

UNDP Southern Sudan Monthly Programme & Project Update Report



For the period 1 – 31 September 2009

Section 1: General Programme Highlights & Updates

- In partnership with the Ministry of Housing Physical Planning and Environment, UNDP supported a 9-day Phase 2 Training of Trainers from 21-30 September on Urban Planning and Management. The workshop drew participants from the 10 States Ministry of Physical Infrastructures.
- As part of UNDP's Support to the Southern Sudan Reconstruction and Development Fund (SSRDF), supported 20 delegates from different Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) Ministries and Commissions to attend the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) conference in Kenya from 21-25 September 2009.
- UNDP supported the promotion of self sufficiency for People Living with HIV/AIDS Associations (53 members) through Income Generation Activities in Juba, Yei and Yambio.
- 2116 demobilised ex-combatants (1287 male and 829 female) have gone through the reintegration briefing at the Demobilization and Disarmament (DD) site.
- Preparations are being made for project (mid-term and end of project) evaluations (to begin October 2009) for the following projects: Community Security and Arms Control, Support to States, Global Fund TB Grant Round 2, Global Fund Malaria Grant Round 2, Global Fund HIV Grants Round 4, and Global Fund TB/HIV Grants Round 5.

Section 2: UNDP Project Updates

2.1 Governance /Rule of Law Unit

1. Key activities carried out in the reporting period

Local Government Recovery Project

- The formation/activation of County Organizations is underway. The relevant organizations include: County Legislative Councils, Planning Units and County Development Committees (or County Planning and Development Committees).
- County planning and budgeting for 2010 continues, in line with the Local Government Recovery Project (LGRP) participatory planning guidelines and the 2009 GoSS guidelines for State and County planning & budgeting.
- Preparations for designing mechanisms for local government financing and service delivery have started. Notes on interim financial management guidelines for local government have been drafted and discussed with the Local Government Board (LGB), including questionnaires for conducting a preliminary assessment of (i) revenue collections by state and counties and (ii) existing and potential revenues sources.
- A plan for joint LGB/UNDP field visits for October – November 2009 has been prepared. The visits will serve to (i) update the State Ministry of Local Government and Law Enforcement (SMoLGs) on LGRP progress and plan, (ii) identify gaps regarding county planning and budgeting, (iii) take stock of organizational development and challenges at the counties and (iv) conduct fact-finding on local revenue collection.

Support to the States Programme

- In partnership with the Ministry of Housing Physical Planning and Environment, UNDP supported a 9-day Phase11 Training of Trainers from 21-30 September on Urban Planning and Management. The workshop drew participants from the 10 States Ministry of Physical Infrastructures. The participants included Directors of Housing, Town Planning, Surveyors, and executive directors of state town councils.
- Annual Planning and Budgeting for 2010 commenced in all the 10 states of Southern Sudan supported by UNDP Development Planning and Financial Management Specialists.
- A 5-day workshop for state accountants in financial management and reporting was held in Terekaka County in Central Equatoria State. It was jointly facilitated by officials from the state Ministry of Finance and UNDP.
- Recruitment of Urban Management Specialists is ongoing, while the incumbent specialists have been undergoing post deployment orientation including gathering specialized tools to facilitate preliminary urban management activities in the states.
- A technical training of state and county officials on planning and budgeting was held in Lakes. The training was attended by 44 participants including the Director General and Directors of Planning. The training oriented the officials on the GoSS guidelines for 2010 planning and budgeting.
- An orientation workshop on GoSS guidelines on 2010 planning and budgeting was held in Jonglei and was attended by 64 participants, mainly planning officials from the respective state ministries.
- A 5-day workshop on financial reporting was held in Wau, Western Bahr el Ghazal, for officials in charge of accounts from the counties and State Ministries of Finance. The workshop focused on monthly financial reporting as well as the methodologies of the spending units in the Ministry of Finance.

Good Governance and Equity in Political Participation Project

- Process of project closure has been continuing, and the project closure report is being drafted.

Support to the Presidency Project

- Processing of bids to supply ICT equipment and supplies ongoing.
- ICT Training proposal for staff of the Office of the President has been advertised.
- Supported the planning for the training of Communications and Public Relations Directorate.
- Furniture for offices of 7 presidential advisors has been procured.

Support to Elections Project

- The project launched its procurement process for 4 major areas, which included the printing of election and civic education material, transportation for elections and civic education material, development of media communication and organizing workshop logistics.
- Engagement with the Southern Sudan Elections High Committee (SSHC) has continued regarding technical, procurement, logistical and capacity development support. Additional computers and printers were procured for SSHC and arrived in Juba. 3 positions were advertised for Management, Finance and IT Advisors for the SSHC. Furniture and generator sets for the SSHC were received in Juba and distributed to the state capitals.
- Trainings in Wau, Malakal and Juba were conducted on areas including election systems and logistics for the SSHC.
- A contract with the Carter Centre (which will provide election observation activities) was signed.
- Proposals for Medium Grants Schemes for civil society organizations were received and reviewed by IOM. 11 organizations were selected out of which 6 were for the South.

