

MEETING MINUTES

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| <i>Programme/Project Title:</i> | Jonglei Stabilization Programme |
| <i>Subject:</i> | Programme Board Meeting |
| <i>Chairperson:</i> | H.E. Kuol Manyang, Governor, Jonglei State |
| <i>Co-Chair:</i> | Amanuel Gebremedhin, Team Leader, Crisis Prevention and Recovery Unit, UNDP South Sudan |
| <i>Date:</i> | 15/01/13 |
| <i>Duration:</i> | 9.30am-12.30pm |
| <i>Venue:</i> | Council of Ministers, Bor, Jonglei |
| <i>Agenda:</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Output 1 progress report (Radio Station) 3. Output 2 progress (Akobo-Pochalla Road) 4. Output 3 progress report (WCS Ranger posts) 5. Rapid Stabilization Fund- Likuangole Project and NCA Peace Dialogues 6. Risks, Challenges and Constraints 7. Sustainability and Maintenance 8. Other Stabilization Issues for Jonglei 9. Action Points 10. A.O.B |
| <i>Annexes:</i> | List of Participants |

Minutes:

| 1. Introduction | | | |
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| 1.1 Introduction | 1.1.1 The Governor, Chairperson of the JSP Board, opened the meeting and welcomed all participants. He excused the absence of other state officials. The Chair introduced state officials who were present at the meeting. | N/A | N/A |

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| | 1.1.2 The Chair commended efforts made by Participating UN Organizations, UNDP and UNOPS, who he stated are working in very difficult conditions. The Chair acknowledged the various challenges constraining implementation of the JSP, including insecurity and limited to no access to some project sites. | | |

| 2. Output 1 Progress Report (Radio Station) | | | |
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| 2.1 Output 1 Progress Report | <p>2.1.1 The UNDP Stabilization Advisor on the JSP informed that construction of the main transmission site/radio station in Bor is complete for the most part. Alterations to the facility and procurement of furniture are ongoing. Construction is expected to be full completed by mid-February.</p> <p>2.1.2 Procurement and setup of radio communication and other equipment for the main radio station in Bor: Radio communication equipment is under delivery and is expected to be installed in February 2013 with technical support from the supplier, CICCI. Other goods such as generators, fuel tank, IT and communication equipment will be installed when the main radio station building is complete.</p> <p>2.1.3 Six retransmission sites have been set up by the Government in conjunction with two mobile companies Zain and MTN. An additional four retransmission towers will be constructed and equipped by UNDP.</p> <p>2.1.4 UNDP has launched a competitive tender process for identifying and selecting a qualified and experienced agency to provide capacity building support to J-MoIC for running and maintaining the state-managed radio station and retransmission network. Bid received in response to this tender are under review.</p> | UNDP | End of February 2013 |

| 3. Output 2 Progress Report (Akobo-Pochalla Road) | | | |
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| 3.1 Output 2 Progress Report | 3.1.1 The Co-chair asked UNOPS to present their progress updated on JSP Output 2 (Akobo-Pochalla road). UNOPS reported that the Akobo-Pochalla road is under construction but yet to be surfaced. Mine clearance has been completed by Mecham private demining company. | | |

