



Sign Language and Braille Training Launched in Juba



Staff and students joined by Light of the World during the launch at RNTTI

Light for the World International, in collaboration with the Ministry of General Education and Instruction has launched a training program for over 45 teachers in sign language and braille in Juba.

The training, held at Rombur National Teachers Training Institute (RNTTI), aims to support persons with hearing impairment, increase the number of interpreters, and promote inclusive education in the country.

"This is an important initiative because children with disabilities have a right to education," said Sophia Mohammed, Country Director of Light for the World International - South Sudan. "There is need for qualified teachers in inclusive education and classroom management to accommodate children who are deaf, have hearing impairments, are blind, have visual impairments, physical impairments, or intellectual disabilities."

The training will span nine months for each braille and sign language course, including inclusive education pedagogy. It targets over 1,400 teachers in the next two years.

Mohammed added, "The training will be conducted in three National Teachers Training Institutes: Rombur, Maridi, and Maper. These institutes will receive teachers from all states and three administrative areas."

Sign language is a means of communication for deaf children, and teachers need these skills to communicate and support children in schools. Similarly, braille is a learning tool for the blind.

The training will be provided by Light for the World, with support from MYRP through Save the Children.

Rombur National Teachers Training Institute, located in Kapuri, Luri Payam, Juba County, was founded in 2009 by the then Autonomous Government of Southern Sudan. Constructed with funding from the Government of Japan, RNTTI was first established as a center for training science and mathematics teachers under the project: ***Strengthening Mathematics and Sciences in Education***. It was officially handed over to the Ministry of General Education and Instruction in 2011 as a center of excellence and is affiliated to the University of Juba.

Since its establishment, the institute has produced 191 qualified teachers who are currently active in the field of education.

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