

Pact Sudan Launches new Initiative

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JUBA - Pact Sudan is set to fund peace-building, conflict management and water provision initiatives for eighteen community based organizations (CBO's) in the ten states of Southern Sudan. The program dubbed the CBO excellence initiative kicked off at Sunflower Hotel in Juba from May 26-28, 2010.

Pact, a capacity building NGO working in the all the three regions of Southern Sudan and the Three Areas has concluded a three day workshop to launch this initiative for indigenous organizations that have been ardent actors in peacebuilding and conflict mitigation in Greater Equatoria, Upper Nile and Bahr el Ghazal. The CBO Excellence Program is expected to run for approximately one year. It consists of three inputs, Long-Term Grantee Strategy, Increased Focus on Capacity building and Cohort/ Networked Approach for partners.

Partners selected include: Upper Nile Women Welfare Association (UNWWA), Upper Nile Youth Mobilization for Peace and Development Agency (UNYMPDA), South Sudan Law Society (SSLS), Kapoeta Development Initiative (KDI), Sudan Production Aid (SUPRAID), Initiative for Community Development (INCODE), Aweil West Rehabilitation Team (AWRT), Aweil North Rehabilitation Team (ANRT), Upper Nile Kalaazar Eradication Association (UNKEA), Standard Action Liaison Focus (SALF), Community Empowerment for Progress Organization (CEPO), Sudanese Organization for Nonviolence and Development (SONAD), Lacha Community and Economic Development (LCED), Lou Jikany Women Society for Peace and Development (LJWSPD), Upper Nile Initiative and Development Organization (UNIDO), Gok Toich Youth Association (GTYA), Unity Cultural and Development Centre (UCDO), and Leich Community and Development Agency (LCDA).

The purpose of the “kick-off” program was to develop concepts for developing proposals from CBO's, generate excitement for the next year of capacity-building activities, design an organizational capacity assessment tool to align with the CBOs' own expectations of excellent organizations and to develop a concept development workshop to support organizations in developing proposals for funding.

According to the Capacity Building and Knowledge Management Advisor for Pact Worldwide, Matt Reeves, Pact has been working towards CBO Excellence Program since November 2009.

“The environment in which Pact is implementing programs has changed and is moving away from relief towards sustainable development,” he said.

He also added that since this is a pilot project, it will help Pact Sudan, implementing partners and other stakeholders to draw lessons that will help in future programming.



Participants at a teambuilding session at the workshop. Rachel DuBois

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A group photo at the launch of the CBO Excellence Program in Juba

Do No Harm, Non-violence and Danger of Small Arms for Youth of Cattle Camps "Gelweng"

South Sudan Peace Fund through United Against Tribalism & Tribal Insecurity in Southern Sudan (YUATTISS) supported workshop for youths from the cattle camp known as Gelweng or cattle protectors from Rumbek central and Rumbek East Counties in Lakes State. The workshop brought together a total of 60 youth from different villages between June 19-23, 2010.

The workshop had several objectives including; to give youth skills in conflict mitigation and conflict transformation, to support South Sudan Peace Commission in the state on peacebuilding through meetings, information sharing and networking, to increase the capacity of communities to respond to threats to community stability, rapid response and sustainable recovery for peace, to enhance the South Sudan Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration Commission's recommendations to implement their reintegration process.

The training also aimed at increasing the capacity of the youth to address community security and small arms control in Lakes State with the on going disarmament process. A similar training was conducted at Maper in Rumbek North County from June 25-29, 2010 whereby 40 participants (10 females and 30 males) benefited.



Raak Ayen cattle camp at Malek Payam Rumbek Central county. This picture was taken when our team was mobilizing youth for this training. Photo: William Aluong

Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution Training

Reggo Community Development Initiative (RCDI) under the support from SSPF Norway 2 organized training for traditional leaders and cattle boma youth on peace building and conflict mitigation in Terekeka County. The training was held on June 8-12, 2010 and was attended by 26 chiefs. The training was to enlighten the participants on ways of resolving conflict using alternative methods of conflict resolution such as mediation, dialogue and reconciliation

(following Tensions between pastoral and agriculturalist communities in Terekeka

County that posed a great threat to peace for the County and its neighbours).



Participants pose for a photo after the closure of the training

It should be noted that the inhabitants of Terekeka County are Mundari pastoralists while their neighbours the Bari of Juba and Moru of Mundri counties are agriculturalists. After the training peace committees were elected in order to follow up and maintain peace in the county.

Staff MERL Training

38 project staff attended a MERL 3 training organized by our technical team, Regional support office and HQ between June 28-30, 2010. Sessions were facilitated by Lynn McCoy, Global Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Advisor from HQ, Hanna Kamau, Africa Regional Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning Advisor and Alex Rotich, Pact Sudan's MERL Advisor.

The objective of the training was to equip field and Juba-based staff with knowledge and skills in monitoring and evaluation.

Formative Evaluation

The technical team also conducted a formative evaluation on our peace projects. This exercise was meant to get feedback from partners, the community and other stakeholders on the outcome of our projects. This took place in the three regions of Southern Sudan.

Water Projects

WRAPP Internal Review Workshop– Juba

A 2-day internal workshop on program review was conducted in early June 2010 in Juba. Old and new WRAPP staff attended the review workshop and shared the experiences of the program implementation over the last six years.

The documents from the review workshop on lessons learned and success stories collected will be incorporated in the final program report to OFDA.

The program officer, Kimberly McClain based in HQ visited Juba to coordinate the close out of grants and participate in the review workshop.