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| | <p>The 8km stretch of road to the bridge site under Package 1 is 70% complete; however, it is covered by vegetation and needs to be cleaned and grubbed. Two culverts are also not completed. The pillars and abutments are 85% complete and the remaining works on the bridge will be complete when the remaining parts arrive from Juba once the road is accessible in early February.</p> <p>3.1.2 Package 2 which involves the construction of 60km road from Pochalla towards Akobo town is not fully complete. About 35 Kilometers of the road length was cleared and grubbed. 1.7 km of gravel wearing course out of 25 km is completed.</p> <p>3.1.3 Package 3 which involves the construction of 80 km road from Akobo towards Pochalla is not fully complete. Work will commence on site by February 13 2013. Once the equipment is mobilized to the site, the contractor plans to work in two shifts to ensure completion of the works on May 15 2012.</p> <p>3.1.4 Procurement of road maintenance equipment of dozer, grader, backhoe loader, skid steer loader, vibratory soil compactor, hand compactor, motor cycles, mobile workshop, and tow pick single regular cab vehicles is complete and all items have been handed over to the State Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Public Utilities of Jonglei State. Procurement is still ongoing for some items: water sprinkler, oil tank truck, low bed with prime mover. However, two dump trucks, and two concrete mixers are at the border in Nimule and expected to arrive in Jonglei soon.</p> <p>3.1.5 Challenges: Limited window for construction due to rainy season, difficulty in moving equipment from Juba to Bor due to road condition, insecurity, long haulage distances and rework as a result of regrowth of vegetation on sections of the road cleared and opened during the previous dry season.</p> <p>3.1.6 UNOPS said they are grateful for the continuing support from the State Government and that they are committed to finishing the road in the coming dry season.</p> <p>3.1.7 The floor was then opened up to questions. The Director General for Physical Infrastructure asked about Package 4 (training) as there was no mention of this. He also requested clarification on procurement of heavy machinery. The UNOPS Project Manager responded and said that he would raise the procurement issue in Juba and in regards to skill training he would investigate this further. DFID then said that this report was positive but they raised concerns about lack of a maintenance plan. The UNDP Programme Coordinator then</p> | Contractor | May15 2013 |
| | | UNOPS to follow up on training and | ASAP |

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| | <p>explained that there had been a turnover of staff and the UNOPS Project Manager was only new to the job and that feedback would be given in regards to these issues.</p> <p>3.1.8 The Co-Chair/UNDP Team Leader of the Crisis Prevention and Recovery Unit again raised the issue of the training aspect of the project. The UNOPS Project Manager responded and said that he would look into it and see if it has been included in the Programme Document. The UNDP Programme Coordinator confirmed that, in March 2012, USD 600,000 was allocated to each state for road maintenance. The former UNOPS Project Manager had been working on this but UNDP had not been informed on progress in this regard. The Programme Coordinator asked the UNOPS Project Manager to follow-up on these issues and get back to the relevant parties on the status of this.</p> | <p>maintenance plan, ensure that feedback on this issue is provided to Government</p> | |
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| 4. Output 3 Progress Report (WCS Ranger Posts) | | | |
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| <p>4.1 Output Progress Report 3</p> | <p>4.1.1 The representative from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) presented their report on Output 3 –i.e. the construction of ranger posts along the Akobo-Pochalla road. He provided a quick background on the project, and informed that the road had been re-aligned to avoid sensitive ecological areas used by local wildlife. WCS have verified that the road re-alignment is now correct. They have identified three viable sites for ranger posts and met with contractors who will carry out the work. The design for the ranger posts has been approved and work is to start in the dry season. It was further expected that construction work would be completed by the end of this dry season, including raising awareness and sensitization of target communities.</p> <p>4.1.2 The floor was then opened up to questions. The Deputy Minister of Finance inquired about the financial position of the JSP and asked if additional funds were available. The Chair clarified that the SSRF has already made its allocations for Jonglei. The UNDP Programme Coordinator further affirmed allocations are programmed and disbursed through the SSRF, which is administered in line with undg rules and regulations. The quarterly report including financial report on the JSP is shared at the end of each quarter, and provides a summary on the financial situation of each project/output.</p> | | |

| 5. Rapid Stabilization Fund- Likuangole Project and NCA Peace Dialogues | | | |
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| <p>5.1 Rapid Stabilization</p> | <p>5.1.1 PLAN International reported that it is currently waiting for security in the target area (Likuangole) to improve and are in constant contact with the UNDP Stabilization Advisor in</p> | <p>Plan international to</p> | <p>After meeting</p> |

