

Christian Development Service (CDSS) in Budi County

Report on CDSS Activities and Impact in Natural Resource Management

1. Introduction

The **Christian Development Service (CDSS)** operates in **Budi County, South Sudan**, focusing on **agriculture and community support programs**. This report examines the role of CDSS in **Natural Resource Management (NRM)**, its challenges, and its impact on local communities.

2. CDSS Activities in Budi County

CDSS primarily engages in:

- **Agricultural Programs:** Crop seed multiplication for improved farming practices.
- **Community Development:** Support for sustainable land use and environmental conservation.

However, CDSS **lacks external funding**, which limits its ability to expand operations and implement larger-scale projects.

3. Institutional Ranking and Impact

In a **community-led ranking of institutions** involved in NRM, CDSS was **ranked 9th** due to its limited influence compared to larger organizations such as ADRA and NPA. The main factors affecting its ranking include:

- **Limited financial resources**
 - **Reliance on voluntary services**
 - **Lack of technical and logistical support**
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4. Challenges Faced by CDSS

CDSS encounters several obstacles in fulfilling its mission:

- **Funding Constraints:** No external funding for expanding activities.
 - **Limited Staff and Resources:** Operates on voluntary contributions.
 - **Minimal Government Support:** No formal integration into local government initiatives.
 - **Low Community Awareness:** Some local farmers are unaware of CDSS's programs.
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5. Recommendations for Strengthening CDSS

To enhance the impact of CDSS in NRM, the following steps are suggested:

1. **Seek External Funding:** Partner with international NGOs for financial support.

2. **Expand Community Outreach:** Increase awareness about available programs.
 3. **Capacity Building:** Train local volunteers in sustainable agriculture and resource management.
 4. **Collaboration with Local Government:** Work with Budi County authorities for integrated development planning.
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6. Conclusion

CDSS plays a vital role in **agricultural development** and **NRM** in Budi County. However, its **limited resources** hinder its effectiveness. Strengthening its capacity through **funding, community engagement, and government partnerships** will enhance its impact on **natural resource management and environmental conservation**.
