

American Corner	University of Juba
Monthly report	April, 2015

Statistical Record	
Total number of Visitors	750
Number of Programs Held	5
Program participants (Total Attendance)	81
Number of books charged out	15 Books
Embassy visits	7

List of programs held

S/N	Title	Presenter	Date	Audience Level	Attendance	Comments
1	TOEFL Session: <i>Education USA Advising</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Mike Joseph <i>Cultural Affairs Specialist, US Embassy, Juba South Sudan</i> Dr. Rebecca <i>Head of Dept. Mass Communication, University of Juba</i> Mr. Henry Andrea J. <i>Deputy PAO, US Embassy South Sudan</i> 	01 st .04.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Students 	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This session was meant to prepare students who registered for TOEFL succeed on the TOEFL Examination to be taken. During the session Dr. Rebecca highlighted on strategies of tackling each section of the TOEFL examinations. She did discuss the techniques of writing a good essay, that's at least in 4 paragraphs
2	TOEFL : <i>"Practice Test"</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Mike Joseph <i>Cultural Affairs Specialist, US Embassy, Juba South Sudan</i> 	08 th .04.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Students 	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This practice test was to prepare registered candidates for TOEFL to succeed on the TOEFL examinations. The TOEFL test will be paper based and it is for placement and progress evaluation.
3	Movie Screening: <i>The First Grader based on a true</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Toko S. Moses <i>American Corner Coordinator, Univ.</i> 	10 th .04.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students General Public 	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The movie was aimed at promoting adult education in a society that has been in for a

	<i>story: "It's never too late to dream"</i>	<i>Juba</i>				<p>long civil war like the one in South Sudan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The movie was educative in a way that, viewers appreciated there's no age limits to study. • The Movies was aimed to be a tool for reducing illiteracy in a war affected country like South Sudan
4	TOEFL "Examination "	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mike Joseph <i>Cultural Affairs Specialist, US Embassy, Juba South Sudan</i> 	18 th .04.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Candidates 	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This examination is a requirement for admission to US Universities and Colleges • The American Corner in Juba prepares students to sit for Paper-Based TOEFL (PBT) examinations to supplement the official Internet-Based TOEFL in areas where Internet-Bases testing is not possible.
5	Discussion: "Dynamics of Conflicts and Development in South Sudan"	<p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Luka Biong Deng <i>Director, Centre for Peace and Development Studies "Conflict and Development"</i> • Dr. Jenny Bell <i>Director of Training, Morning Star Trauma Healing Program (USAID-sponsored) "Unresolved Trauma - A Barrier to Peace and Reconciliation"</i> 	23 rd .03.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Staff • Students • U.S. Embassy Juba, Staff • 	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was an informal meeting organized by The Public Affairs Section of the U.S Embassy, Juba in collaboration with the College of Social and Economic Studies, Dept. of Sociology and Social Anthropology, University of Juba. • The meeting was presided over by Professor Marial Awou Yol (Dean of College of Social and Economic Studies) and Dr. Evelyn A. Early (U.S Embassy) and Mr. Philip Ohuyoro (Head of Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology) introduced the objectives behind this initiative.

	<p>Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Simon Monoja <i>Professor of Anthropology University of Juba</i> • Dr. Sirisio Oromo <i>Secretary for Graduate Affairs University of Juba</i> 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptions of development often relate to universal assumptions of progress and growth, whereas conflict generally represents the opposite: stagnation, destruction and active non-development. • Various speakers explored/discussed the relationship between conflict and development from different disciplinary perspectives
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Most popular programs by category and audience:

1. Discussion on the Dynamics of Conflicts and Development in South Sudan
2. Movie Screening
3. TOEFL session, test & examination

Most popular materials (books, magazines, DVDs, etc.)

1. Computers (Internet browsing)/Research
2. Barron's Practice Exercises for the TOEFL/ Sharpe, Pamela J.
3. The Heart of a Woman/ Angelou Maya
4. DVD: The First Grader: Based on a True Story: *"It's never too late to dream"*

Highlights:

- Education USA session**
- This program is conducted every Wednesday, interested registered participants, mostly students aspiring for scholarships in the U.S. meet with Mike Joseph from the US Embassy,

Juba and discuss about steps to get admitted to US Universities and Colleges.

- During the month of April, the following were conducted; TOEFL session, TOEFL practice test, and TOEFL Examination

Film Screening:

- This is an ongoing program that is held every Friday. When watching, viewers analyze, give their comments on the movie.
- It is an opportunity that viewers can interact, discuss and express themselves.

Internet:

- The number of internet users has greatly increased and the number of Desktop computers has remained 10. This means, there's need to increase the number of computers upgrade the internet bandwidth in the American Corner

Suggestions for improvement: (types and number of programs; subject areas for collection; specific books, magazines, DVDs).

1. Movie Screening:

- Viewers suggested the following;

- ✚ Extension of the American Corner movie programs/ outreach program to reach the grass root.
- ✚ There's need for a generator, projector and project screen to enable movie screening outside the American Corner.
- ✚ It was also suggested that, the attendance of ladies has very low in most programs in the American Corner. Therefore, there's need to sensitize by having programs that target women participation.
- ✚ Dr. Rebecca suggested for acquisition of American Literature books (20th. /21st. Century) especially "Beloved by Toni Morrison"

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Dr. Rebecca advising during TOEFL session



Mike Joseph, Dr. Rebecca, & Henry Andrea J



Registered candidates during practice T OEFL test



TOEFL candidates writing exams in the American Corner, Juba on April 18th, 2015