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Statement of Caritas Partner Meeting

30/04/2018 – 01/05/2018

Juba, South Sudan

“Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God.” Matthew 5:9

We, the Caritas members meeting in Juba from 30/04/2018 - 01/05/2018 for Annual Partners Meeting are compelled to issue the following statement.

The current political situation and the anticipated end of the Agreement on the Resolution of Conflict in South Sudan is a matter of serious Humanitarian and Human Rights concern that requires immediate international attention.

South Sudan is becoming a forgotten crisis and the international community has turned its attention away from the serious situation in which our nation is finding itself.

The present situation of insecurity and violence on the population resulting in mass internal displacement, fleeing to neighboring countries or to the bushes has become a common phenomenon. People are living in constant fear and insecurity, suffering mentally, physically and are starving. This inhuman and dehumanizing condition is now resulting in trauma or mental disorders.

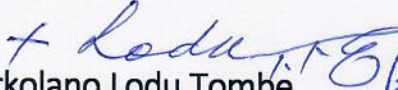
The humanitarian situation is heading towards a scenario of despair in the coming months of heavy rains and this will add to the already untold sufferings for the people. Politicized tribalism safeguards the vested interest of a few, over and above the needs of the innocent population.

Caritas South Sudan and its Caritas Partners call the Confederation to take all necessary steps to alert the international community and act before it is too late.

We appeal to Caritas Internationalis to be the voice of the voiceless ,that is :

- To advocate for peace. The Catholic bishops in January 2014 wrote "Since the outbreak of the fighting of 15/12/2013, the Church leaders have consistently stated that this is a senseless war which must stop immediately."
- To sensitize the international community and the Caritas network to give sufficient means to Caritas South Sudan to carry out the humanitarian activities which is the dire need of the moment. The National and Diocesan Caritas are the Institution of the Church that can reach out to the remotest parts of the country.
- To support, empower and accompany Caritas South Sudan as the social and developmental arm of the Church, in its humanitarian mission, through capacity strengthening, so that it can access international and local funds to carry out its mission

May the Lord continue to guide our Country South Sudan into the way of Peace


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