Support to Southern Sudan Reconstruction and Development Fund

- Supported 20 delegates from GoSS Ministries and Commissions to attend the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) conference in Kenya from 21-25 September.
- Project Manager post was advertised.
- Procurement Plan developed and approved.
- Request for release of funds submitted.

Institutional Support to the Judiciary of Southern Sudan Project

- Renovations of the Judge's residence in Malakal, Upper Nile State commenced on 3 September.
- Renovation of the court building in Yambio, Western Equatoria is ongoing and is expected to be completed by end of October 2009.
- Building materials for renovation of the court building in Raja, Western Bahr el Ghazal are still held-up in Wau due to the collapsed bridge over River Wau in Raja. The materials are expected to be transported to Raja in October 2009.
- Held a briefing meeting with Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT), regarding the possibility of providing training to judicial officers in the areas of elections and referendum law.

Promoting Access to Justice Project

Training of CBOs on Human Rights and Access to Justice:

- **Aweil – Northern Bahr el Ghazal State:** conducted a training for 30 Police Investigators from 3 - 4 September covering issues including police investigations; role of the Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP) and its relationship with the police in prosecuting crime; and human rights with a focus on the rights of people arrested.
- **Bentiu – Unity State:** facilitated an awareness raising workshop on 23 September with Community Based Organisations on promoting peace building and human rights.
- **Bor – Jonglei State:** continued the weekly routine visits to the prison to check on the provision of care, health facilities and welfare of the inmates. The completion of the construction of the new prison facility is expected to contribute to the general improvement of inmates' welfare. The Project Document for the Joint Justice Programme for Jonglei State was drafted in consultation with stakeholders and partners.
- **Rumbek – Lakes State:** conducted routine visits to the central prison with rule of law stakeholders and partners (Rumbek Central Police, Public Attorney's Office, county courts judges, Rumbek High Court, members of the State Legislative Assembly on Legal Affairs and Security and UNMIS).
- **Wau – Western Bahr el Ghazal State:** conducted training on access to justice and human rights from 18 - 19 August for police and prison officers, traditional chiefs, local government officers and members of civil society organizations.

Capacity Development of Legal Assistance Centers:

- Technical and operational support to the Justice and Confidence Centre (JCC) in Juba continued, including weekly coaching and provision of client-support training for the Rule of Law Promoters Association (RLPA).
- RLPA, the Joint Donor Team and UNDP met in Juba on 16 September to assess progress on the implementation of the JCC.

Support to Rule of Law Forum and Coordination Mechanisms:

- **Juba:** the Quarter 3 GoSS level Rule of Law Forum was attended by the Judiciary of Southern Sudan, South Sudan Police Service, South Sudan Anti-corruption Commission, UN agencies, civil society organizations and members of the media. The Forum was chaired by the Advocate General, Mr. Jeremiah Swaka from the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development and discussed challenges facing the 10 states in the administration of justice.
- **Bentiu:** the 15th Rule of Law Forum on 17 September was attended by the South Sudan Police and Prisons Services, traditional leaders, county council, women groups, UN agencies, youth groups,

community based organizations and leaders of faith based organizations. Issues included the role of law enforcement agencies in providing security during the election.

- **Kwajok - Warrap State:** the 2nd Rule of Law Forum on 15 September agreed to hold a workshop comprising of traditional authorities, military forces, and local government officials to identify coordination mechanisms to address the current security situation in the State.

Support to the Development of Traditional Authorities and Customary Courts System

- **Bor:** facilitated interviews conducted by an assessment team involving chiefs as part of ongoing efforts to implement a Joint Justice Project.
- **Bentiu:** a consultation meeting was held with customary court judges on 18 September to prepare for the traditional court judges workshop planned in Mayom County.
- **Warrap:** Held a workshop (17-19 September) for chiefs, community leaders, commissioners, local government administrators, heads of law enforcement agencies, women groups, youth and community based organizations, members of the State Legislative Assembly, and humanitarian agencies. The workshop aimed at enhancing the citizens' understanding of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).

Institutional Support to Police and Prisons Services Project

Police

- Kwajok Police HQ: Completed 20 September 2009.
- Kwajok Police Training Center: Completed 20 September 2009.
- Malakal Training Centre: 70% Completed (the contractor reported he is unable to complete the works. UNOPS will complete the works when funds become available).
- Presentation of the draft Basic Police Training Curriculum delivered to the Director of Training of the Southern Sudan Police Service.
- Advisory support provided in relation to the outcomes of bilateral visits by the GoSS Minister of Internal Affairs to Kenya and Uganda, resulting in preparatory arrangements for training 1,700 Southern Sudan police officers in Uganda.
- Advisory support provided in relation to the recently endorsed Community Policing Programme. 12 Southern Sudan police officers have attended a 2-week attachment to the Directorate of Community Policing of the Uganda Police Force (funded by DFID).
- Road safety equipment was handed over to 7 states. The remaining 3 states (Unity, Upper Nile, and Eastern Equatoria) will be handed over in October.

