



Row4Life

Nurturing exceptional Leadership from Rowing

Mission of Row4Life:

Use the sport of rowing to enhance unity and nationality pride, reduce conflict, mitigate civil war, identify/nurture future leaders of South Sudan.

How will we do this?

1. Obtain Concept2 erg rowers and transport to South Sudan.
2. Place ergs with in large schools and areas of dense population.
3. Each S. Sudan state will have at least one erg.
4. Hold local, inter-state, and inter-country erg competitions.
5. **Find superstars among very tall and strong boys and girls.**
6. Sponsor 20-day er and tutoring clinic in Juba each summer.
7. Facilitate university rowing scholarships. Visit the U.S.A. with prodigies. Universities award scholarships on erg scores.
8. Create a water-side training facility in S. Sudan or Ethiopia 5+ years from now; However, water-side facility might never be needed, which dramatically reduces costs.



Overall Objective:

Create a South Sudan Olympic Team by 2032 for Brisbane Olympics in the 8-man rowing event with at least one team member from each state in South Sudan. An 8-man boat with 8 rowers, cox, and coach requires 10 people or one member from each state.

Why will we Succeed?

1. South Sudan men and women are the strongest and tallest in the entire world. Ideally, world class rowers should be tall and very strong. In S. Sudan, poverty is so great that nobody is recruited, for anything.
2. Winning the Olympic gold is pre-ordained. The question is not "if" but "when".
3. Program budget is only \$25k/year plus costs for int'l travel for athletes to visit the U.S.A.

Current Situation:

1. Current response is amazing. See pix to the right.
2. Seven ergs obtained, renovated, transported, and sited in Juba, Wau, Warrup, Torit, Bor, and Malakal. Ergs still needed for other states.
3. S. Sudan Embassy & several colleges supportive.
4. S. Sudan Erg Training Center needs 15 ergs asap.
5. **Fundraising \$100k; Budget for 4 years**
6. **Erg Donations; used, broken, or new**
7. See Voice of America Interview at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kA5ozG57rq4>

