



MA' MARA SAKIT
VILLAGE

A YEAR OF MOMENTUM

BUILT ON SIX YEARS OF GROUNDWORK

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

A Message from the Village

This report reflects a year that felt different for us.

After six years of building, testing, listening, and learning, 2025 became a year of momentum, when we finally felt ready to take off. In 2024, we slowed down to rest, re-strategize, and reflect on our initial vision and what the work had taught us so far. That intentional pause allowed us to return with clarity, alignment, and a deeper commitment to building something rooted, principled, and sustainable.

For six years, the Village has been shaped by groundwork: piloting ideas, experimenting with formats, consulting widely, assessing what works and what does not, and staying close to the lived realities of women and girls in South Sudan. We resisted pressure to rush or scale prematurely. We focused on building a feminist practice that could hold complexity and remain accountable to our community.

In 2025, many of the pieces finally came together. The establishment of the Tukul Nuswan completed a long-missing piece of the Village, anchoring our work in collective women's leadership and making visible what had always been at its heart. Across convenings, leadership spaces, media platforms, research, cultural work, and healing spaces, the Village took shape, not yet as a physical place but as a living ecosystem of feminist practice.

This clarity was not only internal but also shaped the partnerships we built. By the end of 2024, leading feminist funds such as AWDF, Mama Cash, and the Numun Fund affirmed our work and leadership by extending their partnerships to us. We believe their trust in us led to the eight-year partnership we closed with the Black Feminist Fund in the final month of 2025, marking a significant milestone for our collective.

This report documents a year of affirmation and alignment, made possible by patience, partnership, and trust in the long work. As you read, we invite you to see 2025 as a year that prepares the Village for what it is destined to become, grounded in what has already been built.

With Love and Solidarity,

The Village Core Team.



1. ***Feminist Talking Circles, forums, conferences, and political leadership spaces.***

Created 10 women-only spaces that strengthened confidence, solidarity, intergenerational learning, and collective agency in five states across South Sudan.

3. ***National Platforms for Women's Leadership***

Gender Talk 211 transitioned from radio to national TV on SSBC during prime time. They produced two seasons of "Women in Power," showcasing 21 women across 20 episodes from various backgrounds. Additionally, they maintain a hybrid broadcast-digital model to archive women's leadership stories publicly.

5. ***Culture, Craft, and Women's Economic Autonomy***

Expanded Suk-Sukna's (Our Beads) cultural production, diversifying product sales that generated income and preserved living cultural practices. Participated in regional exhibitions, including the EAC MSME Trade Fair, positioning South Sudanese women's cultural labor within broader markets.

2. ***Establishment of Tukul Nuswan***

In 2025, Tukul Nuswan was established in Ma'Mara Sakit Village after four years of engaging with women to enhance grassroots involvement, focusing on sustained collective leadership among women.

4. ***Feminist Evidence, Policy Dialogue, and Accountability***

The initiative focused on Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV) and young women's involvement in politics and peace. It included digital campaigns, policy dialogues, and public forums to reframe digital violence as a governance and accountability issue, culminating in a nationally endorsed Call to Action on TFGBV.



6.

Strategic Regional Engagement and Institutional Alliances

Engaged in East African feminist spaces, sharing South Sudanese perspectives and enhancing solidarity. Strengthened partnerships with women-led organizations, public institutions, regulators, and media.

7.

Long-Term Partnership

Entered an eight-year partnership with the Black Feminist Fund, enabling long-term feminist organizing, institutional stability, and strategic growth.



Looking Ahead

2026 priorities include expanding national platforms to women in the states, launching major research outputs, strengthening women and girls forums, advancing the Suk-Sukna cultural economy, and reinvesting in healing justice and collective care.

Women and Girls Gathering as Collective Power

The Launch of Tukul Nuswan

For the past 4 years, the Village has engaged with organized women's groups and collectively reflected on how best to support women's communities. This included a formal assessment conducted in 2022-2023 to better understand women's **forms of organizing in South Sudan**. In February this year, the Village convened its first **Tukul Nuswan** under the theme 'Ana Ma'Mara Sakit, Ana Doula'. The first gathering brought together 85 women leaders from organized women's groups in Juba, including community women's associations, market collectives, Sonduk Sonduk groups, the Suk-Sukna women's collective, and faith-based women's associations, with whom the Village had been engaging over the past years.




