

# CEDASS

Canadian Economic  
Development Assistance  
for Southern Sudan

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## **FACT SHEET**

- CEDASS – Canadian Economic Development for Southern Sudan – is a not-for-profit, volunteer based, charitable organization based in London, Ontario. The organization’s goal is to establish a self-sustaining economy in Southern Sudan through Canadian agriculture and business training.
- CEDASS was founded by a small group of London business and agriculture leaders in 2006 after the Sudanese Comprehensive Peace Agreement was signed.
- Led by CEDASS, The Jebel Lado Project aims to establish one of the first mechanized farming operation in Southern Sudan in over 20 years. It is one of the only projects of its kind and is based in the Jebel Lado region, just outside of the City of Juba.
- The Jebel Lado Project brings together Canadian farmers, farm associations, businesspeople and worldwide agricultural organizations to teach the Sudanese how to plant, grow and harvest larger crops to feed their families.
- The Government of Southern Sudan has given permission to CEDASS to operate on 1,000 acres of aerated land in the Jebel Lado region. As the project grows, up to 20,000 acres of land are available in the Jebel Lado area for potential expansion.
- In early 2010, CEDASS successfully harvested 50 acres of land for its first crop, and is expanding the crop by another 150 acres this year. Eventually, CEDASS will transfer the operation to the people of the region as a self-sustaining resource.
- More information about CEDASS and The Jebel Lado Project is available at [www.cedass.org](http://www.cedass.org).