Summary of WRAPP activities

14 boreholes in Jonglei State: Akobo (5), Uror (3) and Twic East (6). 39 boreholes were also rehabilitated: Akobo East (3), Pibor (10), Nasir (6), Nyirol (10), and Ayod County (10).

30 hygiene promoters have been trained by Nasir Community Development Association in Nasir, 16 in Akobo County by Nile Hope Development Forum and 20 in Pibor County by Standard Action Liaison Focus.

Summary of BRIDGE activities

In Northern Bahr el Ghazal, 5 boreholes were drilled; 1 in Marial Baai, 2 in Gonjuer Thii, 1 in Maroldenggeng and 1 in Luethlual while 5 others were drilled in Unity State in Pup, Riah, Kueryieh, Dhorbor and Norlamwel.

2 school latrines were constructed and handed over in Mangar Primary School and Kuajok Girls' Primary School. 15 house hold latrines were also constructed in Warrap and 17 in Northern Bahr el Ghazal states complete with a super structures. 40 pump mechanics have been trained in Warrap and NBeG states. The people trained will be given contracts to rehabilitate 20- 30 boreholes in both states.



Interview with Head Teacher of Kuajok Girl's School

After the completion of any project, there is usually a handover ceremony organized to formally hand it over to the community. Since last year our BRIDGE project has constructed latrines in schools and also distributed slabs to homes that are willing to construct sanitary facilities.

At the commissioning of the school latrines at Kuajok Girl's Primary School, representatives from the Governor's office, MOPI, MoH, MoEST, Rural Water Dept. and County WASH attended and received hygiene messages through drama and songs. Pact staff interviewed the school's Head Teacher Mrs. Achol Chol, to see how she felt about the new latrines at her school.

- Qn:** What do you think of these school latrines built in your school?
Ans: I am extremely happy because these latrines are going to help our student's education, as there will be less incidences sickness.
- Qn:** Do you think the latrines will improve the lives of the pupils?
Ans: Yes, health-wise they will be using these latrines and also they will be able to concentrate more on their studies as they have been walking far to defecate and wasting a lot of time outside the classroom. Before we only had a latrine with no walls and no one wanted to use it.
- Qn:** How will the latrines improve the pupil's lives and the community?
Ans: By using the latrines at school, they'll also take this message home and want to use latrines in their homes.
- Qn:** Would you like to say anything to PACT and USAID?
Ans: I just want to say thank you for all that has been done to improve the status of hygiene at our school and even at home as these pupils will carry the message to the community. For that Pact, Winrock, BRIDGE and USAID won't be forgotten in our hearts.



Role play during the ceremony : Habib Mahazin

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Grantees Training in Yambio

Our Program staff and the technical team conducted a partners' training between 10th– 11th June in Yambio. Twenty five community based organizations from 8 counties (Yambio, Maridi, Mundri, Tombura, Nzara, Nagero, Ibba and Mvolo) attended this three day workshop on monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning, finance and grants management.

At the end of the training, thirty eight people, twenty six male and 12 female were equipped with knowledge on how to manage funds, write proposals and develop monitoring and evaluations systems for each organization.

Media for Peace

In March, the Strategic Center for Culture and Social Studies (SCCSS) conducted a training for media practitioners in Damazine town for local journalists on media sensitivity reporting. Among the issues stressed was the need to report news that will enhance peace instead of bringing a rift among the people of Blue Nile.

However, during the election period, a reporter from Al Shrooq TV Channel, who had attended this training declared that the NCP candidate for state governor position was leading in the polls. He was immediately contacted by other four of the participants who attended the same training reminding him of the reporting ethics strategy that they agreed upon during the workshop.

The channel then withdrew the statement and instead reported that the vote count process was still ongoing.

As a result of this activity, several participants have since been guests on radio and TV talk shows discussing issues on the prevention of election violence and have also published two articles in the Agras al Huria and Sudan News Agency (SUNA) newspapers.



Participants of the training in Damazin.

Pact Sudan was also appointed a member of the Popular Consultation Sub Committee in the state, together with other civil society organizations, political parties and INGOs because our efforts in peacebuilding in the state.

Welcoming new staff on board!

During this period, the following joined us: **Dan Ryan** (Advisor to the South Sudan Legislative Assembly/Peace and Reconciliation Committee), **Rosemarie McBean** (Three Areas Peace Fund Program Manager), **Ojja Silvestro** (Water Program Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning Officer), **Lotyang John Abdori** (Project Officer– Peace Program), **Ed Wright** (BRIDGE Project Manager), **Yohanna Laurila** (SSDDRC– Public Information Officer), **Ukasha Ramli** (Peace Program Intern), Joseph Deng Garang (Community Development Officer– Northern Bahr el Ghazal), **George Yeni Michael** (Program Assistant– Wau Office), **Gabriel Galuak** (Community Development Officer– Upper Nile), **Emmanuel Aburi** (Assistant IT/Network Administrator), Charles Chan (Community Development Officer– Northern Bahr el Ghazal).

Ropani Joyce moved from Receptionist to Grants Clerk, **Ladu Joseph** moved from Grants Clerk to Assistant Grants Officer, **Consolate Oyella** from Community Development– Eastern Equatoria to Project Officer (Greater Bahr el Ghazal), **Doru Suzan** from Assistant to the Country Representative to Grants Officer, **Alfred Okech** from SSPF Deputy Program Manager to SSPF Project Manager for MFA, **Emmanuel Gumbiri** from Project Manager EPACS II to Project Manager DANIDA, **Hosni Mubarak** from Senior Finance Officer to Finance Manager, **Abure Isaac Alumbgi** from Program Assistant to Monitoring Officer for BRIDGE and **Abraham Lincoln Marjan** from Radio Operator to MERL Assistant.