourages contraceptive use among young people.

As of 2021, SRF was still funding the same project by the Congregation of Christian Brothers in Yambio.

ALL expressed concern and asked SRF on multiple occasions if it still works with the Congregation of Christian Brothers in Yambio with this specific AIDS/HIV program in partnership with UNICEF. No response has been received.

Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB)

Sudan Relief Fund does appear to have an <u>active partnership</u> with <u>Catholic</u>
<u>Medical Mission Board</u>. It specifically works with CMMB for the <u>Safe Motherhood</u>
<u>Project</u>.

Catholic Medical Mission Board funds millions of dollars annually in "administrative supplies" for AIDS/HIV prevention in South Sudan. CMMB's <u>award</u> <u>description</u> says that it will "build on two decades of PEPFAR":

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Mission

Dedicated to bringing food, safe drinking water, clothing, shelter, medical attention and hope to the people of South Sudan.

Focus

disaster relief, international development

CMMB and its consortium partners, collaborating with the Ministry of Health (MOH), will build on two decades of **PEPFAR** learnings to improve delivery of HIV services in South Sudan. . . . **The consortium will draw on experience working under PEPFAR/CDC in South Sudan**, elsewhere in sub-Saharan Africa, and in fragile Haiti. The project design is informed by learnings from CDC-funded ALESIDA ("Go Away, AIDS!") in Haiti and successful ANISA2 in Western Equatoria, among other projects. Cordaid will bring experience with South Sudan's laboratory systems. Local CMC and SOSUCCA will add deep knowledge of reaching and working with South Sudanese communities. World Bicycle Relief will bring its game-changing transport/entrepreneurship model. Together, we will build on community assets, PEPFAR achievements, and community and MOH talents to reverse the trajectory of HIV in South Sudan (emphasis added).

PEPFAR promotes contraceptives, specifically condoms, for HIV and STI prevention:



Today is #InternationalCondomsDay & tomorrow is #ValentinesDay

Condoms remain the cheapest & most accessible form of protection against #STIs & #HIV.

PEPFAR will continue to support condoms as a proven way to prevent HIV transmission. #PEPFARSavesLives Catholic Medical Mission Board promotes its "<u>DREAMS</u>" centers to teach young girls about HIV infection and "<u>prevention techniques</u>." There is no mention of sexual abstinence as a prevention technique. Additionally, pro-contraception groups such as USAID and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation began the DREAMS initiative, which CMMB has adopted. This initiative <u>promotes and distributes condoms</u>, explaining:

Increase Consistent Use and Availability of Condoms Condom use is highly effective for preventing HIV/AIDS when used correctly and consistently. Therefore, providing and distributing condoms is vital for reducing infections among girls and women. . . . The promotion of dual protection, in which condom use is combined with another modern contraceptive method, is a critical component of family planning/HIV services and will help reduce the risk for HIV infection as well as unintended pregnancy. Increasing the variety of contraceptive methods available to women will also help keep them HIV free.

More on CMMB's involvement with contraception can be found on the Lepanto Institute's website.

• Over the course of several months ALL expressed its concern with Sudan Relief Fund's active participation with CMMB and respectfully asked Sudan Relief Fund to reconsider its partnership. SRF has not replied to any of ALL's inquiries.