The forum created interconnections across age, ethnicity, religion, and modes of organizing. Through dialogue, storytelling, and intergenerational exchange, the women reframed everyday labor as leadership, built solidarity, and articulated a renewed sense of dignity and belonging.

The forum **affirmed women's livelihoods and organizing as central to feminist community-building and laid the groundwork for a sustained platform for collective connection and care.**



NUSWAN, SILSILA AL FAGARIA TA JUNUB SUDAN FORUM

 Women's Union, Juba-
Behind UAP Tower

 26 - 27 February 2025



Tukul Nuswan marked the beginning of a series of convenings that will continue to provide space for women sustaining families, communities, and local economies, whose leadership is often unrecognized across South Sudan. To nurture and strengthen women's collective power through existing structures and practices.

The Feminists Talking Circles (FTCs), Rumbek, Lakes State Editions



Established in 2022, the FTCs are participatory 4-5-day convenings that **support young women and girls in building self-awareness, understanding gender and African feminisms, gender socialization, women's histories, liberation, intersectionality, and strengthening collective agency through creative reflections, storytelling, embodied exercises, and dialogue grounded in lived experience.** This year, we expanded our young women's community beyond Juba, Central Equatoria, marking our journey to convene and create spaces for young women across South Sudan.

The 7th and 8th FTCs brought together 40 young women and girls ages 15-35 across both convenings. Participants included **students, young women, and girls in media, arts, sports, politics, law, peace and security, health, business, STEM, research, aviation, faith-based and community associations, stay-at-home mothers/wives, young women with disabilities, and those from vocational centers and children's homes.**



Across both convenings, the young women and girls showed increased confidence, greater critical awareness of gender norms, and a stronger sense of self-worth. Many described the space as transformative, noting new understandings of leadership, freedom, and their own potential beyond restrictive social expectations. The methodology enabled vulnerability, peer learning, and intergenerational exchange, particularly benefiting young women navigating child marriage, disabilities, domestic roles, and limited access to education.



The Second Young South Sudanese Feminists' Conference, Rubek, Lakes State

The two convenings culminated in a two-day conference for young South Sudanese feminists in Rumbek. While the first of its kind in Rumbek, Lakes State, the two-day conference was the Village's second. Centered on the theme ***“Reclaiming My Voice, Amplifying Echoes of Our Resistance, and Building a South Sudan That Works for Us”***, the conference created space for relationship-building across cohorts, creative self-expression, and collective reflection. The young women and girls explored individual and shared strengths, talents, and leadership through dialogue, art, storytelling, and movement. They further reflect on lessons from the Talking Circles and articulate personal and collective commitments.

SECOND YOUNG SOUTH SUDANESE FEMINISTS' CONFERENCE

📍 RUMBEK 📅 APRIL 9-10



The conference emphasized **feminist joy, intergenerational solidarity, and visibility**, using creative media to amplify young women's voices within Lakes State and beyond. By its conclusion, participants had identified emerging priorities, defined their roles within feminist organizing, and strengthened a sense of collective purpose and action grounded in local realities and shared resistance.



Through poetry, dance, music, and dialogue, the young women and girls strengthened bonds across cohorts, showcased their talents, and articulated collective aspirations for change in their communities. Many shared that they found healing and discovered their creative sides in the space.

“We’ve never had a platform to showcase our talents, thank you, Ma’Mara Sakit, this was life changing.”

Said one participant after the conference. These reflections affirmed the need for sustained, locally grounded feminist spaces in South Sudan. You can catch a glimpse of these engagements in this short video on the

[**Gender Talk 211 YouTube Channel.**](#)

“I thought I was the only one facing these things, today I found sisters who understand me.”

“I didn’t realize my story could inspire others until I shared it here.”

“I thought only Countries get liberated; I never knew an individual could also liberate herself.”

“Knowing the contributions of the women before us is a source of inspiration. It gave me recognition, pride, and a sense of belonging.”



“I’ve realized that my happiness has always been dependent on how others perceive me. Now that I am aware of who I am, it will not be the same, because I am the prize.”

“Before, I was shy to speak. Now, I feel like I have something worth saying.”

“I have found the freedom to follow my talent and dream because of this FTC.”

“Before, I would go to bed hungry because everyone has to eat before me, nowadays, I prepare my sinia, sit comfortably and eat because practicing self-love and putting myself first.”

***Returning to the
Circle: Deepening
FTC Learning
Across Cohorts in
Rumbek***

One consistent theme across the 7 and 8 FTCs and the subsequent Young Feminists' Conference was the need for additional convenings. Five months later, the Village addressed this need by enabling a follow-up 3-day inter-cohort convening for the group.

