

# FIGHTING POVERTY ... IN SUDAN

## AMAT WUOT COMMUNITY BANK

### ACCESS TO LOANS PROVIDES WOMEN WITH INDEPENDENCE

“The bank has helped us a lot, because we are now able to take our children to school, have our own businesses and not ask our husbands for money,” said **Mary Achol**, a Mothers Union member and Amat Wuot Community Bank board member.

As a board member and Lietnhom businesswoman, Mary encourages other women to take loans and to pay them back on time, so that others in the community can benefit.



Mary Achol

“I see a bright vision for Lietnhom. Once there was no microcredit system. There was no bank. Now there is a bank. We have hope that it will bring change,” she said.

### STATISTICS

#### AMAT WUOT COMMUNITY BANK

Number of members:	530
Loans outstanding:	92
Total Outstanding Portfolio:	£4,755
Impact of Single Loan:	9 people

#### SUDAN

- Population: 38.5 million.
- Rural population without access to improved water source: 36%
- Rural population without access to proper sanitation facilities: 76%
- Children age 5 and under who are under weight for their age: 41%
- Physicians per 10,000 people: 3.0

### WHERE WE WORK



Lietnhom market

After decades of civil war, Five Talents started working with a consortium of partners in 2007 in the village of Lietnhom in South Sudan by introducing literacy, financial literacy, business planning, savings and credit training and small business development training. In May 2009, the Lietnhom Community Bank was dedicated and renamed the **Amat Wuot Community Bank**, which means “a union of communities” in the local Dinka language.

The program has been expanded within the Diocese of Wau to form savings groups in the neighboring village of Luanyeker and the town of Wau.

The consortium of partners Five Talents is working with include World Concern, Integra Foundation and the Episcopal Church of Sudan. In South Sudan, Five Talents is providing capacity-building assistance and business-skills training.

### FIVE TALENTS NEEDS YOUR HELP

In 2010, Five Talents is raising £90,000 for its program in Sudan. This is one of the first projects of this type in southern Sudan and includes adult education, local savings mobilization, business development training and rural microcredit provision. Please consider a gift today.

