

50th Session of the HRC
Item 6 – Adoption of UPR Outcomes
SOUTH SUDAN
Geneva, 30th June 2022
Speaker: Maria D’Onofrio

Oral statement submitted by
IIMA – Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice
And co-signed by
VIDES International – International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education and Development

IIMA and VIDES International commend the constructive participation of South Sudan in its third UPR.

We welcome the acceptance of all recommendations aiming to promote the right to education for all children in South Sudan¹.

We note with concern that children do not have equal access to education, especially girls and children from the rural and remote areas, where access to quality education is particularly limited. The inadequate teacher training is also a matter of concern.

Moreover, despite the fact that the Constitution and the Child Act provide for free primary education, in practice parents are asked to contribute to teachers’ salaries. This results in children from low-income family to drop out school, since their families cannot assume this additional cost.

Therefore, IIMA and VIDES call on South Sudan to proceed with immediate and effective implementation of UPR recommendations, especially in regard to the right to education.

Thank you

¹ Recommendations n. 113.163, 164, 173, 180-195, 240-242, See Report of the Working Group, UN Doc. A/HRC/50/14, 28 March 2022 and its Addendum, UN Doc. A/HRC/50/14/Add.1, 1 June 2022.