Prisons

- Bor Central Prison Phase II: completed 30 September 2009.
- Comprehensive training programme (for October 2009) has been finalized for a training of trainers for Incident Management and Prisons Security, a joint initiative by the Southern Sudan Prisons Service, UNMIS Corrections Service and UNDP.
- Evaluation of tenders are ongoing for the procurement of 3-5 trucks equipped with minimum 4,000 liters of sewage tanks for emptying septic tanks at prisons.

Institutional Support to the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development Project

- The construction of a law library has been completed and assessed by the Ministry of Physical Planning and Environment. The certificate of completion is expected for UNDP to hand over the building to the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development.
- The draft customary law strategy has been developed after consultations with key stakeholders and partners.
- A Letter of Agreement with the International Development Law Organization for the setting up of a Legal Training Institute was signed.

- Proof reading of the final draft of the constitutions of 7 states has been finalized. The constitutions for the remaining 3 states (Western Bahr el Ghazal, Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Lakes) will be reviewed upon receipt by the ministry. Procurement of printing services for the already reviewed constitutions is underway.

2. Key activities planned for the next period

Local Government Recovery Project

- County level planning and budgeting for 2010 will continue. Letters of Agreements will be concluded with the State Ministries of Local Government and Law Enforcement (SMoLGs).
- Joint LGB/UNDP field visits to be conducted to 7 or 8 states during October to monitor, identify gaps regarding county planning and budgeting, and discuss solutions.
- Questionnaire surveys on local revenue collection will be conducted by the SMoLGs.

Support to the States Programme

- Training of accountants in Government Financial Statistics will take place in Bor, Jonglei.
- Ongoing facilitation, monitoring and compilation of state plans and budgets in all 10 states.
- Training of Budget Sector Working Groups on GoSS planning and budgeting guidelines in Wau, Western Bahr el Ghazal.
- A Workshop will be conducted in Yambio, Western Equatoria for staff from the 6 Budget Sector Working Groups from the State Ministries of Finance. The workshop will focus on the integration of county plans and budgets in the 2010 state development plan.
- Follow up on state specific urban management issues as well as deployment of the newly recruited urban management specialists to their respective states following the completion of ongoing training on urban management.

Good Governance and Equity and Political Participation

- Final report of project closure will be ready and the project will be operationally closed.

Support to Presidency Project

- Start ICT training courses for staff of the Office of the President.
- Request quotes for training staff of Communications and Public Relations Directorate.
- Recruit a consultant to develop the Elections and Referendum Strategy.
- Continue consultations on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response Strategy.

Support to Elections Project

- Print voter education material and distribute to state capitals.
- Finalize the procurement and delivery of the voter registration kits and forms to the state capitals.
- Finalize Letter of Agreement with UNMIS for training security personnel in partnership with UNPOL.
- Distribute medium scale grants to NGOs for civic and voter education campaigns.
- Develop a Letter of Agreement with the South Sudan Radio and TV.
- Develop a strategy for conflict prevention related activities

Support to Southern Sudan Reconstruction and Development Fund

- Organize Study Tours to Tanzania and Rwanda for 5 persons from 24 October – 5 November 2009.

- Support 1 Southern Sudan Reconstruction and Development Fund (SSRDF) staff member in travelling to Beijing, to attend the Study Event on Development Partnership in Beijing, China from 28-29 October.
- Finalize the Letter of Agreement for SSRDF.
- Conduct short listing for the position for Project Manager.
- Recruit a consultant to develop the SSRDF Strategic Plan.
- Recruit a consultant to for the Hospitality Project viability.

Institutional Support to Judiciary of Southern Sudan Project

- Renovation of the court building in Yambio is expected to be completed by end October 2009.
- Procure additional construction materials for the renovation of the Judge's residence in Malakal.
- Transport construction materials from Wau to Raja to enable renovation of the court building to commence.
- Conduct site assessment and procurement process for the construction of a high court building in Bor.
- Technical support to the Judiciary on the organization of the stakeholder consultative forum which will lead to the formulation of the Judiciary Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will strengthen collaborative relationships with stakeholders and increase institutional support in the area of capacity development and infrastructural support.
- Plan for the implementation of project activities funded by Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) in support of the Judiciary.

Promoting Access to Justice Project

- Train local chiefs/traditional authorities in Twic East County, Bor on the newly signed Local Government Act 2009.
- Train 30 women and youth on human rights and access to justice in Duk and Pochalla Counties.
- Rule of Law forums will be held in all the 8 states where the project has presence namely, Aweil, Bentiu, Bor, Juba, Kwajok, Malakal, Rumbek and Wau.
- Disbursement of grants to community based organizations under the Assisting Communities Together (ACT) mini project as part of the capacity development for law reform initiatives for civil society organizations.
- Expansion of project activities to Torit, Eastern Equatoria State through the deployment of a Rule of Law Officer who will be based in the State Ministry of Local Government and Law Enforcement.
- Support to the Justice and Confidence Centre (JCC) in Juba through the Rule of Law Promoters Association (RLPA) will continue. Support to the JCCs in Aweil and Rumbek will also be provided.

