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Major new partnership between Lloyd's Charities Trust and FARM-Africa is announced

FARM-Africa, an NGO which has spent the last twenty-two years working to alleviate poverty in rural Africa, is one of three new charities that has been selected as a partner of Lloyd's Charities Trust, the grant making charity for the Lloyd's market.

FARM-Africa will use the grant to support its household Recovery Programme in Southern Sudan, which aims to lift over 90,000 people out of extreme poverty. The programme will provide households with access to clean water, high yield seed, agricultural tools, livestock and knowledge of how to care for them.

Nick Gooding, Chairman of Lloyd's Charities Trust and Senior Cargo Underwriter, XL London Markets: "We are delighted to announce that Coram, FARM-Africa and Samaritans are Lloyd's Charities Trust's three new partner charities for 2007-2010. A donation totalling £450,000 will be provided to the charities over three years with the money to be used by the charities to develop specific projects with the theme of supporting those at risk."

Dr Christie Peacock, CEO, FARM-Africa: "Thanks to this exciting new partnership between FARM-Africa and Lloyd's, thousands of families in Southern Sudan who face an uncertain future now have the potential to improve their own lives. With the dedication and support of the Lloyd's market, FARM-Africa can help give vulnerable families the skills to feed, clothe and educate themselves and provide their children with a more secure future."

This Southern Sudan Household Recovery Programme is designed to kick-start poverty reduction in the project area and will help to lift communities who have virtually nothing, to improve their standard of living in a sustainable way so that they no longer need to depend on aid hand-outs.

Sudan is the largest country in Africa and the rate of poverty in Southern Sudan is massive. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations estimate that 90% of the population survives on less than US\$1 per day.

Notes to editors

FARM-Africa - www.farmafrica.org.uk

FARM-Africa (Food and Agricultural Research Management) is an international charity that aims to reduce poverty through developing innovative approaches to natural resource management in Africa. Through our projects in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Southern Sudan and Uganda we work in partnership with marginal small-scale farmers and herders to improve the ways in which they farm their land. Working with a wide range of rural communities, we concentrate on three priority areas – Pastoral Development, Community Forest Management and Smallholder Development and Land Reform.

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Lloyd's – www.Lloyds.com

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Lloyd's Charities Trust

Lloyd's Charities Trust is the grant making charity for the Lloyd's market. Established over fifty years ago, Lloyd's Charities Trust has a long tradition of providing charitable support to a wide range of national and international charities on behalf of the Lloyd's market. The Trust works with and supports three partner charities, which change every three years. The current partner charities are: Coram, FARM-Africa and the Samaritans.

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