



DRC - HILTON PROJECT

The **mid-term evaluation of the Training of Trainers (ToT)** programme was carried out in May in the Dioceses of Mahagi-Nioka and Bunia, in Ituri Province.

The Africa Regional Coordinator met with groups of students, parish youth movements, and the sisters and novices who had been trained by the trainer sisters, collecting their testimonies on how the training in conflict transformation, nonviolent communication, Gospel nonviolence, PSEA, active nonviolence, and peacebuilding had positively impacted their lives.

In three months, the sisters trained 5.082 people, including 625 sisters and novices. The mission was suspended following the outbreak of the Ebola epidemic.



BURUNDI - MISSIO PROJECT

The 15 sisters trained through the Training of Trainers (ToT) project went on to share within their communities the youth movements in parishes and students in schools what they had learned about active nonviolence, PSEA, peacebuilding, trauma healing, conflict prevention and management, Gospel nonviolence, and transformational leadership, achieving encouraging results. The sisters trained 12.340 people, including 1.035 sisters.

The testimonies collected by the Africa Regional Coordinator also highlight unexpected initiatives with an exceptionally positive impact, including **training provided to military personnel in rural areas** and to prisoners in correctional facilities.



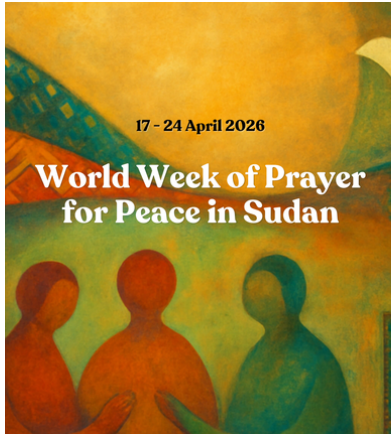
BURUNDI - MÜNSTER PROJECT

Pax Christi International has trained a **group of 12 young single girl-mothers**, who in the city live in precarious conditions and are exposed to all forms of violence due to poverty, in trauma healing and nonviolent communication. PCI trained them in trauma healing, Conflict management, peacebuilding, ANV, entrepreneurship and nonviolent communication.

In the next phase, the group will undertake a **six-month tailoring course**. Upon obtaining their certification, they will become professional dressmakers, enabling them to generate an income to meet their needs and ensure the education of their children.



INITIATIVES FOR SUDAN



From 17 to 24 April, Pax Christi International organised the **World Week of Prayer for Peace in Sudan**, a global initiative to raise awareness of the devastating humanitarian crisis affecting the country and to strengthen a shared commitment to peace through prayer, reflection and dialogue.

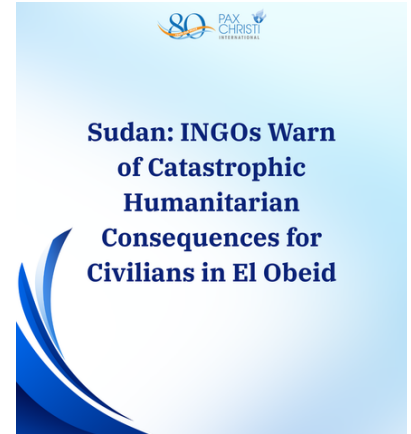
The week included a Mass for Sudan at the COMECE Chapel in Brussels, as well as international events in New York and Washington DC focused on solidarity, accountability and the prevention of further atrocities.

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Pope Leo XIV drew attention to the devastating situation in Sudan on the third anniversary of the beginning of the conflict, which had continued to cause immense suffering and loss of life for thousands of people. Describing the Sudanese people as “innocent victims” of an “inhuman tragedy”, the Pope expressed his deep concern for the humanitarian crisis, widely regarded as one of the most severe in the world.

Ahead of his humanitarian journey to Africa, Pope Leo XIV renewed his heartfelt appeal to all parties involved in the conflict to lay down their weapons and engage in sincere dialogue without preconditions. He called for a commitment to peace and reconciliation, urging that the suffering of the Sudanese population not be forgotten and that efforts continue towards ending the war.



International humanitarian organisations operating in Sudan issued a renewed **urgent appeal for the protection of civilians in El Obeid, North Kordofan**, amid escalating attacks and a rapidly worsening humanitarian situation. The organisations warned of the risk of another major humanitarian catastrophe and called on all parties to the conflict, as well as the international community, to take immediate action to prevent further escalation.

The appeal was shared by the **Sudan INGO Forum**, a coordination and representative body bringing together international NGOs working across Sudan. The Forum, which includes 70 member and observer organisations, supports collective humanitarian, development and peacebuilding efforts throughout the country by promoting communication, information sharing and coordinated action.

[Read the statement here.](#)

OTHER INITIATIVES



In April, Sister Wamuyu Wachira, Co-President of PCI, Dieudonné Serukabuza, Africa Regional Coordinator of PCI, and Giulia Bordin, Advocacy Officer of PCI, met with Alina Skrylnik and Mégane Rodriguès from **EurAc** to discuss current challenges related to peace and justice in the Great Lakes region.



On 29 April, we shared **EurAc's appeal calling for the suspension of EU financial support to Rwanda** under the European Peace Facility, in light of concerns over its potential link to support for the M23 rebel group and human rights violations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

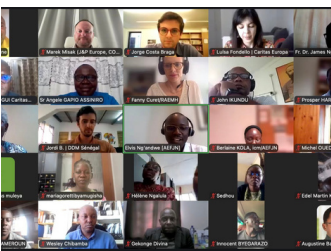
[Read the appeal here.](#)



On 5 May, Pax Christi International participated in **EurAc's event in Brussels on journalism in Burundi**, which brought together journalists, experts, policymakers and civil society actors to discuss the challenges faced by independent media, including exile, pressure and resilience. The event highlighted the importance of protecting press freedom and supporting civil society in Burundi, particularly ahead of a crucial electoral period.



In June, Pax Christi International participated in **EurAc's General Assembly in Brussels**, a week of dialogue, peer learning and strategic planning that brought together members and partners to reflect on shared achievements, exchange ideas and strengthen future cooperation in support of human rights, peace and security, and sustainable peacebuilding in the Great Lakes region.



On 1 July, we participated in a **webinar organised by COMECE, together with AEFJN, Caritas Europa and Justice and Peace Europe**, bringing together faith-based partners from across Africa to exchange perspectives on rethinking EU-Africa relations and promoting a more humane, accountable and just partnership.