



Dear Friends:

I would like to introduce you to Water for South Sudan's project, called the "Iron Giraffe Challenge."

Four years ago, I began the Iron Giraffe Challenge to help raise funds towards the purchase of a new drilling rig, or "Iron Giraffe" as villagers call it in the book *A Long Walk to Water*. Schools who participated in the first years of the challenge helped fund the drilling rig, raising over 40% of our overall goal. The IGC has continued as a fundraising campaign to help us drill more wells in South Sudan with our new equipment.

Since 2014, over 500 schools from across the United States and eight other countries have raised over \$1 million total. I am so grateful for this incredible support from so many strangers, all of whom I consider friends.

The Iron Giraffe Challenge calls on schools to each raise a minimum of \$1,000. All participating schools will be recognized, and all who complete the challenge will be entered into a drawing to win a visit from me. Additional prizes will be awarded, including video calls with me or Linda Sue Park, author of *A Long Walk to Water*. Other prizes include video calls with our South Sudan leaders, [Ajang "AJ" Agok](#) and [Ater "Lion" Thiep](#).

Schools are a major source of support for Water for South Sudan. Thank you to all the schools, teachers, librarians, and young people around the world who work to support WFSS. I am also so very grateful to my friend Linda Sue Park, who has been very generous in helping us achieve our goals.

Thank you for all that you do for Water for South Sudan, and the children and families of South Sudan.

With humble thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Salva Dut".

Salva Dut
Founder & Senior Advisor

Visit www.waterforsouthsudan.org/iron-giraffe-challenge for more information.