

UNDP Southern Sudan Monthly Programme & Project Update Report

For the period 1 – 31 May 2009



Section 1: General Programme Highlights & Updates

- In conjunction with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MoFEP), the UNDP Support to Economic Planning Project (together with the Support to States Project and the Local Government Recovery Programme) held the State & County Planning & Budgeting Workshop on 21 and 22 May with 120 participants including senior GoSS, State and county officials. This workshop entailed the roll-out of the first integrated framework for planning & budgeting at the three levels of government (GoSS, States and Counties).
- In partnership with MoFEP, the UNDP Support to Economic Planning Project organized the Third GoSS Growth Seminar on Managing Mineral Resources for Economic Growth for 70 participants in Juba on 6 May. The workshop is the last of three growth seminars for senior GoSS officials and partners to discuss economic development in Southern Sudan, as a precursor to the development of a comprehensive growth strategy.
- A three-day consultations workshop on Urban Management and Planning was held in Juba bringing participants from all 10 states with key members of the States Ministry of Physical Infrastructure including the Director Generals, Directors of Town Planning and Housing, and the Executive Directors of State Municipalities/Capitals.
- The UNDP Access to Justice Project, in collaboration with UNMIS Human Rights, held a workshop on 26 May for 13 Community Based Organizations (CBOs) on human rights.
- The Inter Ministerial Appraisal Committee (IMAC) approved the 2009 Annual Work Plans for UNDP projects focusing on Crisis Prevention and Recovery (13 May), HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (13 May), Governance (27 May) and Rule of Law (27 May).
- The Local Government Bill (2009) was assented to H.E. President of the Government of Southern Sudan on 22 April 2009 (late reporting).

Section 2: UNDP Project Updates

2.1 Governance Unit

1. Key activities carried out in the reporting period

Support to Economic Planning Project

- In conjunction with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MoFEP), the UNDP Support to Economic Planning Project (together with the Support to States Project and the Local Government Recovery Programme) held the State & County Planning & Budgeting Workshop on 21 and 22 May. 120 participants attended comprising of senior members of GoSS, the Director Generals of Finance for each state, Director Generals for Public Service for each state, the Chair of the State Legislative Assembly for Finance & Economics for each state and the Executive Directors of the 78 counties. The workshop was the first time both states and counties came together to ensure that counties are fully integrated into the Southern Sudan planning and budgeting process. The workshop was instrumental in promoting decentralization, a key theme of the 2009 budget.
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participants in Juba on 6 May. The workshop is the last of three growth seminars for senior GoSS officials and partners to discuss economic development in Southern Sudan, as a precursor to the development of a comprehensive growth strategy.

- UNDP assisted the Southern Sudan Commission for Census, Statistics & Evaluation (SSCCSE) in compiling the SSCCSE's Annual Yearbook.
- UNDP continued to support the SSCCSE in monitoring progress made by evaluation teams undertaking the Household Poverty Survey. Monitoring trips were made to Western Equatoria from 6 to 9 May, and Western Bahr El Ghazal and Northern Bahr El Ghazal from 15 to 18 May. The majority of household enumerations have been completed and the remaining enumerations are progressing satisfactorily.
- Expressions of Interest were received by 6 potential service providers for an Aid Information Management System (AIMS). This was followed by Request for Proposals that were sent to the 6 providers to formally bid for the provision of a suitable AIMS system for GoSS.

Local Government Recovery Project

- The Local Government Bill (2009) was assented to H.E. President of the Government of Southern Sudan on 22 April 2009 (late reporting).
- Programme officers based in the various states continued providing technical support in the formation of local government councils in the 78 counties.
- Discussions on implementing the Local Government Act were led by the Undersecretary of the Local Government Board with state and local government officials at the Centre for Accountancy in Juba.
- Planning and budgeting consultations organized by MoFEP were held on 21-22 May for local government officials from all 10 states on the preparations for 2010 county planning and budgeting processes. This was to ensure that the process is participatory and inclusive. All relevant development partners and stakeholders were involved in these discussions.