Institutional Support to Police and Prisons Services

Police

- Malakal Police Training Centre: Works will resume once funds become available.
- Commence procurement of furniture and equipment for already completed police facilities (pending availability of funds).
- Train 200 traffic personnel in First Aid skills related to victims of road accidents, beginning with Juba. The training will be conducted by the Sudan Red Crescent Society.
- Support training of 5 legal officers of the Police Headquarters Legal Desk who will be sent to the Law Development Centre in Uganda (pending availability of funds).
- A standardized training curriculum on Community Policing will be submitted for approval by the Inspector General of Police.
- Printing and distribution of the Basic Police Training Curriculum.

- Plan for basic training of personnel in 10 states (at least 3,000 people per state) as approved by GoSS.
- Transfer 2 containers to Police HQs for storage of equipment items supplied by UNDP to facilitate training activities conducted by UNMIS Police.

Prisons

- Continue rehabilitation works at Lologo Prisons Training Center in Juba.
- Commence procurement of furniture and equipment for already completed prison facilities as stated in the 2008 Project Workplan (pending availability of funds).
- Launch a comprehensive training programme for a training of trainers for Incident Management and Prisons Security.
- Transfer 2 containers to Prisons HQs for storage of equipment items supplied by UNDP to facilitate training activities conducted by UNMIS Police.

Institutional Support to the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development Project

- Develop a User’s Manual and commence training for national officers as librarians/documentalists to operationalise the use of the law library.
- Customary Law Strategy Consultative Workshop on 7 October with key stakeholders and partners.
- Hand over the newly constructed and furnished law library to the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development (MoLACD) administration upon receipt of the Certificate of Completion from the Ministry of Physical infrastructure, Planning and Environment.
- Commence activities for the establishment of the Legal Training Institute through IDLO.
- Start computer skills training for 20 legal counselors both from states and HQ and 10 support staff from MoLACD HQ.
- Distribution of the Transitional Legal Framework books to GoSS ministries and commissions.
- ICT equipment for the newly constructed law Library for MoLACD procured.
- Advertise the positions for the construction engineer for the customary law research center in Rumbek, Lakes.

Section 2: UNDP Project Updates

2.2 Crisis Prevention and Recovery Unit

1. Key activities carried out in the reporting period

Public Works Programme Component of the Rapid Impact Emergency Project

- Process of project closure has been continuing.

Community Security and Arms Control Project

- Supported the Southern Sudan Peace Commission (SSPC) and the Jonglei State Government in the planning of the Lou Nuer-Murle peace meeting in Akobo.
- Carried out Fangak County consultation in Phom Zeraf to identify conflict-sensitive development projects for the County as well as support to prison renovations.
- Procurement and delivery of equipment to SSPC and Jonglei County authorities carried out.
- Provided support to Sudan Recovery Fund (SRF) Jonglei Road construction feasibility study.
- Conducted donor fundraising and planning for the project’s expansion into Eastern Equatoria.

Crisis Recovery Mapping and Analysis Project

- UNDP supported the Southern Sudan Centre for Census and Statistics Evaluation (SSCCSE) in organizing the first CRMA methodology training workshop in Juba (7 - 9 September 2009) for 10 representatives from the states and a core technical team from SSCCSE departments in Juba. The training is part of the initial foundational capacity building activities scheduled to kick off the pilot phase of mapping in 3 priority states.
- The groundwork began for state mapping activities with visits to Unity and Northern Bahr El Ghazal (2 of the 3 priority states) to prepare for state level mapping workshops scheduled in early October. A similar visit to Eastern Equatoria is scheduled for 4 October.
- UNDP initiated discussions with various donors to mobilize funding for the second phase of project implementation beyond the foundational activities planned for the 4th quarter of 2009.
- The revised project document was finalized and approved by SSCCSE for submission to the Inter Ministerial Appraisal Committee (IMAC).

Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Programme

- 2116 demobilised ex-combatants (1287 male and 829 female) have gone through the reintegration briefing at Demobilization and Disarmament (DD) site.
- Request for proposals (RFP) for potential implementing partners were published and the first round bidding conference was held.
- Finalized the plan for counseling and food distribution in 8 sites in collaboration with WFP, South Sudan DDR Commission (SSDDRC) and UNMIS.
- Conducted a DDR sensitization forum in Rumbek in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Local Government & Law Enforcement Agencies, UNMIS, religious leaders, local chiefs, wounded heroes, women's groups, youth groups, SPLA, and NGOs.
- 550 ex-combatants and Women Associated with Armed Forces (WAAF) have received reintegration counseling at the counseling site.
- Finalized convoy plans for equipment and supplies to be transported to Eastern Equatoria, Lakes, Northern Bahr El Ghazal, Western Bahr El Ghazal and Warrap.
- A detailed monitoring and evaluation operational plan was drafted and presented to donors.
- A client perception baseline questionnaire was finalized and being used at the counseling site to capture baseline data on socio-economic status and perceptions of DDR clients.
- The concept note for a client satisfaction survey was drafted. Survey to be conducted every 6 months.
- A reintegration debriefing video script was drafted.
- Contacted Inter-News Radio Network for collaborative radio programming initiatives.
- The Case Workers Manual was finalized.

