



South Kordofan State Ministerial Gender Task Force Established



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South Kordofan Local Governance Capacity Building Project support interventions aimed at mainstream Gender concerns in the work of Public Sector institutions in the State. The project mainly aims to enhance the capacity and visibility of the Gender Department in the State Ministry of Social Welfare, Women and Children (MOSWWC) to discharge its gender equity related mandates.

Recently, the project has conducted Gender Audit of 9 line Ministries in the state and the Audit greatly helped to identify gender mainstreaming challenges and opportunities at all levels in the State. Following the Gender Audit, the project organized a workshop to validate the results and develop gender integration action plans.

The Validation and Planning Workshop participants recommended the establishment of Gender Task Force in the 10 line Ministries, the Legislative Council, the State Judiciary and the Office of the Governor. 45 civil servants were appointed from each of the above agencies on the basis of education and willingness to work in the each Agency Gender Task Force.

The UNDP Governance Capacity Building Project in collaboration with the Gender Department of the State Ministry of Social Welfare, Women and Children (MOSWWC), organized Consultative meeting with the appointed Task Force members on Monday September 3, 2007. In the consultative meeting Gender Task Force members agreed on the objectives and the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Task Force with a technical support from UNDP. Participants of the meeting agreed the following to be the TOR for the Gender Task Force in each Public Agency:

- Organize Gender sensitization workshops/trainings in each public sector organizations
- Engage in advocacy, lobbying and networking activities for the promotion of gender concerns in the State
- Participate and audit the gender-responsiveness of the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development policies, programmes and projects
- Participate and audit the gender-responsiveness of Ministerial and State budget
- Develop and disseminate sector-based gender mainstreaming guidelines
- identify gender challenges and opportunities in public institutions through undertaking "in-house" Gender needs assessments
- Develop Gender policy of public institutions
- Develop and implement Gender integration action plans in public institutions
- Participate in the preparation and dissemination of Gender Behavioral Change and Communication (BCC) materials
- Participate and contribute in the monthly Gender Task Force meeting to be organized by State Ministry of Social Welfare, Women and Children (MOSWWC).
- Collaborate with other organizations (both government and non-government) to promote gender equity in South Kordofan State

The Governance Capacity Building programme will provide technical and logistical supports for the proper implementation of the above TOR in collaboration with other development organizations in the State.



Ms. Amina Karshom Ali, Acting Head of Gender Department, MOSWWC addressing the Gender Task Force meeting



Participants of the Gender Task Force consultative meeting



Gender Task Force consultative meeting Group photo