Support to the States Project

- A three-day consultations workshop on Urban Management and Planning was held in Juba bringing participants from all 10 states with key members of the States Ministry of Physical Infrastructure including the Director Generals, Directors of Town Planning and Housing, and the Executive Directors of State Municipalities/Capitals. Orientation of newly formed budget 7 sector working groups in Torit Eastern Equatoria State on GoSS guidelines.
- A one-day workshop to review the State Strategic Plan was held in Central Equatorial State.

Good Governance and Equity in Political Participation Project (GGEPP)

- Supported the Ministry of Gender Social Welfare and Religious Affairs in organizing the Southern Sudan Women Union/Association Conference (27-28 May) at the Juba Bridge Hotel. The conference aimed to adopt the draft constitution, form a council and elect an executive committee that would represent women from the 10 states.
- The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, supported by GGEPP has been planned the second Women in Politics Conference which will take place in mid June 2009.
- In conjunction with the Ministries of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Gender, the third GGEPP Project Board meeting was held and the revised Annual Work Plan (covering the remaining two months) was endorsed.
- Supported the Parliamentary Select Committee on Gender and Child Welfare, Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly, and Ministry of Gender, Social Welfare and Religious Affairs in preparing capacity exchange visits in June 2009 to Ghana (Ministry of Gender), and Egypt (Parliamentary Select Committee on Gender and Child Welfare).

Support to the Presidency Project

- The Project supported the *Symposium on Presidential Press and Media: Setting Strategies and Policies for Better Coverage of Presidential Events*, organized by the Communications and Public Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, Office of the President, on 21 May.

Support to Elections and Democratic Processes Project

- On 28 May, the National Elections Commission, the Ministry of International Cooperation and UNDP signed the Support to Elections and Democratic Processes project document. The project document outlines international support to the 2010 elections which is critical for the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and cooperation between Sudanese parties in North and Southern Sudan.
- An election needs assessment mission comprising of 13 staff from UN and UNDP headquarters visited Sudan and spent 2 days in Juba with a field visit to Bor.
- A civic education workshop was held in Yambio on 20 and 21 May in collaboration with UNMIS.
- Recruitment has been underway for additional project staff: Deputy Project Manager, Elections Specialists (2 positions), Procurement Analyst, Logistics Analyst, Finance Analyst, Elections Analyst, Procurement Associate, Logistics Associate, and Finance Associate.

2. Key activities planned for the next period

Support to Economic Planning Project

- Arrival on 1 June of four interns from Harvard University who will work closely with MoFEP for two months to provide support to the Budget Sector Working Groups.
- Arrival on 1 June of two Budget Advisors who will provide technical support to the Budget Sector Working Groups for 60 days.
- Support to be provided by UNDP for the Budget Sector Working Group process, commencing with the Budget Sector Working Groups trainings to be held from 1 to 5 June.
- Selection and finalisation of a service provider for the Aid Information Management System for MoFEP.

Local Government Recovery Project (LGRP)

- Training for Trainers to be conducted for 120 local government officers from all 10 states as per the results and recommendations of the Training Needs Assessment. Deployment to take place of five national trainers and one international training consultant.
- Organize trainings for council members (in counties where councils have already been formed) on council functionalities and management.
- Provide technical guidance to the remaining counties in the formation and establishments of councils.
- In collaboration with other Governance Unit projects (Support to Economic Planning and Support to States Projects) preparations will be undertaken for the 2010 county planning and budgeting processing.
- Conduct the inauguration and handover ceremony for the building rehabilitated by LGRP for the State Ministry of Local Government and Law Enforcement (SMOLG/LE) in Western Bahr el Ghazal State.

Support to the States Project

- 9 days of training on urban management and settlement upgrading to be held 1-9 June with participants who attended the recent consultation workshop on urban management. The workshop

is being organized by the Ministry of Housing, Environment and Physical Planning, UN Habitat and UNDP. The training will be delivered by a team of experts and consultants from UN Habitat.