Mine Action Capacity Development Project

- Facilitated the field attachments of Southern Sudan Demining Commission (SSDC) personnel to UN Mine Action Office (UNMAO) implementing partners. The initial placements began on 1 September: 3 personnel were attached to ArmorGroup (AG) and one trainee was attached to Mine Tech International (MTI).
- The SSDC Quality Assurance Officer participated in the field accreditation of 4 demining organizations: AG, MTI, Sudan Integrated Mine Action Service (SIMAS), and Mines Advisory Group (MAG). This is the first time since the inception of the Sudan Mine Action Programme that SSDC has participated in the field accreditation process and this marks an important milestone for the programme.
- A Letter of Agreement (LoA) was signed between UNDP and SSDC covering: (1) support to field training placements; (2) support to abandoned ammunition stockpile verification process; (3)

implementation of a localized survey to establish psychosocial and economic needs of landmine victims.

- A donor conference was held in Khartoum on 15 September in coordination with national authorities to allow national mine action organizations operating in Sudan to present funding concepts to donors.
- SSDC, Norwegian Peoples Aid (NPA), Danish Demining Group (DDG) and UNDP reviewed mechanisms for bringing further technical advisors to assist capacity development of SSDC in Juba – particularly the information management department – and regional offices of Wau and Malakal. NPA indicated it will provide technical advisory capacity from 1 January 2010.
- The SSDC continued reviewing the draft mine action legislation. It solicited interest from legal consultants to review aspects of the legislation and establish consistency with the legislative documents associated with other GoSS commissions.
- A stockpile verification mission was undertaken by a team from NPA, UNMAO, and SSDA (with SPLA liaison officers) in Akobo and Pochalla to review abandoned ammunition stockpiles.

Recovery and Rehabilitation Programme

- Requests for extension of the implementation period of projects were submitted by all partners and are being processed in accordance with the directives of the Policy and Review Committee (PRC).
- Field mission plans were discussed with EC Juba and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning.
- The Recovery and Rehabilitation Programme (RRP) Public Relations Officer visited Central and Eastern Equatoria projects and plans to visit the Warrap (Gogrial East) Consortium. The expected output is a brochure on the achievements of RRP in the South.
- Drafted a concept note for possible interventions to support the mitigation of tribal conflicts in Jonglei.
- Discussions were held with EC Khartoum on possible UNDP support to the planned Phase 2 of RRP.

2. Key activities planned for the next period

Public Works Programme Component of the Rapid Impact Emergency Project

- Complete financial and operational project closure process.

Community Security and Arms Control Project

- Joint planning trip to Torit with the Crisis Recovery Mapping and Analysis Project (CRMA) to begin preliminary discussions on Community Security and Arms Control Project (CSAC) roll-out and planning processes in Eastern Equatoria.
- Plan meeting in Bor with Jonglei State Government on CSAC follow-up activities.
- Radio training workshop for all counties in Jonglei State to take place in Bor in support of local governments and Jonglei Southern Sudan Police Service (SSPS).
- Support for the Community Security and Small Arms Control (CSSAC) Bureau - Ministry of Internal Affairs dialogue with donors on the proposed Disarmament and Community Security Concept on 5 October.
- Tentatively support the Lou-Murle Peace Meeting in Akobo.
- DFID will conduct a review of CSAC together with UNDP's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery.
- Delivery of material support to the CSSAC Bureau and SSPC in Jonglei State.

Crisis Recovery Mapping and Analysis Project

- Introductory presentation of the project to the Eastern Equatoria State Government on 4 October and an agreement to be reached on the schedule of state and county mapping workshops.

- State level mapping workshops to be completed in Eastern Equatoria, Unity and Northern Bahr el Ghazal by mid-October.
- First 10 day training workshop for SSCSE Geographic Information Systems (GIS) team in Rumbek in mid-October.

Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Programme

- Counseling to commence in Lakes.
- Commence planning of 3-day Reintegration Training for the South Sudan DDR Commission (SSDDRC).
- Plan and conduct DDR sensitization forum meeting in Aweil.
- Commence reintegration counseling in Lakes and Northern Bahr Ghazal States.
- Counseling and food distribution to Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria and Western Equatoria.
- Disarmament, Reintegration Management Database (DREAM) plan finalization.
- Monitoring and evaluation strategy and operational plan finalized.
- Focus group discussions with Women Associated with Armed Forces (WAAF) of Central Equatoria to identify opportunities of interest for their reintegration.
- Follow up on the mapping of Civil Society Organizations devoted to addressing women's issues as potential implementing partners for the reintegration of WAAF.
- Pre-assessment of vulnerabilities and capabilities of WAAF in Lakes State through focus group discussions with WAAF and Women Leaders of Women Associations in receiving communities.
- Assessment of training needs for the capacity building of the SSDDRC office staff on gender mainstreaming.
- Commence filming of Reintegration debriefing video at the Counselling Site in Jebel.