The convening provided a space for reconnection and consolidation, bringing together the **40 young women and girls from both cohorts to strengthen relationships**, reflect on FTC impacts, and deepen a state-based feminist community. The convening was designed and facilitated entirely by the young women, with remote support from the Village team.

These young women conducted a needs assessment of the convening topics aligned with the group's interests and prioritized what could be achieved within the three-day budget. Through guided reflection, storytelling, and peer learning, they revisited lessons from the FTCs and the conference while engaging new focus areas, including sex education, money management, and skills and talents. The convening intentionally addressed dimensions of young women's lives that are often silenced, including emotional well-being, bodily autonomy, financial confidence, and creative potential.

Based on post-convening insights, many reported increased confidence, emotional growth, and stronger peer solidarity. Many also identified concrete individual and collective commitments, including savings practices, skill sharing, and community mentorship.

“This is the first time I have been in a place where women talk openly about money and sex without judgment,” one young woman reflected. The convening reaffirmed the importance of ongoing, inter-cohort feminist spaces to sustain learning, connection, and leadership beyond initial program cycles.





Banat fi Seyasa

Banat fi Seyasa (***Girls in Politics***) was a multi-state feminist leadership project implemented by the Village as a third party on behalf of the *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-South Sudan (FES)* under their “**Raising Civic Voices**” project, from March to July 2025. The project aimed to address persistent gaps in South Sudan’s political inclusion landscape, where young women are often excluded from both youth- and women-focused leadership spaces despite comprising a significant proportion of the population.

Implemented through workshops in **Wau** (Western Bahr el Ghazal), **Torit** (Eastern Equatoria), and **Malakal** (Upper Nile), the project engaged **48 young women aged 18-32 from diverse political, civic, student, business, and community leadership backgrounds**. Using a feminist, participatory methodology, the workshops focused on self-reflection, identity analysis, intersectionality, political education, and vision-building for leadership as foundational leadership practices. The workshops also facilitated intergenerational exchanges with experienced women leaders who have navigated political and civic leadership in highly constrained environments.

Across all three locations, participants demonstrated increased self-awareness, confidence, and clarity about their leadership aspirations and political agency. The spaces enabled healing, solidarity, and critical reflection on gender norms, conflict, ethnic division, and gender-based violence shaping women’s political participation.

Despite security, language, and logistical challenges, the project successfully created rare women-only spaces for learning and connection, particularly in conflict-affected contexts such as Malakal. Overall, Banat fi Seyasa strengthened a cross-state network of young women leaders, contributed grounded insights into young women’s political experiences, and affirmed feminist leadership development as a critical pathway for inclusive democratic participation in South Sudan.

Banat fi Seyasa Juba Convening and Media Engagement

The In-Person Convening

This one-day learning and dialogue event formally concluded the Banat fi Seyasa project. This event brought 12 young women leaders, representing the 48 young women leaders across the three states, to Juba to elevate their voices in national political conversations. The event brought together 53 people, including Juba-based young women politicians, policymakers, political party leaders, diplomatic missions, UN agencies, and Civil Society organizations.



The event provided a platform for young women leaders from the three states to share lived experiences, reflect on lessons from the project’s workshops, and articulate concrete recommendations for political leaders, institutions, donors, and parties committed to gender equality in politics.

The convening centered young women as knowledge holders and agenda setters, featuring panels led by young women and supported by intergenerational dialogue with political party leaders, policymakers, and women parliamentarians. Discussions focused on barriers to young women’s political participation, existing opportunities that could be scaled, and the institutional changes needed to enable meaningful inclusion beyond tokenism.



BANAT FI SEYASA

AUG 1, 2025
4-5 PM
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JACKY APARO



MARTHA NYAWANG

HOSTED BY:
MADRAMA JAMES



IROMO RITA



NIGHT FATIMA



Radio and Live Social Media Panel Conversation

A live radio panel on Eye Radio, streamed on its Facebook page, instantly reached over 5,000 listeners and extended the conversation nationally and globally. This conversation is available on the [Gender Talk 211 YouTube Channel](#). Overall, the event functioned as a bridge between grassroots feminist leadership development and national-level political accountability, reinforcing that young women's political participation in South Sudan is both a democratic necessity and a practical governance issue. Some of the reflections from the young women leaders included:

The Banat Fi Seyasa was a repair and restoration of the lost hope for me, especially for those who come from Malakal. I have never attended a workshop that was only meant for women. I felt a safe space, and I felt remembered.

