

# CHANGE STORIES



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**ANGELINA ANIMBUE, SCHOLARSHIP BENEFICIARY –  
SOLIDARITY TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE (STTC), YAMBIO**





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**A**ngelina Animbue is one of several students who received a scholarship from Solidarity with South Sudan to study at the St. John's Yambio Campus, a Catholic University of South Sudan branch. This is highly significant because women who would previously, if lucky, get as far as completing high school can now access university education without having to study in Juba, the capital city of South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, or other countries. It has been a challenge, especially for women who are already working, having a business, or having families. Going to university had been only a dream for many.



*Angelina Animbue, STTC Scholarship Awardee*





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**“One day, I visited the Catholic University in Yambio to pick up application forms after discussing with my small sister about how we should join university to get a higher education. We had watched our mother struggle for many years as a farmer and single mother. Getting educated was the best way out of such a problem. Raising us, including taking us to school, was so difficult for her, and I completed secondary school education only because of the Africa Educational Trust.” The Africa Educational Trust provides access to education in conflict-affected regions of Africa for the poorest and most excluded groups.”**

**“I filled in the forms, took them to the university and told them about my situation - I am not doing paid work because I work as a volunteer social worker, and I didn’t have somebody to support my higher education. When my husband gives me money to buy food, I set a small amount aside for my personal needs.”**





**“Luckily, the university recommended me as one of the ten women who received a scholarship from Solidarity with South Sudan! Right now, I’m studying for a Bachelor in Business Administration. Solidarity supports women who cannot afford school fees. Their support is wonderful. They have supported not only me but also my son, who graduated from the Solidarity Teachers Training College (STTC). A big challenge is that my husband wasn’t happy when I mentioned that I was going back to school. I work in the morning and then go to the university in the evening. Classes end at 7.30 p.m. It is a challenge for women who have to go to work and school simultaneously because they must be away from home all day and return home late.”**

**“I am very happy and thankful to Solidarity. I don’t know how I can appreciate them. Only God can appreciate them. I speak from deep within my heart. I feel like I can cry, but it is God’s plan for me.” In the end, Angelina did cry.**





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THIS CHANGE STORY IS SIGNIFICANT because in South Sudan, education has long been out of reach for many women—especially mothers, caregivers, and those serving their communities without pay. University-level learning often requires travel, funding, and freedom that most cannot access. But when support is available, transformation follows.

Angelina Animbue, a volunteer social worker and mother, dreamed of going to university but had no way to afford it. Thanks to a scholarship from Solidarity with South Sudan, she's now pursuing a degree in Business Administration at the Catholic University of South Sudan in Yambio—close to home and full of purpose.

This is why scholarship programs and local access to higher education matter. They don't just serve individuals—they uplift entire families and communities.





# STAY CONNECTED

Angelina's journey reflects the strength of women who carry their families, volunteer in their communities, and still find the courage to return to school. As a mother, a social worker, and a scholarship recipient, Angelina is proving that education isn't just about books—it's about dignity, purpose, and a future full of possibility. Want to learn more about how lives are being transformed? Stay connected with us. Follow our journey on social media, explore more stories, and see how you can be part of this meaningful work. Together, we can uplift more changemakers like Angelina.



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