Mine Action Capacity Development Project

- Southern Sudan Demining Commission (SSDC) regional offices of Wau and Malakal will undertake attachments with Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) in Yei. In addition, one staff member from Juba and one from Yei will undertake field attachments with Danish Demining Group. UNDP has been coordinating this process with UNMAO and the host agencies.
- The process of verification of abandoned ammunition stockpiles and their subsequent management and destruction will continue. In addition to SSDC personnel from headquarters and the regional coordination offices, SSDC will place SPLA liaison officers with operators working in the Bahr Al-Ghazal, Equatoria and Jonglei regions. SSDC will conduct missions to Akobo, Pochalla, Nassir, Boma and Pibor before the end of 2009.
- The project will conduct a mission to Ethiopia (19-23 October). The mission is being coordinated by NPA in collaboration with the Ethiopian Mine Action Office (EMAO) and the SSDC.
- SSDC will begin to implement the Victim Assistance survey. The location of the survey is to be determined. SSDC will work with partners from the Victim Assistance and General Disability Working Group (including UNMAO) to develop the survey and questionnaire.

Recovery and Rehabilitation Programme

- Preparations are underway for a Policy and Review Committee (PRC) meeting in Khartoum in the first half of October.
- Finalization and distribution of Quarter 13 and the 3rd Annual Report.
- A field visit to all 5 projects in Southern Sudan to record best practices and lessons learnt will be undertaken by a team from the GoSS Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MoFEP), EC Juba Office and UNDP.

- Provide continued technical backstopping and guidance to implementing partners as well as relevant follow-up on project issues with MoFEP and other government counterparts.

Section 3: UNDP Project Updates

2.3 Poverty Reduction & MDGs Unit

1. Key activities carried out in the reporting period

Support to Economic Planning Project

- Support to MoFEP to initiate the 2010 budget process, including development of a budget timetable.
- Growth Strategy Working Group Terms of Reference drafted and 3 group meetings held to launch the process and consider its structure and the roles and responsibilities of government in promoting broad-based economic growth.
- Supported MoFEP's Guidelines for Planning and Budgeting at state and county level, helping to prepare a workshop for State Directors General of Finance and other key staff on 24 September.
- Supported a MoFEP meeting on coordination of development partner support to state and county public financial management on 23 September.
- Support to the implementation of the Juba Compact, with support for the circulation of a Juba Compact Circular within GoSS.
- Aid management and coordination, with contribution to and participation in steering committees for major pooled funds.
- Finalization and submission of the training needs assessment, training plan and schedule for the whole of the Directorate of Economic Planning (MoFEP) to Government.
- Further evaluation of bids was undertaken to select a contractor for the installation of the Aid Information Management System (AIMS). Evaluation process to be completed in early October.
- Recruitment for the 10 positions under the Directorate of Planning in process.
- Trained SSCCSE staff in conducting price surveys in the 4 major markets of Juba. Also demonstrated the sensitivity of price changes of commodities to big weights.
- Analysis of 2007 and 2008 import and export data; including estimates of informal trade with Uganda.
- Preparation of presentations for the statistics producer and user workshop to be held when the SSCCSE Statistical Yearbook is launched. Issues such as continued collaboration with all other producers, advocacy and capacity building for statistical development among all producers and provision of resources by all partners will feature prominently.
- Preparation for the planned agricultural survey.
- Collected information on the business register in preparation for the proposed business survey.
- Preparation and finalization of the SSCCSE bi-annual report.

Capacity Building for Inclusive Finance & Private Sector Project (Project Initiation Plan - PIP)

- Discussions on-going with partners on capacity development for microfinance in Southern Sudan and the development of a broader microfinance sector strategy.

Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) Projects

Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Programme

TB Round 2

- Sub Recipients (SRs) (COSV, Malteser, World Vision International and Arkangelo Ali Association - AAA) continued implementing the following activities: TB case finding, treating TB patients,

community mobilization and awareness, outreach TB laboratory, renovation of TB centres, training of villagers, community health workers and health workers in health facilities.

- The grant closure process has been under way with all SRs to ensure proper hand over and sustainable programming. The consultant for grant closure has been identified.
- A meeting was held on 8-10 July 2009 between the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM), Principal Recipient (PR) and SRs to review progress on recommendations of the January-March 2009 quarter review. Updates on the recommendations include:
 1. The workplans for the no-cost extension period have been approved for all SRs.
 2. The National Tuberculosis Programme (NTP) is now fully staffed and has assumed the coordination role and supportive supervision to the sites. The NTP, in collaboration with the PR, will share the plan for field visits with SRs.

TB Round 7

- GFATM approved the revised 5-year work plan and budget following clarifications provided in August 2009.
- A meeting was held on 8-10 July 2009 between the CCM, PR and SRs to review progress on recommendations of the January-March 2009 quarter review. Updates on the recommendations include:
 1. The remaining SR recruitments to be completed; all SRs selected should resume implementation as soon as possible:
 - The Phase 1 Letter of Agreement (LoA) for WHO was signed on behalf of the NTP.
 - The first disbursement for AAA has been processed under the LoA (Phase 1).
 - GFATM approved the Catholic Diocese of Torit to be SR for Phase 1.
 2. NTP is now fully staffed and assumed the coordination role and supportive supervision to the sites. The NTP in collaboration with the PR will share the plan for field visits with SRs.