- Support will be provided to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in organizing the Governors Tour to South Africa.
- Training to be conducted for State Planning Officers in planning and budgeting in Torit, Eastern Equatoria State in preparation for the upcoming planning season.
- Training of the State Planning Development Committee in planning and budgeting in Western Equatoria State. The training will be delivered by the Development & Planning Specialist based in the state.
- A one-day budget execution and a 5-day financial management workshop to be held in Central Equatoria State for accountants from the various state agencies.
- Induction and training of Budget Sector Working Groups and State Planning Development Committees in budgeting and planning in Jonglei State. The training will be facilitated by the Development & Planning Specialist for Jonglei.

Good Governance and Equity and Political Participation

- Support the Ministry of Gender in furnishing the Gender Child Desk in Munuki Police Station.
- The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, supported by GGEPP, will convene the second ‘Women in Politics’ Conference in mid June 2009.
- Support the Ministry of Gender and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in a capacity development exchange visit.
- Printing and publication of the Gender Policy Document for the Ministry of Gender.
- Procurement of items such as computers, printers, one prefab, an office safe and a UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply).

Support to Presidency

- Support the Ministry of Presidential Affairs (Office of the President) on a workshop on Public Service Reform.
- Support the Special Programmes Directorate (Ministry of Presidential Affairs, Office of the President) on a workshop on Developing Referendum and Elections Management Strategy.
- Support staff from the Office of the President with training in basic and intermediate English language skills.
- Plan training in information technology and computer skills for staff from the Office of the President.

Support to Elections and Democratic Processes Project

- Support to be provided to the Southern Sudan High Committee and the newly formed 10 high committees in the South.
- Finalization of two Letters of Agreements for grant administration for civic and voter education and support for women’s participation in the electoral process.
- Finalization of the contract with an international organization for the provision of training to domestic observer groups.

Section 2: UNDP Project Updates

2.2 Rule of Law Unit

1. Key activities carried out in the reporting period

UNDP's Rule of Law (RoL) Unit hosted a top level delegation from the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR), UNDP in Geneva, from 5-12 May. Yasmine Sherif (Head of BCPR's Justice, Security and Governance Team) and Sebastien Gouraud (Programme Officer) met with implementing partners, donors and key stakeholders of UNDP's RoL and Community Security and Arms Control projects. Charles Breifel (DPKO RoL Head) and Richard Kuuire (DPKO Corrections Head) from New York also joined the mission to examine DPKO interests within the RoL and security sectors.

Institutional Support to the Judiciary of Southern Sudan (JoSS) Project

- Procurement for the renovation of court buildings in Yambio and Raja as well as the residential house in Malakal were approved by the CAP (Contracts, Assets and Procurement Committee) and signed by the UNDP Head of Office. Contractors have already signed contracts for the delivery of construction materials and provision of labor.
- The employment contract for Project Engineer and Clerk of Works for Yambio were extended for 3 months. Recruitment is underway for the appointment of 2 Clerks of Work for Raja and Malakal.
- A draft work package for the renovation of the Yambio Court building has been prepared.
- E-requisition for supply of construction materials for Yambio has been approved.
- Expression of Interest for pre-qualification of civil works for the construction of High Court buildings in Torit, Rumbek, Kwajok, Aweil, Bor and Yambio were advertised on 13 May and have appeared in the Juba Post newspaper.
- Copies of the National Elections Act were printed and delivered by the UNDP in Malakal to the President of the Greater Upper Nile Court of Appeal.

