

## **Press Release**

# **UN Rolls Out New Initiative For Conflict Prevention in South Kordofan and Warrap States**

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A new UN Joint Programme on peace-building and conflict prevention is set to make a start in South Kordofan and Warrap. The initiative involves the Government of National Unity, the Government of Southern Sudan, and eight international agencies based in Sudan and is backed by the Spanish Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Achievement Fund.

The two-fold approach focus of the new programme to reduce conflict and build peace in areas inflicted by recurring strife will be to enhance basic service delivery and develop livelihood opportunities at the local level. Over a two-year period through June 2012, this USD 6 million programme specifically targets communities directly affected by conflict while working with state and local authorities and organizations to strengthen systems and capacities for sustainable conflict prevention and management.

The initiative on “Conflict Prevention and Peace Building in Sudan through Targeted Interventions in Selected Communities along the 1-1-1956 Border” is being implemented by a consortium of eight international organizations, including the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the International Organization of Migration (IOM), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM), and the World Health Organization (WHO), together



with their national counterparts, working closely with the United Nations Mission in Sudan's Civil Affairs Division and the UNDP Conflict Reduction Programme (CRP) to benefit from their conflict analysis and expertise as well as drawing on the UNDP Crisis and Recovery Mapping & Analysis (CRMA) to utilize their data and analysis.

The focus of the programme includes supporting local capacity for alternative dispute resolution in land and natural resources management; developing opportunities for income-generating activities; construction of water-harvesting structures; supporting national and state-led peace processes; raising awareness for and combating gender-based violence; construction of schools and training teachers; enhancing the capacity of women's rights advocates, and training health workers.

The coordination for the new programme will be led by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Ministry of Peace and CPA Implementation of the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) and the Southern Kordofan Reconciliation and Peaceful Coexistence Mechanism (RPCM) and will be facilitated by the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Support Office (RCSO). The participating agencies will partner with international and national non-government organizations and community-based organizations to strengthen and develop state and local capacities.

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