

ClearWater Initiative Proudly Announces New Country Coordinator

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Ojara Emmanuel, known as Sunday to his friends, comes to ClearWater after serving as the General Secretary at the highly-respected Gulu Youth Development Association (GYDA). At GYDA, he oversaw the organization's administration, supervising a staff of over 20 and managing finances, and developed training programs.

Sunday told us that “working at GYDA allowed me to realize my potential. I developed my career in social work there because I like facing and overcoming challenges.” Sunday, personally, has faced many growing up during a 23-year brutal civil war. When he was 8 years old, rebels murdered his father. Instead of succumbing to the pressures of daily life, Sunday focused his energy on bringing peace to his community by creating opportunities for youth.

While just in secondary school, Sunday volunteered with the Red Cross in various capacities, including working with the Ebola task force when an outbreak threatened his region. He also led tours of visitors through Global Exchange, an organization focusing on cross-cultural immersion, and continued at the Red Cross. From 2000, Sunday began his work – initially as a volunteer – at the Gulu Youth Development Association. He coordinated youth activities and provided psychosocial support to former child soldiers and abductees from rebel activities that were his own age. Sunday recalls, “I helped them fight their trauma and trained them to become advocates for peace.”

Sunday has participated in numerous international trainings such as Millennium Development Goals and leadership throughout the Middle East and Africa. ClearWater is thrilled to have such an impressive and talented individual to continue representing our interests in country. He comes to the organization with lots of good ideas on water and sanitation projects and is excited about continuing to make a difference in his community.