Access to Justice Project

- On 26 May the ATJ Project, in collaboration with UNMIS Human Rights, held a workshop for 13 CBOs to be engaged in trainings on human rights at grass-root levels through the ACT small grants project. 24 participants attended.
- On 7 and 8 May, the ATJ Project in Malakal co-facilitated a workshop (funded by UNFPA) on customary law and restorative justice with Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) as the main focus. The ATJ Project in Malakal presented a paper on "Protection against SGBV under the Transitional Legal Framework".
- On 19 May, the ATJ Project in Malakal resumed radio presentations on Radio Malakal. The ATJ Project in Malakal delivered a presentation on Socio Economic Cultural Rights. The emphasis was on the Bill of Rights in the Interim Constitution of Southern Sudan. The weekly radio programme will continue every Tuesday and Friday.
- From 11-14 May, a delegation comprising of senior members of the University of Juba administration and two UNDP Rule of Law staff continued consultations in Khartoum on the return of the law faculty to Juba. The delegation met with the Management of the Law Faculty, the Vice Chancellor, student and staff representatives, and Dr. Akolda Man Tier from the University of Khartoum Faculty of Law. The eventual relocation of the law faculty in Juba will contribute significantly to capacity building efforts in rule of law sector and the rule of law reform initiatives.
- In Bor, Jonglei State, the weekly routine visit to the prison to check the necessary care/health facilities/welfare of the inmates continued.
- From 4-8 May, a workshop on "Client-centered support and psychosocial services for justice clients" was conducted in collaboration with IRC Southern Sudan, and HealthNet TPO, Yei Programme at the Justice & Confidence Centre (JCC) in Juba. 19 (4 female) members of the Rule of Law Promoters Association (RLPA) attended. The objectives of the training included, enhancing the understanding of the linkages between protection of human rights and the provision of psychosocial client support services among the rule of law promoters.
- Technical support to the JCC in Juba continued. This support includes the weekly coaching of the members of the Rule of Law Promoters Association by a senior UNDP Rule of Law Officer,

provision of client-support training to the rule of law promoters and provision of relevant print resources including the transitional legal framework for use by clients and members of the Rule of Law Promoters Association.

- The 3 JCCs in Aweil, Juba and Rumbek (which are directly managed by the IRC, as an implementing partner) continued to operate with a reported increase in case intakes mainly related to debt, adultery, forced marriage, rape, domestic violence, theft and murder as well as customary court monitoring.
- The ATJ Project in Malakal organized the 25th Rule of Law Forum (28 May). The Forum had been disrupted by insecurity in Malakal.
- In Bentiu, Unity State, the ATJ Project participated in the organization of the 7 day peace conference that took place from 18 May. Representatives from all traditional authorities in Southern Sudan participated. The main objectives of the conference were to discuss inter-clan/community fights, civilian disarmament, the campaign to revert to agricultural production, and security.
- Provision of operational support to the JCC in Juba.
- Reinforcing the newly opened field office in Kwajok continued.
- On 20 May, the ATJ Project in Malakal attended the Monthly Child Protection Working Group Meeting. The ATJ Project was selected to organize the celebrations for the Day of the African Child (16 June).

Institutional Support to Police and Prisons Services

New Constructions:

- Bor Police HQ: Ongoing, expected to be completed: end June 2009
- Bor Police Training Facility: Ongoing, expected to be completed: end June 2009
- Kwajok Police HQ: Ongoing, expected to be completed: end June 2009
- Kwajok Police Training Facility: Ongoing, expected to be completed: end June 2009
- Torit Police HQ: Ongoing, expected to be completed: mid 2009

Capacity Building Support to Police Service:

- Comprehensive five-day Traffic police training kicked off in 5 states by a joint SSPS/UNDP/UNMIS as part of the law and safety training in Juba, Rumbek, Bor, Aweil, and Bentiu under the campaign “*Protect the Peace: Share the Roads*.”
- Site visit to Jonglei State conducted for inspection of ongoing construction works at Bor Police HQ and Bor Police Training Center. The campaign will train 300 police officers, 30 each from the ten states.
- 5-Day training of 30 traffic police officers conducted in Juba town (18-22 May) for the Government of Southern Sudan Traffic Police Directorate.
- 5-Day training of 30 traffic police officers in each of the following 3 states started: Lakes State, Unity State, and Jonglei State.

Construction/Rehabilitation of Prison Infrastructure:

- Bor Central Prison Phase 2: Ongoing, expected completion of works June 2009.
- 6 large tents were provided for accommodation purposes at the Lologo Prisons Training Centre.