Since I joined a political party, I have been receiving a lot of bad criticism from my community. The workshop has affirmed my decision, and I am really grateful

I have never been to Malakal or even Wau, however, being able to meet my sisters from these States made me feel like I have traveled already.

From our sharing today, I have seen that we in Eastern Equatoria have not been doing much in our political aspiration, because I see my sisters from Wau and Malakal demonstrate more sense of political move and knowledge, it is a lesson for me, and I feel encouraged.

Most of us in Malakal do not mention the political party we belong to openly, given our context, we live in hiding most of the time, however sharing with young women from other state has help me to think differently and also be proud of my political party, I have learned that one is free to go to any political party of her choice



Young Women Teaching Digital Futures

In response to requests from young women in the Village community who identified a need to strengthen their digital skills, particularly in online safety, productivity, and confidence in professional settings, the Village organized a four-week Digital Literacy and Skills Training program for *19 young women from our community*. The program was designed and led by young South Sudanese women facilitators with technical expertise, demonstrating peer leadership and challenging narratives that portray young South Sudanese women as lacking digital skills or expertise.

The training aimed to strengthen the young women's **digital productivity, workplace readiness, and awareness of ethical and secure use of technology**. It combined facilitator-led sessions, hands-on practice, and assignments across key areas, including file and device management, professional communication, Google Workspace tools, cybersecurity, and the responsible use of artificial intelligence.

Baseline assessments showed limited exposure to productivity tools and digital safety practices. By the end of the programme, **average assessment scores increased from 43/150 to 120.3/150. Despite time constraints, varying skill levels, and limited access to devices outside training hours, all participants showed measurable improvement.** The training strengthened workplace-relevant digital skills, reduced skill gaps, and reinforced young women's digital autonomy and leadership within South Sudan's tech ecosystem.



The Faces of the Anti-Right Movement in South Sudan

In March, the village collaborated with Andariya and convened a Feminist Circle in Juba under the theme 'Understanding the manifestations of the Anti-Rights Movement in South Sudan' as part of the regional Reclaiming Our Peace initiative. The gathering brought together 17 women from diverse backgrounds, including feminist activists, women with disabilities, ICT professionals, lawyers, media practitioners, informal sector workers, academics, creatives, religious actors, and queer activists.

The circle created a confidential, respectful space for peer learning and collective analysis of the anti-rights movement and its manifestations in South Sudan. Through facilitated discussions using the Village's Feminist Talking Circles methodology, participants **examined how anti-rights narratives operate across cultures, religions, legal systems, political systems, and digital spaces, and how these dynamics affect women's safety, leadership, mental health, and civic participation.**

The dialogue enabled participants to share lived experiences, deepen shared understanding, and identify emerging priorities, including the need for stronger feminist coalitions, safer spaces, evidence-based advocacy, and more strategic engagement with media and institutions. ***The gathering strengthened horizontal solidarity and contributed to ongoing regional feminist conversations on countering anti-rights movements.***





Gender Talk 211 Show: 20 Episodes 21 Women on the National Stage

In 2024, Gender Talk 211 show undertook a deliberate pause to reflect and consolidate lessons from its formative years (2020-2023). This period of strategic recalibration strengthened the programme's editorial clarity and prepared it for a significant transition in 2025, when the show moved from radio to national television on the **South Sudan Broadcasting Corporation (SSBC)**. Aired every Monday in a prime-time slot immediately before the national news bulletin. The programme positioned feminist conversations within one of the country's most visible and informative public spaces, marking a milestone in both reach and recognition.

In 2025, the show produced two full television seasons under the theme **'Women in Power'**, delivering **20 episodes featuring 21 women leaders across politics, governance, diplomacy, media, technology, business, health, aviation, trade, creative industries, activism, and youth and teenage leadership**. Guests ranged from senior national figures, including the Vice President, Ministers, and Members of Parliament, to young women leaders, entrepreneurs, students, creatives, and grassroots organizers. This intentional intergenerational and cross-sectoral approach reinforced women's authority in public life while broadening access to national dialogue.



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Over its five-year history, **the show has produced 72 episodes and hosted 121 guests, the vast majority of whom are women and girls, alongside a small number of intentional male allies.** In 2025, the programme operated through a hybrid broadcast-digital model, combining weekly national television airings with online distribution of full episodes and curated clips. This enabled continued engagement, built a growing public archive of South Sudanese women's leadership narratives, and preserved oral histories.

