
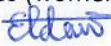






Board Meeting

Final Project Review & Data validation - Project Evaluation
Sustainable Returns and Peacebuilding through Durable Solutions and Rule of Law in Golo
Date: 24 May 2021

Present:

1. Golo Locality Executive Manager
2. Golo Shatai (Paramount Chief)
3. Golo Humanitarian Aid Commissioner 
4. Golo Paralegal representative (women)
5. Golo Community Police Volunteer (women)
6. Golo Parents and Teacher Association
7. Golo Youth Representative
8. Golo Women representative (women)
9. University of Zalingei Head of Gender studies (women)
10. UNDP Partner - Siyaj Charity Organisation 
11. UNDP Partner – Jabal Marra Rural Development 
12. UNICEF Partner – Peacecode Sudan
13. Ministry of Physical Planning - Water Environment and Sanitation
14. Zalingei - Humanitarian Aid Commission 
15. Peace Council

Agenda

1. Validation of End of Project Evaluation Data to cover
 - o Achievements of project targets,
 - o Overall project performance and sustainability of results
 - o Lessons learned

UNDP and government official opened the meeting and outlined to the need for active participation. Locality Manager appreciated the peace dividends being realized by the communities of Golo. Below were the presentations:

COMMUNITY CONFLICTS

- At the START of the project, only 53% of community members said they saw a DECREASE in communal conflicts.
- At the END of the project, 86% of community members said they saw a DECREASE in communal conflicts.

Evidencè

- o One group said, "Peace and social cohesion in Golo is improving day by day."



- Another group said, “On the positive side, people are now less afraid to speak up against what they see as wrong, and serious disputes such as killings and robbery have also diminished.”

RULE OF LAW

- At the START of the project, only 33% of community members said they were satisfied with the rule of law institutions in Golo.
- At the END of the project, 83% said they were satisfied with the “formal” rule of law institutions, and 93% said they were satisfied with the “informal” rule of law institutions

Evidence

- One group said, “Overall freedoms have improved and there is some security, so the overall justice environment has improved.”
- Another group said, “The levels of trust in the justice systems has improved over the last two years.”

SOLUTIONS and ECONOMIC RECOVERY

- At the START of the project, only 30% of community members said they saw an increase in economic interactions between diverse communities
- At the END of the project, 80% said they saw an increase in economic interactions between diverse communities
- At the START of the project, only 25% of community members said they saw increased trust between community and local authorities
- At the END of the project, 96% said they saw increased trust between community and local authorities

Evidence

- One Ministry Representative said, “Increasing productivity and livelihoods has offset the potential for individuals to resort to illegitimate means of earning a living – especially among young men who are prone to joining the armed groups or the military in search of their livelihoods.”
- Another Ministry Representative said, “The youth-focused interventions created opportunity for activity and engagement between community members. They benefited through the training provided as well as economic benefits...There is more peaceful co-existence between the different community groups.”

GENDER

- The project worked to achieve equitable and balanced results for women, men, boys and girls.
- **Women were “at the center of this project”:**
- 60% of the farmers in the farmer production group
- 4 women were trained as Police Volunteers
- 84% of communities said that women’s participation makes the CBRM more effective.

LOCAL OWNERSHIP

- The project worked to support local ownership of the activities from design to completion. The Project Team:
- met with local leaders and communities prior to project to define the needs goals and activities
- met with local leaders and communities throughout project implementation to gather inputs, guidance, concerns, and updates
- adjusted project based on changes seen in Golo, to be effective and relevant to new situations

- Gathered inputs each year and at the conclusion of the project to measure impact and identify gaps

Recommendations and lessons learnt by the board

- Recommendations for the Evaluation report should be organized according to who they are being made to. So recommendations to UNDP and UNHCR and implementing partners, recommendations to Government, and recommendations to communities.
- Timeframes for peacebuilding projects should be more than 2 years. At least 3 years and ideally 5 years.
- UNDP/UNICEF should design projects that have more accountability and transparency mechanisms built into them from the onset. Communities and beneficiaries should be able to know how much money was spent and on what.
- Future projects should emphasize human capacity development and soft activities (training, exchange visits, etc.) just as much as hard activities (well digging, dams, etc.).
- Traditional authorities need support to dispense their conflict resolution and peacebuilding role in Golo besides the physical building that was erected/built for them. They need donkeys/mules so as to be able to reach communities in distant locations which are now being traversed on foot.
- Some of the infrastructure establishment was affected by conflict and as such was delayed in completion. As a lesson, infrastructure supports should be initiated at the start of the project such that monitoring, and use commences while the project is still running. Poor quality control due to pressure to finish the project on time, lack of materials, and lack of good follow-up from contractors were of concern
- The project addressed the concerns coming from the community following a gap assessment during the design of the project. This made implementation and community monitoring of the project easier. Community acceptance of the project was high because it resonated with their needs