

PaCC Project Board Meeting

**VENUE: Eric De Mull Conference Hall
UNDP South Sudan**

MEETING MINUTES	
Subject:	PaCC Project Board Meeting Minutes
Date:	Wednesday, 15 August 2018
Venue:	Eric De Mull Conference Hall, UNDP South Sudan
Participants:	Annex 1 – List of Participants

Agenda	Discussion	Decision/Action
1. Welcoming and Introduction	<p>Remarks by the Chair of the Project Board, Hon. Chuol Rambang Louth, Chairperson of the South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> He stressed that even though the Board meeting was delayed for some time, it provides an opportunity to advance critical issues on the project. He acknowledged that, based on the 2017 annual, quarters 1 and 2 reports, the project continues to make consistent progress towards planned results. He also noted that opportunity to scale up the support to the peace process still available. He further assured that partners can count on the support of the chair and the Peace and Reconciliation Commission and thanked Japan, Sweden, UNDP and PBF for the support and collaboration for a successful project. <p>Remarks by Co-Chair</p> <p>Remarks by UNDP</p>	
2. Approval of minutes of the last Board Meeting and matters arising	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of reports: Final narrative and provisional financial reports for the Community Security and Arms Control (CSAC) project were submitted to respective donors. Final financial reports are being finalised in line with UNDP's financial rules and regulations. Status of funding of new PaCC project: 2017 (US\$4.69 million), 2018 (US\$4.37 million), projection for 2019 (US\$1.45 million). Sweden: 2 (2017), 1.6 (2018), 1.45 (2019) PBF ND: 0.46 (2017), 0.8 (2018), 0 (2019) Japan: 1 (2017), 0.6 (2018), 0 (2019) UNDP: 1.23 (2017), 0.77 (2018), 0 (2019) PBF-GYI: 0 (2017), 0.6 (2018), 0 (2019) * Korea expected to arrive in September 3M for 2018,19 and 2020 Coordination at field level: xxx 	Minutes from 31 August 2017 Project Board Meeting approved
3. Consideration of PaCC 2017 Annual Progress Report	<p>Presentation of key points from 2016 Annual Report by CSAC Project Manager:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Result 1: Strengthened gender-inclusive peace committees preventing conflict in Duk Padiet: Conflicts mitigated peacefully by newly established joint border peace committee; Migration related joint cattle camps managed peacefully; Pastures and water points shared 	Annual report approved An annex with a list of partners will be

