



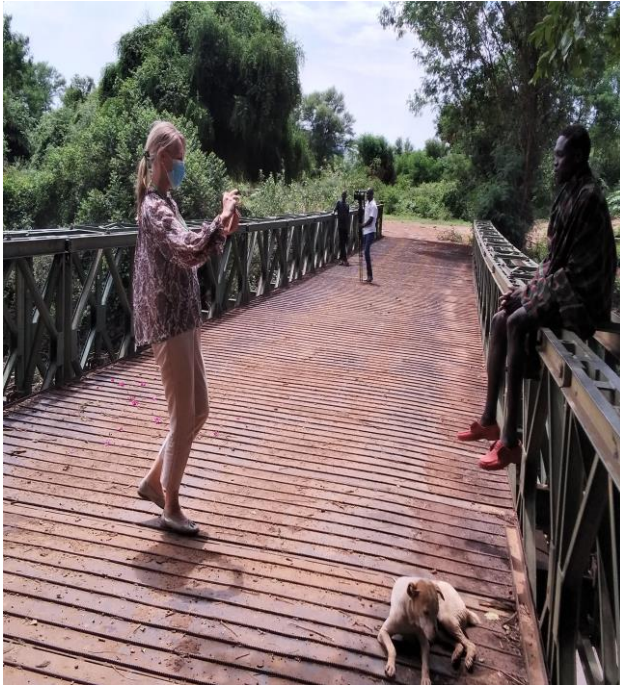
Norwegian Ambassador visit to Kuron Peace Village

16th April 2021



Today Friday 16th April Holy Trinity Peace Village hosted a successful visit from H.E Siv Kaspersen Norwegian Ambassador to South Sudan. The Norwegian Ambassador's visit was to assess the progress of ongoing rehabilitation of Kuron Bridge that is being partly funded by Norwegian Embassy through NCA.

During the visit, the Ambassador was accompanied by Mrs. Tone Uldal the embassy's finance and Administration officer joined by Bishop Paride Taban the Founder Holy Trinity Peace Village and Mr. Matia Omera NCA Engineering and Administration Advisor. The visiting team landed at Kuron airstrip at 11:00 AM, then travelled 8 kilometres by road to Kuron Bridge; where several Peace Village Staff and villagers had assembled and waited for hours to welcome the Ambassador.



Together with Bishop Paride and NCA representative, Ambassador made a brief tour of the bridge and in the process was briefed by Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) Engineer Mr. Matia Omera on the progress of the bridge rehabilitation work. The Ambassador in her capacity as the donor appreciated the work done so far, interacted freely with some villagers and took pictures before proceeding to the main Peace Village compound.



While at the Peace village compound, H.E the Ambassador was warmly received, greeted with flowers by Peace Village children and Toposa women who were smartly dressed in their beautiful traditional attires. After the colourful traditional reception, the visiting team continued further discussions about the project with Bishop Paride Taban, NCA Engineer and peace village staff and finally had a lunch together served by Kuron Peace Village Guest house.



Concluding the visit, the entire team returned to the bridge site; where both the Ambassador and Bishop Taban Taban were interviewed by South Sudan Broadcasting Corporation (**SSBC**) team who travelled together with the Ambassador from Juba. Bishop Paride Taban together with Peace village staff accompanied the visiting team to Kuron airstrip and they took a flight back to Juba at 2:00 PM.

The Norwegian Ambassador's visit to Kuron on this day was remarkable and significant. H.E Ambassador was able to see the improvement made on the bridge and how contribution from Norwegian embassy is going to help in improving the lives of communities in both Kuron and Boma.





The Board and management of Holy Trinity Peace village Kuron Would like to thank H.E the Norwegian Ambassador for the important visit to Peace Village and are sincerely grateful for the financial support from Norwegian Embassy and Technical Assistance from Norwegian Church Aid South Sudan.
