



Reparations & justice needs raised by SUNS for the CRA

Who they are

- ▶ **Survivor-led:** Founded in 2022 and officially registered in 2024.
- ▶ **Scale:** Represents ~3,200 CRSV survivors across South Sudan, with local survivor groups in 6 different locations. Members include women, men, girls, and boys.
- ▶ **What they do**
- ▶ **Direct support:** Psychosocial counseling, legal referrals, trauma healing, and livelihood assistance. They run 30+ workshops and visit survivors area-to-area to create safe spaces.
- ▶ **Advocacy & policy:** Lobby at the national level to influence policy and push for lasting changes. They've been active in South Sudan's transitional justice process.
- ▶ **Justice work:** Partnered with Legal Action Worldwide and Centre for Inclusive Governance, Peace and Justice to file South Sudan's
- ▶ **Transitional justice:** SUNS members attended the 2nd and 3rd readings of Bills to establish a Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH) and a Compensation and Reparation Authority (CRA). Both Acts came into force on Nov 11, 2024.
- ▶ **Reparation focus:** They've presented checklists and statements on reparation, including advocating for children born of CRSV to be recognized as direct victims.

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- ▶ **Impact & reach**
- ▶ **Community work:** Reached 5000+ community members through awareness programs to reduce stigma and promote reintegration.
- ▶ **Economic empowerment:** Involved in programs like Village Savings and Loan Associations, soap-making, and vegetable production groups to support survivors' independence.
- ▶ **Our partnerships:** Work Center for inclusive Governance peace and justice (CIGPJ) Rights for peace (RFP) Legal Action worldwide (Law) Dr. Denis Mukwege Foundation (MF) and UN Action

What is the CRA?

- ▶ What reparations should include
- ▶ Compensation
 - ▶ Financial payments to survivors for physical, psychological, and economic harm.
 - ▶ Compensation for loss of livelihoods, property, education, or family support.
- ▶ Rehabilitation
 - ▶ Free medical treatment.
 - ▶ Psychosocial counselling and trauma healing.
 - ▶ Legal aid.
 - ▶ Livelihood support and vocational training.
- ▶ Restitution
 - ▶ Restoring survivors, where possible, to the position they were in before the violations.
 - ▶ Return of property or land where applicable.

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- ▶ Access to education and employment opportunities.
- ▶ Satisfaction
- ▶ Official acknowledgement of violations.
- ▶ Public apologies.
- ▶ Truth-telling through the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing.
- ▶ Memorials and commemorations.
- ▶ Prosecution of those responsible for atrocity crimes.
- ▶ Guarantees of Non-Recurrence
- ▶ Security sector reform.
- ▶ Judicial reforms.
- ▶ Strong laws protecting women, children, and vulnerable groups.
- ▶ Measures to prevent future conflict-related sexual violence.

SUNS' priorities on reparations

- ▶ SUNS has consistently advocated that reparations in South Sudan should:
- ▶ Be designed with the direct participation of survivors.
- ▶ Recognize women, men, girls, boys, and children born of conflict-related sexual violence as victims entitled to reparations.
- ▶ Include urgent interim reparations before full transitional justice mechanisms become fully operational.
- ▶ Address physical, psychological, social, educational, and economic harm.
- ▶ Be accessible without discrimination, stigma, or excessive bureaucratic requirements.
- ▶ Reparations under South Sudan's Transitional Justice Framework

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- ▶ The 2024 law establishing the Compensation and Reparation Authority (CRA) provides a legal basis for administering reparations to victims of gross human rights violations committed during the conflicts. However, civil society organizations and survivor groups, including SUNS, have highlighted several gaps, including:
- ▶ No clear provision for individual monetary compensation.
- ▶ Limited recognition of children born of conflict-related sexual violence.
- ▶ Lack of explicit provisions addressing conflict-related sexual violence.
- ▶ The need for survivor participation in designing and implementing the reparations programme.

Thanks! Merci! Sukuran! Asante sana!

Questions ??????

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