	<p>peacefully; Establishment of a bi-lingual (Dinka and Nuer) community radio station ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result 2: Peaceful cross-border cattle migration enabled through migration conferences in Northern Bahr el Ghazal along the Sudan border: Pending migration issues resolved and terms of upcoming migration renegotiated through pre-migration conferences; Strengthened capacities of members of the Joint Border Peace Committee through trainings in leadership, SGBV and conflict mitigation; Increased inclusion of women in the community peace process agreed upon in the migration agreements; Communities are better informed about the migration agreements through dissemination campaign of the resolutions • Result 3: Social, cultural and economic interdependencies strengthened in 3 states (Amadi, Western and Eastern Lakes): Wrestling Matches organised in Awerial & Yirol for youth; Livelihood opportunities for women (posho mill in Mvolo, vegetable gardens in Wulu using water from boreholes drilled by UNDP); Tea and cereals small scale businesses for women in Aduel; Renovation of a youth centre in Yei; Construction of Wowo peace complex (markets for crop and cattle farmers, youth and women centre) - Safe spaces created for youth, women & community to meet • Result 4: Improved community awareness and citizen engagement on the National Dialogue (ND) process: More than 1.4 million people, including refugees sensitized on the National Dialogue; Women involvement in National Dialogue increased from 0% to 33% at leadership level and 25% in local consultations; Promoted citizen voice, participation and transparency through social media- 47.4K tweets in three months and 4696 website hits. • Results 5: Opportunities for women to participate in conflict prevention and mediation increased: Number of women in Peace committee increased (currently 28%); Women involved in National Dialogue sensitization process; Over 13 thousand people reached through sensitization including; Capacities of women strengthened in entrepreneurship, business; management, leadership, SGBV and peacebuilding through trainings; Safe space for exchange between women created through support to formation of women groups; Domestic violence reduced due to the women's income. • Result 6: Youth ex-combatants integrated into communities through livelihood initiatives in Yambio: Livelihood opportunities created for 200 male and female youth ex-combatants in Yambio; Youth provided with skills in carpentry, ventilator making, knitting, salon management and vegetable farming; Youth reintegrated in the community through economic empowerment; Vulnerable youth engaged in national dialogue processes in Awerial, Nyamllel, Yei and Duk Padiet. • Knowledge Products produced at the national level through PBF funding: Mapping of peacebuilding actors, Peace Building Plan, Assessment of Greater Jonglei, Social Cohesion and Reconciliation Index (SCORE) in progress <p><u>Comment:</u> Sweden: Sweden recommended to add a list of partners that the</p>	<p>added and incorporated</p>
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	project is working with (civil society and others) as an annex to future Annual Reports	
<p>4. Peace and Community Cohesion Project Progress Review</p>	<p>Presentation on progress on implementation of the 2018 Annual Work Plan by CSAC Project Manager:</p> <p><u>Results achieved between January and June 2018:</u></p> <p>1) Peace committee instrumental in community level conflict resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten conflicts resolved peacefully by peace committees; Cattle rustling in Duk Padiet, Arroyo, Aweil East (5); Naming of places in Gomjuer (1); Death of a women in Aweil East (1); Pregnancy outside of marriage in PoC Bentiu (1); Dispute between wrestlers in Awerial (1); Dispute over land in Twich Central (1); • Nine new community-based peace committees established in Yei, Rubkona/Bentiu PoC, Greater Lopa/Lafon, Torit Center, Bor Center, Gomjuer; • 384 (106 female-28%) peace committee members trained on “Transformational leadership, conflict management and GBV” in 4 three-day and 6 ten-day trainings. <p><u>Question:</u> <i>Sweden:</i> Enquired whether the peace committee in Bentiu, which appears very active, is also involved in the ongoing PoC dispute with UN agencies.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> <i>Project Manager:</i> highlighted that two members of the youth Peace Committee were members of the Community High Council (CHC) - the leadership of PoC. In that sense, they were involved in the PoC dispute. However, there is a new CHC leadership after recent elections, therefore the new members are helping to solve the problem. The project’s focus for now is on reconciling the youth from POC and those from Bentiu town, who in some cases have not met since 2013 conflict. The project succeeded to bring them together in a joint 10 days training.</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> The differences in the PoC in Bentiu as well as in Juba 1 are common because people feel dissatisfied. It is easier for the Government to intervene, like in the recent cases. But the youth have a role to play too for this reconciliation.</p> <p><i>Project Manager:</i> In Bentiu, there is a breakthrough because the youth from the PoC is engaging with the youth from outside the PoC, and this has been carried out without conflict. The joint training is a testimony that reconciliation is possible.</p> <p>2) Social, cultural and economic interdependencies strengthened among the youth in Bor Central, Twich North and Duk Padiet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of fish cold storage facility completed and handed over to the youth; • Fish cold storage youth association created and equipped with relevant skills to manage the facility; further training and support is required as the youth are not yet fully confident to run the plan independently; • Youth centre renovated in Yei. 	<p>Quarter 1 and 2 reports approved</p>

3) Supporting women's participation and engagement in peacebuilding and security women's participation in peace process strengthened:

- Number of female peace committee members increased - 28% (less than 10%);
- Improvement in mediating GBV cases by peace committees- referral;
- Through psychosocial support groups formed more GBV cases are on referral pathway;
- Women advocacy capacities improved through technical support to the Women's Coalition to engage in the HLRF;
- Women sensitized on the national dialogue process and prepared memoranda on their issues/needs to the National Dialogue leadership.

Question:

Sweden: Asked whether the presented activities are done in coordination with UN WOMEN. She highlighted that UN Women is running a women empowerment project in Mingkaman and enquired whether cooperation is taking place.

Sweden also enquired whether achievements with ex-combatants in Yambio were reached in collaboration with UNICEF.

Response:

Project Manager: Clarified that all peace committee trainings are coordinated with UN WOMEN, especially while working with the National Transformational Leadership Institute of Juba University. The project also uses UN Women's empowerment centre in Mingkaman for trainings of peace committees.

The PM explained that UNDP's support focuses on older youth who require skills training, livelihood support and income generating activities while UNICEF's engagement focuses on children who e.g. need family reunification. The need to promote synergies and lessons learned is noted and the project shall reach out to UNICEF.