TB/HIV Prevention and Control Programme (Round 5)

- Existing SRs (WHO, AAA and Malteser) continued implementing the following activities: training, distribution of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials, HIV counseling and testing to TB patients, providing cotrimoxazole and antiretroviral treatment for HIV-positive TB patients, with a referral to care and support services.
- The first disbursement for WHO and AAA has been processed under the LoA (Phase 2).
- The target set for the grant was overestimated and PR (together with the Government and other partners) has been negotiating with GFATM on revised targets. The final decision on revised targets is awaiting approval from GFATM.
- A disbursement notification for US\$3.8m was received by the PR from GFATM on 25 September 2009. Approximately US\$2.5m of this amount is budgeted for the procurement of health products.
- An international agency recruited to conduct the TB/HIV survey will start in October. Arrangements for the laboratory and preparation for conducting the pre-survey assessment was completed. Laboratory technicians have also been identified.

Malaria Prevention and Control Programme (Round 2)

- SRs (Malaria Consortium, Population Services International, World Vision International and AAA) continued implementing the programme in the following areas: prevention and treatment of malaria, distribution of bed-nets and training of health workers.
- The workplan and budget for the no-cost extension of the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with World Vision was finalized. The workplan and budget is based on the field based assessment jointly conducted by the PR, CCM and the GoSS Ministry of Health at World Vision sites in Warrap and Upper Nile States.
- The no-cost extensions have been finalized for all other SRs including Malaria Consortium, AAA and Population Services International.

HIV Prevention and Care Programme (Round 4)

- WHO and UNICEF continued to implement programme activities such as Anti-Retro Viral Therapy (ART), Preventing Mother-To-Child Transmission (PMTCT), Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT), blood safety and universal precautions, Behavior Change Communication (BCC), mass media, youth education and prevention, monitoring and evaluation and operational research. The majority of the activities are implemented through SRs at state level.
- GFATM approved the Catholic Diocese of Torit to be SR in Phase 2 following a capacity assessment conducted by the Local Fund Agent.
- The Phase 2 LoA for WHO was signed and the first disbursement has been processed. The first disbursement for UNICEF has also been processed under the Phase 2 LoA.
- A no-cost extension was issued for the Phase 1 LoA with UNICEF to facilitate a refund from one of their SRs.
- A meeting was held on 8-10 July 2009 between the CCM, PR and SRs to review progress on recommendations of the January-March 2009 quarter review. Updates on the recommendations include:
 1. Activities under “Programmes for Specific Groups”, namely (1) BCC programmes for people with high risk behaviors and (2) outreach programmes for sex workers and their clients, have been put on hold until a mapping and profiling exercise has been completed. The PR will advertise for an agency to conduct the assessment. Once this is completed, a call for implementers will be issued for the two activities.
 2. The PR will share plans for field visits with all partners (CCM, GoSS Ministry of Health, SRs, and members of the HIV Technical Working Group).
 3. The PR’s focus is not only on improving performance but also on fulfilling the Conditions Precedents and Special Terms and Conditions as they form part of the prerequisites for the release of funds from GFATM.
- The selection process for the Lead Consultant to carry out the Behavioral Surveillance Survey (BSS) is in the final stages.

2. Key activities planned for the next period

Support to Economic Planning Project

- Workshop for State Ministers of Finance and other state officials on 2010 budget preparations, including the allocation formulae for GoSS grants to states.
- Support Quarterly GoSS-Donor Forum.
- Support to Growth Strategy development.
- Ensure finalization of the evaluation of the bids for the Aid Information Management System.
- Interviews of candidates for the 10 advertised posts for the Directorate of Economic Planning.
- Proceed with gradual implementation of the training plan and training schedule for MoFEP.
- Prepare the zero draft of the Monitoring & Evaluation approach of government and donor funded projects.

Capacity Building for Inclusive Finance & Private Sector (Project Initiation Plan – PIP)

- Facilitate training on microfinance for key partners.
- Facilitate workshop on inclusive microfinance policy.
- Distribute the equipment being procured to counterparts.

Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) Projects

Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Programme

TB Round 2

- Finalize the recruitment of the grant closure consultant and engage in grant closure activities.
- Closely work with GFATM to receive the next disbursement and ensure effective and efficient use of all grant resources before grant closure.
- Release disbursements to SRs and continue discussions with SRs on implementation challenges and ways to improve performance.

TB Round 7

- Continue supportive supervision at all TB Centres in Southern Sudan in collaboration with the GoSS Ministry of Health to sustain quality programme implementation and to ensure service delivery is on track.
- Continue to support the NTB Programme, focusing on capacity strengthening through the recruitment of personnel.
- Initiate TB prevention and control services with SRs including TB case detection, TB case treatment, community mobilization, outreach laboratory and health workers training.

TB/HIV Prevention and Control Programme (Round 5)

- Work with the consultant for the TB/HIV survey on the cost benefit analysis study requested by GFATM due to the request to revise overstated targets.
- Finalize the Phase 2 Project Cooperation Agreement with Malteser International.
- Develop the Terms of Reference for the recruitment of the TB/HIV personnel for the HIV/AIDS Directorate for implementation of TB/HIV collaborative activities.
- Continue working to fulfill the Conditions Precedents for the grant in consultation with the GoSS Ministry of Health.

