

## OUR STORY

is one of struggle and determination, spirit and survival, courage and resilience.

Once called 'lost', we have found ourselves in a very different land, presenting us with new challenges and new opportunities.

As an organisation of Sudanese men and women, our unique story provides us with the inspiration to overcome whatever challenges we may face, to seek out new opportunities and to constantly strive to build a better future for our community.

## OUR STRENGTHS

### Communication

We know how to give voice to the issues affecting Sudanese people. We work with community leaders to raise awareness, challenge discrimination and encourage new understanding by positively communicating with governments, media and the broader society.

### Collaboration

Strong working relationships underpin everything we do. Our partnerships with community organisations, government agencies, service providers and businesses enable us to share our knowledge, extend our reach and increase our impact.

### Community Development

We bring together Australian and Sudanese people to inspire new friendships and develop our community. Building upon what we have in common, we create new opportunities for cultural exchange, education and community enterprise.



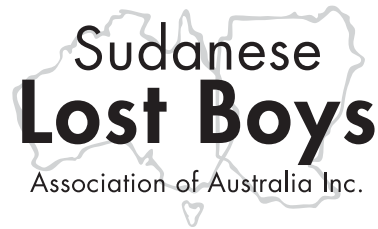
## THANK YOU

to the hundreds of young people, elders, community leaders, individual supporters and representatives of service providers, businesses, councils and government who have contributed so generously to the development of our Strategic Plan 2009–2012.

This project would not be possible without the generous support provided by the Victorian Government, Department of Planning and Community Development and the Brotherhood of St Laurence, Ecumenical Migration Centre.

I am proud of our 2020 Vision and kindly invite you to join us in making it a reality.

**Akoc Manhiem**  
Founder & Executive Director

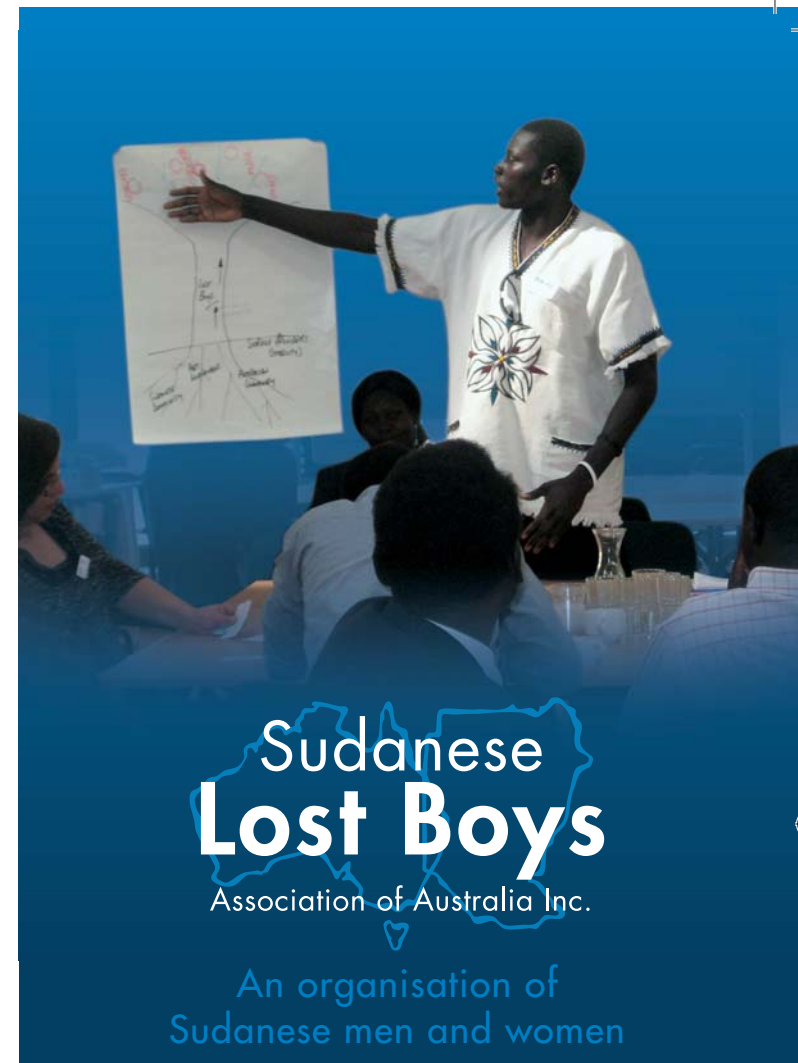


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Sudanese  
**Lost Boys**  
Association of Australia Inc.

An organisation of  
Sudanese men and women

## STRATEGIC PLAN 2009–2012

**OUR MISSION** is to build a better future for the Victorian Sudanese community.

**OUR 2020 VISION** is a Victorian Sudanese community which is thriving, self-reliant and well-connected to the broader society.

OUR VALUES	OUR STRATEGIC GOALS	OUR KEY PRIORITIES 2009–2012
<b><i>Integrity</i></b>	We will be an accountable, democratic and financially sustainable organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Good governance and broad participation in decision-making</li> <li>2. A sustainable, annual income base</li> </ol>
<b><i>Initiative</i></b>	We will identify and respond to the emerging needs of our community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Strong communication with members, community organisations, government, service providers, businesses and media</li> </ol>
<b><i>Dedication</i></b>	We will work hard for our community, particularly the most disadvantaged	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Improved community and government services</li> <li>5. Advocacy for people who experience discrimination or exploitation</li> </ol>
<b><i>Empowerment</i></b>	We will encourage and inspire young people in our community to build a better future	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Young women as community leaders</li> <li>7. Increased support for young people who are isolated or 'at-risk'</li> </ol>
<b><i>Appreciation</i></b>	We will offer friendship and gratitude to our fellow Victorians, and continue to honour our elders and the people of Sudan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. New friendships between Sudanese and other Victorians</li> <li>9. Positive relationships between elders and young people</li> </ol>