Based on the lessons learned from the Yambio pilot, the project is also working with the BCSSAC to sensitize the youth in Lakes State on small arms. 150 youth who have given up arms were identified and will be involved in livelihood activities as a model for other youth.

The Chair pointed out that the DDR Commission had the capacity to deal with similar situations but no longer receives funding and support.

Challenges and lessons learned:

Key challenges:

- Mistrust and suspicion among youth in Bentiu - revised the project implementation strategy;
- Weak documentation and reporting of cases undermines early warning and responses - Reporting tool introduced;

Key lessons learned:

- The role of peace committee in mediating local conflict is transformative;
- Deployment of peace committee to mediate conflict in areas away from their county was effective in Bor;
- The triangular relationship between UNDP, CSOs and local authorities is effective in delivering results;
- Most local level conflicts are also driven by poverty: Linking local peace building work with livelihood create better impact and community cohesion;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of synergy with UNDP programmes, other UN agencies and actors: e.g. in addressing issues of SGBV, economic empowerment, trauma etc. <p><i>Budget utilization:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available budget US\$4,270,668.36: Expenditure US\$2,426,805.81: Representing: 57% delivery. <p><u>Way forward: June – December 2018:</u></p> <p>1) 2018 peace interdependency projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community radio in Duk Padiet – by Sweden • Youth centre in Bentiu town - by UN-PBF • Drilling of solar powered water borehole in Rialdit, Eastern Aweil - by Japan • Water reservoir in Kidepo Valley in Eastern Equatoria – by UNDP and Sweden <p>2) Training of peace committees, women advocates and local authorities on Women Peace and Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 trainings planned on Women Peace and Security – one per cluster • 4 more trainings for peace committees on Transformational Leadership, Conflict Management and GBV – Torit, Yei, Yambio and Bor • Migration conferences and joint border committee dialogues in Lakes, Terekeka, NBG, Kapoeta-Boma-Bor • Kidepo valley (Torit) consultations <p>3) Policy level work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to the Regional and National Dialogues • Peace actors coordination – at national and state level • Civilian disarmament strategy finalisation • National Peacebuilding Policy • Women peace and security related engagements <p><i>Comment:</i> <i>Sweden:</i> The representative clarified that the Swedish funds are not earmarked. <i>Project Manager:</i> The Project Manager added that allocations were made as part of the project’s annual planning.</p>	
<p>5. End of Project Review for the Japan funded Support to Grassroots Initiative for National Dialogue Project</p>	<p>In the absence of a planned evaluation the project will carry out a project review to comply with UNDP procedures.</p>	

<p>6. AoB: Hand over of completed infrastructure projects</p>	<p>The project will carry out the handover of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renovated youth center – Yei (Japan funded) Peace complex in Wowo – Amadi state (Sweden funded) <p><i>Sweden:</i> The representative welcomed a joint field visit and informed the board that Sweden was expecting a visit from HQ but that it got delayed. The joint field visit should not be delayed as well.</p> <p><i>Japan:</i> To visit Yei Japan would need reassurance on the security situation in Yei given recent incidents in order to make an informed decision on the viability of traveling.</p> <p><i>Project Manager:</i> UNDP security focal point will provide security information for the one-day field visit.</p> <p>Other issues:</p> <p>1) Civilian Disarmament Strategy</p> <p><i>Co-chair:</i> The chair stressed that civilian disarmament is one of the priorities in the peace agreement and requested an update from UNDP on the hiring of a consultant to complete the civilian disarmament strategy.</p> <p><i>Project Manager:</i> The Project Manager clarified that the project is going to support the review of the civilian disarmament strategy through UNDP core resources and that the Bureau has to submit a Terms of Reference for the consultancy as well as a concept for the entire work related to the strategy.</p> <p>2) New Swedish 5-year Strategy for South Sudan</p> <p><i>Sweden:</i> The representative explained that Sweden has adopted a new five-year strategy (from now until 2022) for South Sudan which will soon be shared with partners. Through the strategy Sweden will more than double its annual funding to South Sudan to around 32 million USD per year. The PaCC project is very much aligned to the new strategy, but other initiatives can be explored. The strategy focuses on grassroots initiatives outside of Juba.</p> <p><i>Programme Unit Chief:</i> UNDP will have a bilateral meeting with Sweden to better understand the new strategy and explore potential for collaboration.</p>	<p>Tentative date for joint mission to Wowo: 14 September</p> <p>Tentative date for joint mission to Yei to be confirmed by Japan</p>
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