Despite operating within a constrained media and resource environment, Gender Talk 211 strengthened institutional coordination, maintained editorial consistency, and deepened feminist public engagement in 2025. By the end of the year, the programme had firmly established itself as both a media product and a civic intervention, amplifying women's leadership in South Sudan. All episodes from the seasons are available on the Gender Talk 211 YouTube Channel (**Women in Power Season 1 and Women in Power Season 2**).





Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV) in South Sudan

The Nationwide Research

In 2023, the Village, in collaboration with the GoGirls ICT Initiative, held a roundtable to further explore feminism and digital safety for young women and girls. **The roundtable brought together 56 young women and feminists in Juba. In addition to the roundtable, an online survey was developed to gather additional insights, particularly on digital safety for women and girls, and was completed by 32 participants.** Insights from these two engagements indicate that the two sister collectives needed to gather more data and insights on digital safety for women and girls across the country.

Throughout 2024, the two collectives planned more comprehensive research on TFBV. They kicked off 2025 with a clear research proposal and began securing all required approvals to conduct the research in seven states and one administrative area. By October, most data collection was complete, and the Village's lead researchers began analyzing the data while continuing a few remaining key informant interviews, which had been rescheduled. The final report is scheduled for launch in the first half of 2026.

Presentations of the Research Preliminary Findings and Public Engagements

This year's 16 Days of Activism theme, **"UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls,"** brought TFGBV to the national agenda. The Village and GoGirls' national research raised awareness during the campaign period, making it very busy for the two collectives, who were invited to several events and convenings to share more about the research and preliminary findings.

The Collectives were invited to deliver a speech at the National Launch to commemorate the 16 Days of Activism. They presented preliminary findings at the National GBV sub-cluster, the Lutheran World Webinar, at an event organized by UN-Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) for men and women in uniform, government actors, and civil society, the IGAD event on digital realities of peace and protection, the Act Alliance Forum for member organizations, Radio Miraya, and shared highlights during the Forum Media and Development event organized by DW in Germany. These platforms provided an opportunity to share preliminary insights and **debunk the notion that TFGBV is not a major concern in South Sudan.**



The Digital and Social Media Campaign

To maintain focus on TFGBV during the 16 Days of Activism, the Village, through **Gender Talk 211**, led a nationwide digital and social media campaign in collaboration with the **GoGirls ICT Initiative**, the **National Communication Authority (NCA)**, **UNFPA**, and partners, including **SafetyComm**. The campaign addressed ***the growing threat of TFGBV in South Sudan***. The campaign delivered daily, structured digital content across social media platforms, combining public education, survivor-centred information, and practical guidance.



Content focused on **defining TFGBV, naming its common forms in South Sudan, sharing anonymised case patterns documented by SafetyComm, and unpacking how digital abuse operates through control, surveillance, reputational harm, and intimidation**. A strong emphasis was placed on consent, digital safety practices, and the preservation of evidence.

Crucially, the campaign provided clear, accessible reporting pathways, including step-by-step guidance on platform reporting tools and national escalation mechanisms, such as the *South Sudan Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT)*, to strengthen public awareness of institutional responses to digital abuse.

By linking lived realities, policy developments, and actionable safety tools, the campaign positioned digital violence as a public concern requiring collective responsibility, institutional accountability, and sustained feminist engagement in South Sudan's expanding digital space.