Malaria Prevention and Control Programme (Round 2)

- Follow up on the arrival of 400,000 Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (LLITNs) procured from UNICEF.
- Follow up on the procurement of containers for the distribution of 400,000 LLITNs.
- Follow up and finalize the 400,000 LLITNs exchange agreement letter with PSI.
- Follow up on the management letter from GFATM to raise programme management issues.

HIV Prevention and Care Programme (Round 4)

- Continue implementing recommendations of the January-March 2009 review:
 1. M&E posts have been included in the Phase 2 LoAs with SRs. Recommendations of the Data Quality Assessment have been included in the costed M&E plan submitted to GFATM.
 2. PR will finalize and share the field visits plan with all partners (CCM, GoSS Ministry of Health, SRs, and members of the HIV Technical Working Group).
 3. The PR will continue to focus on improving performance on key activities and on fulfilling the Conditions Precedents and Special Terms and Conditions. PR will work with SRs and other partners to improve performance on areas related to: condom distribution, programs for specific groups (high risk groups and as well as sex workers and their clients), Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT), and Voluntary Counseling and Testing.
- Upon completion of the selection process for the Lead Consultant for the Behavioral Surveillance Survey (BSS), the consultant shall work closely with the HIV/AIDS Directorate and members of the Technical Working Group on HIV/AIDS.
- The PR will continue to participate in the monthly meeting of the Technical Working Group on HIV/AIDS, and provide an update on the hiring of the Lead Consultant for the BSS.
- The Finance Capacity Building Advisor will conduct a briefing on financial management and reporting for the HIV/AIDS Directorate of the GoSS Ministry of Health.

Section 3: UNDP Southern Sudan Expenditure for September 2009 (Cumulative)

Award ID	Unit	Project	Planned Budget (based on Annual Work Plan)	Current Budget	Expenditure Against Current Budget
00042718	Governance & Rule of Law	Local Government Recovery Project - Phase II	\$6,345,627	\$1,748,892	\$1,658,897
00047812	Governance & Rule of Law	Support to States Programme - Phase II	\$5,948,917	\$3,105,918	\$2,225,583
00039457	Governance & Rule of Law	Good Governance & Equity in Political Participation	\$1,065,038	\$960,391	\$828,193
00049848	Governance & Rule of Law	Support to Presidency	\$1,498,063	\$1,086,976	\$649,089
00049662	Governance & Rule of Law	Support to Elections and Democratic Processes	Planning in Progress	\$5,690,988	\$2,378,540
00058004	Governance & Rule of Law	Support to SS Reconstruction and Development Fund (SSRDF)	\$670,880	\$670,880	\$3,841
00045032	Governance & Rule of Law	Support to the Judiciary	\$3,785,885	\$1,050,295	\$792,778
00043537	Governance & Rule of Law	Promoting Access to Justice	\$4,673,822	\$2,647,508	\$2,314,435
00047336	Governance & Rule of Law	Support to Police and Prisons	\$21,922,266	\$10,512,432	\$10,512,432
00043821	Governance & Rule of Law	Support to MOLACD	\$2,671,478	\$1,243,378	\$688,854
00047407	CPR	Public Works Component of RIEP	\$2,188,432	\$2,388,432	\$2,196,806
00046904	CPR	Community Security and Arms Control	\$12,365,622	\$5,652,426	\$2,439,324
Pipeline	CPR	Crisis Recovery Mapping and Analysis	\$2,085,402	0	0
00051037	CPR	DDR	Planning in Progress	\$2,432,133	\$263,908
00014877	CPR	Mine Action	\$1,866,816	\$234,706	\$225,490
00041567	CPR	Recovery and Rehabilitation Programme	6,800,000 Euros	\$2,636,287	\$2,516,327
00045863	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	Support to Economic Planning	\$3,098,064	\$1,899,424	\$1,726,116
00057880	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	Capacity Building for Inclusive Finance & Private Sector (Project Initiation Plan)	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$49,600
00037519	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	TB Prevention & Control Round 2	\$6,802,516	\$4,076,936	\$3,786,824
00057123	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	TB Prevention & Control Round 7	\$3,715,332	\$2,461,028	\$2,114,909
00045245	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	TB/HIV Prevention & Control	\$5,929,733	\$3,659,801	\$1,580,204
00040073	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	Malaria Prevention & Control	\$9,253,329	\$5,340,199	\$5,279,762
00041178	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	HIV Prevention & Care	\$6,912,980	\$3,660,437	\$2,949,557
00051332	Fund Management	Sudan Recovery Fund (UNDP as Participating Agency)	\$14,136,185	\$14,136,185	\$6,802,950
TOTAL			\$127,335,010	\$77,595,652	\$53,984,419

Notes:

- (1) Total planned project budget for 2009 are based on Annual Work Plans (AWPs).
- (2) Current budgets are based on actual funds received and budget approved

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