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| Fund-Likuangole Project and NCA Peace Dialogues | <p>this regard. Community engagement has begun and the main areas of focus are food security, women, education and a community center. Plan will discuss its work plan with the Minister of Local Government after the Board meeting.</p> <p>5.1.2 The second RSF project for Jonglei was approved to support the Presidential Peace Committee, under the leadership of the Archbishop, in conducting peace consultations and workshops in 4 areas (Duk-Uror, Pochalla, Piji and Twic East) in partnership with NCA. Consultations in three areas, namely, Duk-Uror, Twic East and Pochalla have been completed. The final consultation in Piji was delayed due to logistical and access constraints. One common issue with the community consultations is lack of adequate resources for effectively translating peace agreements into concrete action. While the youth seem able and are engaged in some activities – such as sports programmes - the elders are generally inactive. A lot can be gained from reengaging the youth in this regard. The main challenge here is insecurity.</p> | <p>discuss Project with MoLG</p> <p>NCA to meet and brief Peace Commission</p> | <p>ASAP</p> |
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| 6. Risks, Challenges and Constraints | | | |
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| 6.1 Risks Challenges and Constraints | <p>6.1.1 The UNDP Programme Coordinator stated that it is important to take measures to ensure that austerity does not affect government ownership of the Stabilization Programme. There are issues surrounding DSA payments, where many government counterparts are refusing to participate in monitoring and community engagement missions unless DSA is paid by UN partners. It is not appropriate or feasible for UNDP or UNOPS to provide this on a recurring basis for missions within the state – i.e. jurisdiction of state line ministries. He asked that a solution to this constraint be discussed and agreed. The Deputy Minister of Finance responded and said that he is conscious of budget constraints and it is something that his government needs to be aware of. The Chair of the meeting affirmed that DSA payments for Jonglei State officials is not the responsibility of UN partners and that this issue will be addressed and should be brought to his attention in future.</p> <p>6.1.2 DFID raised the issue of security and expressed a wish to see these issues resolved. DFID also made mention of the fact that UNMISS must provide logistical support in times of high insecurity.</p> | | |

| 7. Sustainability and Maintenance | | | |
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| 7.1 Sustainability | 7.1.1 The Co-Chair invited all state officials to discuss the issue of sustainability and maintenance | | |

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| and Maintenance | <p>of programme outputs, saying that assurances were given and should be met. The Chair responded that an update on this will be provided after the meeting. The Minister of Communication said that this is something the government takes very seriously.</p> <p>7.1.2 DFID inquired about the plan for road maintenance. The UNOPS Project Manager said that this process has begun and is ongoing. The full maintenance plan will be shared with any party concerned on request.</p> | | |
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8. Other Stabilization Issues for Jonglei

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| 8.1 Other Stabilization Issues for Jonglei | 8.1.1 The floor was opened up for anyone to contribute in regards to this topic; however, there was very little to add to the work that was ongoing to date. The Chair stated that, road construction, disarmament etc. were underway. Agricultural Programmes are working and several stabilization projects are underway. | | |


9. Action Points

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| 9.1 Action Points | <p>9.1.1 Ministry of Finance to work with customs to ensure that equipment is released in Juba.</p> <p>9.1.2 UNOPS to follow up on maintenance and training plan and ensure feedback is given to government.</p> <p>9.1.3 NCA to meet and brief Peace Commission.</p> <p>9.1.4 Plan International to meet with Minister for Local Government and inform him of work plan.</p> <p>9.1.5 Minister of Local Government to follow up with Ministers of line ministries in regards to DSA issue. MoLG to ensure that all relevant ministries know that payment of DSA is not the responsibility of the UN.</p> <p>9.1.6 Ministry of Physical Infrastructure to provide UNOPS and UNDP with state plan for maintenance.</p> <p>9.1.7 Continuous, ongoing discussion in regard other stabilization issues so that they can be</p> | | |


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| | addressed at next meeting. | | |
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| 10. Any Other Business | | | |
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| 10.1 A.O.B | <p>10.1.1 The UNDP Programme Coordinator stipulated that in the absence of the Senior UNDP members, the UNDP Stabilization Advisor would co-chair these meetings.</p> <p>10.1.2 The Chair concluded by stating that the essential purpose of the meeting was fulfilled. He emphasized the importance of the Minister of Finance getting equipment released from customs. He then summarized the meeting and thanked all members for their participation.</p> | | |

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