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

- 26 MoLACD legal attended a two weeks remedial lecture and re-sits of their exams on the Common Law Subjects at the Law Development Centre in Kampala, Uganda.
- A Librarian/Documentalist (international consultant) has been contracted and is expected to start on 10 June. The consultant will set up the law library at MoLACD HQ and train national staff in running the law library.

- The construction work on the law library is in progress and is expected to be completed in the first week of June.
- A weekly coordination meeting chaired by the Under Secretary and composed of Bearing Point, IDLO, World Bank, US State Department, RCN, the European Commission and UNDP was held weekly at MoLACD HQ to foster more effective collaboration, identify gaps and avoid possible duplication.
- An international consultant has been selected to work on a customary law strategy and is expected to start work in the third week of June
- Discussions are ongoing with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) regarding the Letter of Agreement to support IDLO for the setting up of a Legal Training Institute in Southern Sudan
- A committee set up by the Under Secretary is finalizing the electronic draft of the constitutions of the 10 states and as soon as the documents are finalized they will be printed and disseminated.
- Copies of the National Elections Act and the Child Act were availed to the MOLACD team in Malakal.

2. Key activities planned for the next period

Institutional Support to Judiciary of Southern Sudan (JoSS) Project

- Renovation of court buildings in Yambio and Raja as well as the residential house in Malakal will commence in early June
- Review the on-going training programme for court support staff in case registration, land registration as well as statistical analysis and data processing with a view to mainstreaming human rights based approach issues, (which includes Gender, HIV/AIDS, and Justice Client Support Services -Vulnerable Groups) into the programme before it is concluded at the end of June.
- Technical assistance to be provided to the Judiciary Steering Committee for organizing and facilitating the “Stakeholders Consultative Workshop” and developing the JoSS Strategic Plan for 2009-2013.

Access to Justice Project (ATJ)

- Establishment of the Rule of Law Forum in Kwajok, Warrap State.
- Conduct monthly Rule of Law Forum in other states: Central Equatoria, Jonglei, Unity, Western Bahr El Ghazal, and Upper Nile State.
- Conduct the Quarter 2 Rule of Law Coordination Forum in Juba.
- Develop and provide training programmes for rule of law service providers and Civil Society Organizations on client support/referral services.
- Support existing resource centres with access to justice and psychosocial materials that may be accessed by the public.
- Finalization of the contractual processes for the ACT small grants project with grantee Community Based Organizations.
- Facilitate a one-day meeting of lawyers and the interim Bar Association
- Implement two quick impact activities (construction of customary courts) in Eastern and Central Equatoria.
- Provide technical assistance to the Justice & Confidence Centres and other legal providers on the provision of client oriented support services.
- Conduct two monitoring trips to Bentiu and Rumbek
- Conduct assessments in Torit and Yambio to establish a field presence and Bor for special programme interventions.

- The ATJ Team in Malakal will conduct a Training of Trainers for members of Community Based Organizations on Human Rights and Access to Justice as soon as UNDP Juba finalizes the training manual.
- The ATJ Project in Malakal's weekly radio presentations on Radio Malakal will continue.
- The ATJ Team in Malakal will mobilize local lawyers and advocates on legal assistance efforts.
- A shade will be constructed for the Chiefs in Malakal under quick impact activities. This will enable the Chiefs to administer justice in a respectable environment.
- The ATJ Team in Malakal will provide Human Rights and Access to Justice Training for the Chiefs.
- The ATJ Team in Malakal will attend the Monthly Child Protection Working Group Meeting, Protection of Civilians Working Group Meeting, Prison Development Committee Meeting, Returns and Reintegration Meeting and Gender Working Group (soon to be formed).

Institutional Support to Police and Prisons Services

Construction and Rehabilitation of Police Infrastructure:

- Bor Police HQ: Construction works to continue (expected completion: June 2009).
- Bor Police Training Facility: Construction works to continue (expected completion: June 2009).
- Kwajok Police HQ: Construction works to continue (expected completion: June 2009).
- Kwajok Police Training: Construction works to continue (expected completion: June 2009).
- Torit Police HQ: Construction works to continue (expected completion: June 2009).
- Police Training facility in Kapuri (Juba): Construction of one generator house and 5 pit latrines.