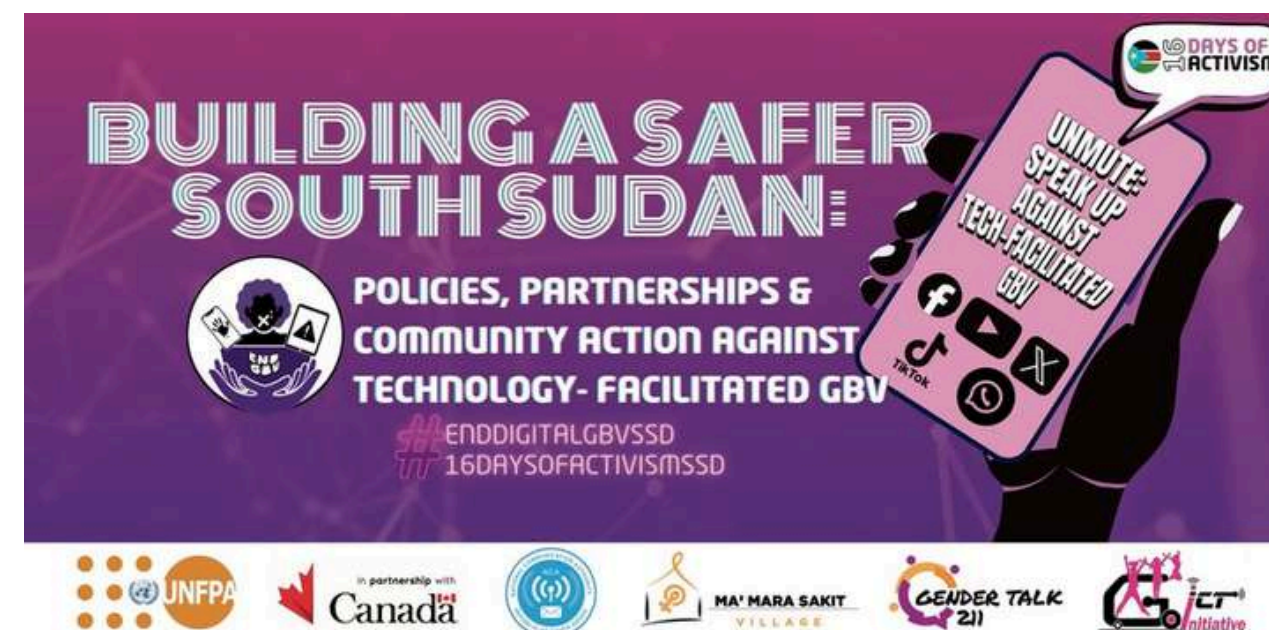


A Multi-Sector Experts Policy Panel Event

To wrap up the **16 Days of Activism digital and social media campaign, the village, together with its collaborators (GoGirls, NCA, UNFPA), convened a Multi-Sector Policy Dialogue on TFGBV in Juba.** The dialogue brought together government ministries, regulators, telecom operators, justice and law-enforcement actors, women-led and disability-rights organizations, researchers, youth networks, and development partners to discuss the growing scale of digital violence against women and girls in South Sudan.

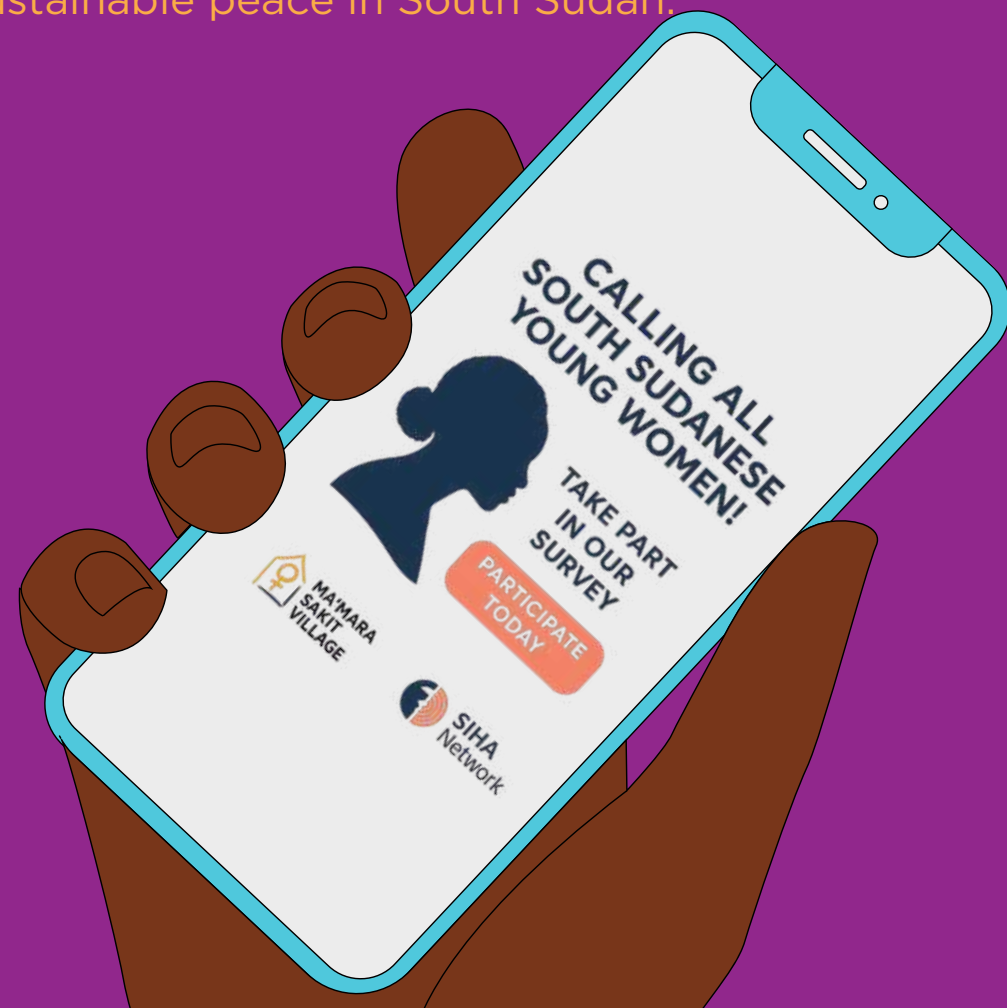
The dialogue positioned TFGBV as a national governance, protection, and digital rights issue, rather than a marginal or purely technical concern. It provided a platform to present preliminary findings from the first multi-state research study on TFGBV in South Sudan, highlighting high prevalence, severe psychosocial and socio-economic impacts, and persistent barriers to reporting rooted in stigma, fear, and weak institutional responses. The panelists examined emerging legal and policy developments, including the Cybercrime and Computer Misuse Bill, and discussed gaps in enforcement, reporting mechanisms, digital literacy, and survivor-centred support.

