

Bulletin

Community Based Rehabilitation Workers

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Behind the Scenes

Palabek Refugee Settlement Site

Palabek is a refugee settlement site in northern Uganda near the border with South Sudan. It was established in 2016 to accommodate people fleeing conflict - primarily from South Sudan. The settlement is run by the Ugandan government in cooperation with international organizations such as the UNHCR.



Story of Hope

DON BOSCO PALABEK REHABILITATION CENTRE

The DB Palabek Rehabilitation Centre stands as a beacon of hope and transformation within the Palabek Refugee Settlement Site. The establishment of the rehabilitation centre came in the year 2023 as a response to the growing humanitarian needs caused by the influx of refugees from South Sudan, many of whom fled their homes due war.

For all people on the run, life is challenging. However, it is particularly challenging for chronically ill children, children with physical or mental disabilities, as well as for children with injuries - both physical and psychological. The Don Bosco Palabek Rehabilitation Center places a special focus precisely on this vulnerable group.

Numbers, that tell a story

Fact & Figures

- ✳ **96,500** refugees live in Palabek
- ✳ **81%** of the residents are woman and children
- ✳ **13%** have occupation
- ✳ **5,250** with disabilities

Source: Statistics - OPM (proGres), 04.2026

Community Based Rehabilitation Workers (CBRW)

Currently, three trained nurses, a driver and a translator are working as CBRW at Don Bosco Palabek. In addition to providing both mobile and facility - based rehabilitation for children, they conduct comprehensive health check-ups, give treatment and when necessary, arrange and carry out hospital transfers.

People in Focus

LILY ROSE GIVES CHILDREN COURAGE



I am a 38 years old teacher and Community Based Rehabilitation Worker based in Palabek. I am deeply passionate about inclusive development and committed to supporting vulnerable groups to live with dignity and independence. In my work, I collaborate closely with families, schools, and local leaders to improve access

"Children who fall silent due to grief touch me the most." - Lily Rose

to education, healthcare, and livelihood opportunities for persons with disabilities. I approach every interaction - whether in the classroom or within the community - with creativity, empathy and a strong commitment to continuous learning. I am also a proud mother of three children, widow, and my family keeps me grounded and inspires me every day. My faith and love for gospel music shape the way I serve, guiding me with compassion, integrity, and hope.

As reflected in James 1:27, I believe that true service lies in caring for those in need and uplifting others with sincerity and purpose. I am always open to connecting with fellow educators, health workers and anyone passionate about building inclusive communities. Let us collaborate to create meaningful and lasting change.

Moments of Humanity

WHERE CARE MEETS KINDNESS

In the dust of the camp, every arrival is met with warmth. Clients greet CBRW not only with need, but with smiles, and open hands. Even in scarcity, they offer what little they have: a cup of tea, a seat in the shade, a story. In these moments, care flows both ways, reminding us that dignity and humanity endure. Their kindness restores our hope now.



Looking Ahead

DIGITAL PROGRESS IN CHILD SUPPORT

In the coming months, we plan to establish a digital database to improve how we support children in the settlement. This system will help us track their progress more effectively and respond to their needs with greater precision.

It will also allow us to document experiences and knowledge gained, ensuring that what we learn can be applied to future cases and strengthen our overall work.



The Salesians of Don Bosco in Palabek

The Salesians of Don Bosco have been active in Palabek since 2017, with a community of 4 – 6 members. Together with local staff, they support refugees in rebuilding their lives and finding new perspectives. Their work is funded through donations and partly through government development cooperation programs.

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