

JAMES THUCH MADHIER

The Rainmaker Enterprise

2023 Global Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Create food security, stability, and self-sufficiency for people living in conflict-affected regions by building climate-smart water solutions for regenerative agriculture.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Rainmaker Enterprise improves community health in conflict and climate-change-affected regions in rural South Sudan by providing solar-powered water supply and management systems that create jobs and support livelihoods, enable year-round local food production, improve community health, empower women and youth, preserve and regenerate ecosystems, and sustain peace. Rainmaker is creating a water-secure world free of hunger and poverty where every individual lives a dignified life. By installing and managing solar-powered drip irrigation systems, Rainmaker is ensuring climate justice and year-round food production for smallholder farmers.

PERSONAL BIO

James Thuch Madhier is the founder of the Rainmaker Enterprise, a non-profit social enterprise that transforms lives in conflict and climate-change-affected regions by providing solar-powered water infrastructure to build healthy, inclusive, peaceful, and sustainable communities. When James was only nine years old, he witnessed the famine in the Bahr el Ghazal region of then-southern Sudan. The famine was a result of a combination of food supply chain disruptions caused by war and climate change shocks. After witnessing all of this happen to his community, James promised himself that he'd find durable solutions to restore dignity to those affected by conflict and climate change. He started the Rainmaker Enterprise to implement climate-adaptive solutions for those displaced by climate change shocks and at risk of being displaced. To achieve these solutions, James implements solar-powered water supply systems to improve community health through irrigation farming, boosting food production levels to address extreme hunger.

Organization/Fellow Location

Nairobi, Kenya

Impact Location

Sudan

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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