A key outcome of the event was the **collective endorsement of a national Call to Action, led by young women and girls, calling on government, development partners, telecom companies, digital platforms, communities, and citizens to strengthen legal protections, reporting pathways, digital safety education, and accountability.** The dialogue reaffirmed the need for cross-sector coordination and affirmed a shared commitment to building safer, more inclusive digital spaces for women and girls in South Sudan.



The SIHA Research on Young Women in Political and Peace Processes in South Sudan

The Village supported the Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA Network) in documenting and analyzing the meaningful participation of young women in political and peacebuilding processes in South Sudan from July 2024 to June 2025. The project aimed to generate credible, evidence-based insights into barriers, risks, enabling factors, and success stories shaping young women's political and peace participation. Its findings are intended to inform advocacy, policy engagement, funding strategies, and public dialogue, while strengthening feminist knowledge production and contributing to more inclusive governance and sustainable peace in South Sudan.



The Village conducted research across Central Equatoria, Western Bahr el Ghazal, and Western Equatoria. Data collection included **surveys, focus group discussions, key informant interviews with young women, civil society, political parties, government institutions, donors, and peace process actors, as well as in-depth case studies documenting young women's leadership trajectories.**

Young women were engaged not only as respondents but also as researchers and facilitators, reinforcing ownership, ethical practice, and capacity building. The Village research team closed the year by submitting the draft report to SIHA for review.



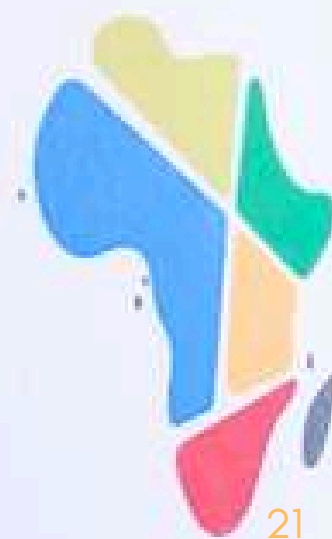
Cultural Preservation and Economic Autonomy

This year, Suk-Sukna strengthened its role in cultural preservation and women-led economic autonomy by diversifying its product line to include more **children's beaded corsets, apparel, tote bags, water bottles, notebooks, and culturally rooted souvenirs**. This expansion supported the young women's creativity, the intergenerational transfer of cultural knowledge, and increased income opportunities for women artisans and the village as a whole.

We continue to see increased visibility and use of the jieng beaded corset, with orders and hires for **cultural school performances, weddings, independence celebrations in neighboring countries, maternity photo shoots, professional travel, and international presentations**. The hiring model introduced in 2023 continues to enable broader access to cultural attire and sustain cultural practices and visibility.

The Suk-Sukna also participated in four exhibitions, including the ***East African Community (EAC) Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Trade Fair, positioning South Sudanese women's cultural labor and expertise within regional markets.***

Together, these efforts affirmed the Suk-Sukna women as both cultural producers and economic actors, demonstrating that culture can be preserved while sustaining and valuing women's cultural labor.



