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The Episcopal University of South Sudan University Partnership



The land given to the university by the Rokon community in 2019.

Hello everyone,

Welcome to our February Newsletter - the first of 2021. I hope that this year will be little more settled than 2020, and that you and your loved ones are safe and well.

My name is Hanna and I'm one of ECSSSUP's trustees. I'm taking over the first section of this newsletter to tell you about my **February 406km Fundraising Feat** (who doesn't appreciate alliteration?). Every day in February I'm running the same number of km as the date that day, no rest, all the way up to 28km on the 28th Feb. That's a total of 406km - or an average of 14.5km per day, or nearly 10 marathons in 28 days, or like running from my house in South London to The Eiffel Tower in Paris. Or from Juba to Rumbek in South Sudan (with the addition of snow!).

I'm of course raising money for ECSSSUP. It's my greatest joy and privilege to work alongside the

team in Juba and to have met the students and teachers across South Sudan who work tirelessly to bring high quality higher education to their country. I can only hope to emulate their dedication and determination in some small way.

You can donate to my fundraising challenge [here](#); I've already had to increase my fundraising target thanks to generous donations but I'm less than half way through the challenge and your support will keep me going when my legs don't want to anymore. And you'll help bring a better tomorrow to the people of South Sudan.

Thank you!

Hanna





What's the news from South Sudan?

A one-month partial lockdown has been imposed after a rise in **Coronavirus** cases. Social gatherings, including sporting, religious and political events have been affected, and schools and universities are closed (with the exception of classes scheduled for exams). Food prices continue to rise and, with the potential closure of small businesses, many more South Sudanese struggle to provide enough food for themselves and their families. Vandalism and criminal activity has also affected our own colleges, including St John's College in Wau and Kajo-Keji Christian College.

South Sudan's government has given approval to establish accountability mechanisms to respond to the country's conflict, including a **war crimes court** in partnership with the African Union. This follows years of blocking the establishment of this court, despite a re-commitment to it in the 2015 peace deal. This is an important step in bringing justice for the abuses committed across South Sudan, by and against all parties.

Four athletes from South Sudan are training in Japan to compete in the **Olympics** this year, should they still go ahead. They are all from different states and hope that this will display unity to their nation.



What are students studying across the colleges?

Although lockdown has prevented students from studying in person, a number of colleges have been holding lectures over zoom - although this is reliant on having internet connection both at the colleges and in students' homes. Students are studying a whole range of subjects to gain Certificates, Diplomas and Bachelor Degrees. Subjects include Theology, Business Administration & Management, Information & Communications Technology, Accounting & Finance, Project Management & Entrepreneurship, Procurement & Logistic Management and Primary Education.

Don't forget! ECSSSUP is looking for trustees & advisors

Do you believe in the power of higher education to transform lives? Are you passionate about supporting the development of South Sudan? Are you committed to furthering the work the Church and the country has already started?

Then consider joining our board of advisors and trustees!

We are particularly looking for those who have experience in institutional and high net worth fundraising or digital campaigns, as well as people from South Sudan to help us continually learn more about the context in which the TEU team is operating.

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