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Abukloi Foundation got a new Executive Director.



Mr. Angelo Mangar Maker, Abukloi's Executive Director

Abukloi Foundation has appointed Mr. Angelo Maker as its new full-time Executive Director. Before his appointment as an Executive Director, Mr. Angelo was the Board Vice president for operations and the same time founder of Abukloi Foundation and Abukloi Secondary School. Mr. Angelo has a comprehensive understanding of South Sudan needs to effect real change for the future of education.

As Executive Director, Angelo will divide his time between Virginia and South Sudan. While in South Sudan, he will oversee Abukloi Secondary School and foster relationships with business leaders, INGOs, and the national government. He will work out of Abukloi Foundation offices in Juba and Rumbek.

While in the U.S., Angelo will reach out to established potential and prospective donors, seeking partnerships to improve education in South Sudan.

He will have the flexibility to travel throughout the country, sharing Abukloi's dream of educating all South Sudanese to build a peaceful and prosperous nation. If you would like Angelo to speak to your group about the work we are doing, please don't hesitate to reach out to him through his email ED@abukloi.org

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Abukloi Foundation Executive Director visited Africa ELI for a possible partnership in Uganda.



Mr. Angelo Maker, Abukloi's Executive Director with Africa ELI staffs in Uganda.



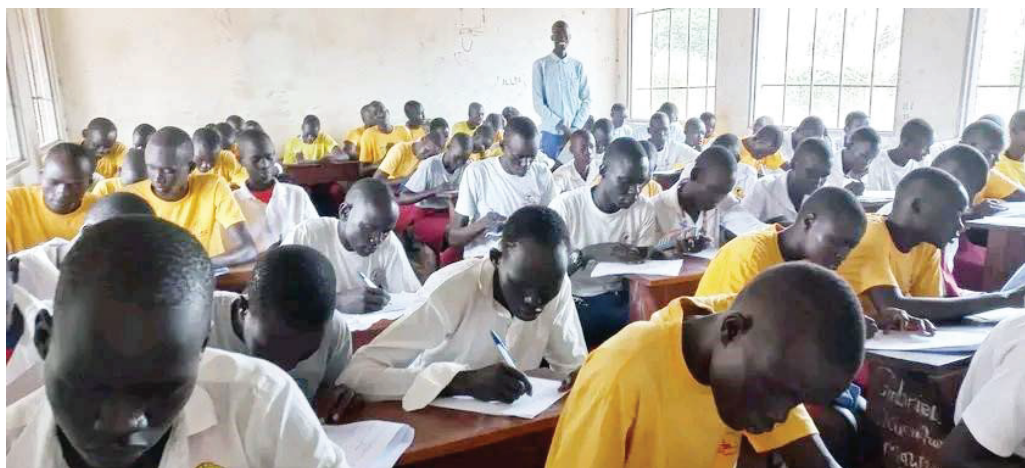
Angelo Maker traveled to Uganda to visit Africa ELI (Africa Education & Leadership Initiative) and its programs including Wellbeing & Literacy as his first activity after assuming the office as an Executive Director.

Africa ELI was first founded in South Sudan, but after years of conflict in Yei, they are now based in Uganda to help displaced students and local needy Ugandan youth and children.

Abukloi Foundation and Africa ELI learned about each other's programs and how to foster partnership and collaborations. Mr Angelo had an incredible time with the staff and students of the Africa ELI community in Uganda and Ms Zaharah Namanda, Africa ELI Executive Director also did the same in Rumbek, learning about Abukloi's school programs and Foundation activities. We anticipate that this knowledge exchange will yield a strong collaboration and partnership between the two organizations to support academic and wellbeing needs for students in Abukloi and Africa ELI.

Education is about collaboration, not competition. Together we are helping youth in South Sudan and Uganda heal and grow.

Abukloi Secondary School introduced Dinka language as a new subject for Senior one students.



Senior one students writing Dinka language in class



Mr. John Pieng Machiek, recruited Dinka Language Teacher

Abukloi Secondary School has officially introduced Dinka language as one of the subjects taught in Senior one. Dinka is one of the national languages spoken by major tribe in South Sudan called Muonyjang (Dinka people) which constitute the Barh El Ghazal and some part of Upper Nile regions. The introduction of Dinka language as a subject in school was to encourage the students to have clear understanding of cultural values and norms which are associated with the language. The administration has equally recruited Mr. John Pieng Machiek as a Dinka language teacher in Abukloi Secondary School. Senior one students have found learning Dinka alphabets very interesting and educating. The decision to introduce Dinka as a subject was reached in the previous academic year by the Abukloi board of directors after consultation with the teachers and school's administrators. Knowledge of Dinka language will help the learners write letters and stories in their own indigenous language. Abukloi Secondary School becomes the first Secondary School in South Sudan to introduce the national language as subject in its teaching curriculum.

Abukloi Secondary School recorded 100 percent passing in the Country's National Examination for Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE) 2022-2023.



Abukloi's CSE candidates 2022-2023 having a group photo with Executive Director Mr. Angelo Maker in the middle and School Principal Dr. Isaiah

One hundred percent (100%) of Abukloi Secondary School's students passed the South South Secondary School national examination.

Out of 36,105 students who sat for Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE) across South Sudan in March 2023, all 59 of Abukloi's students received a score of 59% or better.

The Abukloi Secondary School candidates were 48 boys and 11 girls of which all of them passed the exams and are now eligible for university or college admissions.

The best student scored 89.9 % and the lowest got 56% average.

Abukloi Secondary School has also emerged in the third (3rd) position of the best performing schools in Lakes state after LaSalle Boys Secondary School and Loreto Girls Secondary School of which both of them are missionaries boarding schools.

South Sudan Ambassador to Zimbabwe visited Abukloi Secondary School.



Amb. Gen. Malek Ruben Riak addressing students at Abukloi Secondary School

South Sudan Ambassador to Zimbabwe, Amb. Gen. Malek Ruben Riak paid a courtesy visit to Abukloi Secondary School. The school administration convened an emergency assembly to enable and provide the Ambassador with a platform to speak to students. While speaking to the students and teachers on the assembly, Gen. Malek thanked teachers for their commitments and dedication in teaching profession. He advised students to "abstain" from negative use of social media and focus on their studies.

His visit coincided with the release of CSE 2022-2023 for Senior Four examination results, hence he encouraged the current candidates to perform well to be among the top 10 best performing schools at the Country Level. "I know you will make it happen." He lamented. Amb. Riak also interacted with Executive Director, Mr. Angelo Maker who was on the ground at that time together with Abukloi in-country Director, School principal and teachers. Amb. Gen. Malek Ruben previously served as the deputy minister of defense and currently serving as Ambassador of South Sudan to the Republic of Zimbabwe. It was an honor and privilege to have him talk to our students.



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