STRATEGIC REGIONAL ENGAGEMENTS, INSTITUTIONAL ALLIANCES & NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Regional Feminist Engagement and Movement Building

Beyond program implementation, the Village actively **engaged in regional feminist and policy spaces in 2025, positioning South Sudanese women's lived experiences and expertise within broader peacebuilding and humanitarian conversations.** The Village participated in the **IGAD Cross-Border Women and Peace Initiative Exchange in Kenya**, contributing practical lessons and insights on conflict transformation that have proven effective in similar contexts and building collaborative relationships.

The Village also participated in the ***Feminist Humanitarian Network Summit*** in Arusha, the ***Third Feminist Republik Festival*** in Mombasa, and the ***ASK-Miro Festival*** in Gulu, Uganda, for ASKNet members, where feminist methodologies, healing practices, and community-led work were shared. The Village also participated in a regional reflection on the future of the Women, Peace, and Security agenda (2025–2050), convened by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. These engagements strengthened regional solidarity, informed strategic learning, and reinforced the Village's role as a feminist knowledge actor connecting grassroots practice to regional and global movements.

Strategic Institutional Milestone

The Village ended 2025 on a celebratory note with the launch of an ***eight-year partnership with the Black Feminist Fund, marking a significant milestone in our institutional journey.*** This long-term partnership reflects deep trust in the Village's feminist vision, governance, and community-rooted work, and affirms the importance of sustained, flexible resourcing for Black feminist leadership.

Beyond financial support, the partnership recognizes South Sudanese feminist organizing as critical movement infrastructure, enabling the Village to plan beyond short project cycles and invest in long-term feminist community building, knowledge production, and economic autonomy.

Institutional Alliances

This year, the Village collaborated with **GoGirls, SafetyComm, Andariya, SIHA, UNFPA, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), the National Communication Authority (NCA), Safetycomm, and the South Sudan Broadcasting Corporation (SSBC)** to advance women's and girls' agendas across media, technology, research, policy, and community spaces. These partnerships served as strategic alliances, linking grassroots women's realities with national institutions and regional networks.

Through collective action, the Village amplified women's voices, strengthened survivor-centered, care-based approaches, and expanded women's access to public platforms, policy dialogue, and inclusive civic spaces while maintaining feminist autonomy and community grounding, and economic autonomy.



- **Expanding National Platforms to Women in the States**

In 2026, The Village plans to expand the Gender Talk 211 show beyond Juba by centering women leaders whose work sustains communities outside the capital and is often underrepresented in national media, alongside more in-person conversations.

- **Strengthening Evidence and Feminist Knowledge**

Launch and dissemination of the TFGBV research. This work will provide credible evidence and analysis to inform advocacy, policy engagement, and public discussion on digital safety and accountability for South Sudanese women and girls.

- **Building Collective Leadership and Community**

The Village will continue to convene Tukul Nuswan and expand its Feminist Talking Circles to support intergenerational learning, leadership development, and sustained community among young women and women community leaders.

- **The Diversified Suk-Sukna Work**

Launch the diversified Suk-Sukna programme to advance women-led cultural enterprise, economic autonomy, and sustainable livelihoods.

- **Sustaining Women Through Healing and Care**

Alongside outward-facing work, 2026 will prioritize a more holistic approach to healing and care, recognizing them as essential to long-term leadership and resilience. The Village plans to co-create healing retreats and collective care spaces that support women's well-being and sustained engagement.

WHAT SUSTAINS THE VILLAGE



This section outlines the leadership, partnerships, and financial stewardship that sustain the Village’s work and ensure accountability to our communities, partners, and feminist values.

Feminist Leadership

Massive gratitude, as always, to the team that carries out the work across capabilities at the board, advisory, and core functioning levels.

Stewarding Resources and Relationships

Contributors	Amounts (USD)
Opening Balance	55,542
Mama Cash	29,250
African Women Development Fund	32,200
Numun Fund	49,982
Autonomous Resourcing	10,314
#ASKNet/Hive Collab (supported by the German Cooperation through ROg Agency)	5,875.93
Black Feminist Fund	69,990
641 Activity Support Fund	4,200
Total	257,353.93

Programmes	Amounts (USD)
Mojtama Al’Mara	56,000.57
Gender Talk 211	27,546.92
The Suk-Sukna	2,594.72
Administrative Expenses	7,805.04
Total	93,947.25



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