Capacity Building Support to Police Service:

- Develop a programme for training 30 traffic police officers in: Northern Bahr El Ghazal, Western Bahr El Ghazal, Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria, Upper Nile, and Warrap.
- Organise a consultative meeting/workshop for senior police managers at Police HQs and all 10 states, to discuss and agree on the draft police training curriculum, Code of Conduct and a Community Policing Project proposal.
- Support to the Southern Sudan Police Service to implement and enforce the new Police Act.
- Follow-up on the Police Inspector General's request to develop and establish a special Public Relation/Information Unit at Police HQs in Juba.
- Follow up on the training of the five legal officers of the police Legal Desk. Budget proposals for the training from the Law Development Centre (LDC) in Uganda have been received.

Capacity Building Support to Prisons Service:

- Continued provision of technical support for the implementation of a functional Logistics and Asset Management System within the Prisons Service HQ in Juba (Project Phase 2 and 3, procurement of hardware and software ongoing).
- Printing and dissemination of Code of Conduct (posters) for Prisons staff (printing delayed by local contractor).
- Procurement of 5 trucks equipped with 4,000-5,000 liter sewage-tanks for emptying septic tanks at prisons (tendering procedure to commence).

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

- Librarian/Documentalist consultant will commence work on 10 June at the newly constructed Law Library at MoLACD.
- An international consultant will commence work (third week of June) on developing a customary law strategy for Southern Sudan.

- The newly constructed Law Library at MoLACD HQ to become operational and functional and will be handed over to MoLACD administration.
- The Letter of Agreement with the International Development Law Organization for the setting up of a Legal Training Institute in Southern Sudan to be finalized.
- The newly redesigned MoLACD project document is expected to be presented to be operational by July 2009.

Section 2: UNDP Project Updates

2.3 Crisis Prevention and Recovery Unit

1. Key activities carried out in the reporting period

Public Works Programme Component of the Rapid Impact Emergency Project (RIEP)

- In Lakes and Jonglei States the Grants Management Agent (GMA), UNOPS reported left-over funds (approximately US\$ 55,000 at each location) due to the devaluation of the Sudanese Pound in recent months. As such, the UNOPS's Letter of Agreement was amended through 30 June 2009.
- As of 25 May 2009, 144 sub-projects (US\$ 6,933,437) have been completed in all 10 states.
- The Officer in Charge of UNDP's Crisis Prevention and Recovery Unit and the RIEP Programme Manager visited Malakal and Rumbek to review the sub-project activities completed by GMAs IRD and UNOPS respectively.
- The UNDP Head of Office visited the RIEP project in Bor Town (Jonglei State) on 5 May where GMA UNOPS are implementing sub-projects.
- The collection of sub-project hand-over documents and final reports from all states has been in progress.
- The competitively selected audit firm PKF Kenya conducted the programmatic and financial audit of three international NGOs: IRD, Caritas and World Vision. The final report will be submitted to UNDP by mid June 2009.
- UN-HABITAT submitted the final report of Output-2 and the "Community Awareness Materials – Posters, Card Game and Booklet". The final report for Activity 1 (Community Driven Development/Community Driven Recovery survey/mapping) is expected shortly.
- The RIEP Programme Manager presented the community awareness materials to the Joint Donor Team (JDT). He agreed to provide a project brief on 1 June and organize a site visit, as requested by the JDT.

Community Security and Arms Control (CSAC) Project

- A Letter of Agreement with UNOPS was finalized to construct/oversee specific elements of the CSAC conflict-sensitive development projects in Jonglei State.
- In support of the UN Jonglei Stabilisation Plan, the CSAC Field Programme Manager participated in an assessment mission to Bor, Pibor and Akobo with the UNMIS Regional Coordinator and Governor of Jonglei, as well as a trip to Nassir and Akobo with UNDSS.
- Discussions have been ongoing with county authorities in Jonglei to finalize community-level consultations and action plans.
- The remaining equipment for the Southern Sudan Police Service in Bor was delivered (IT and office equipment).
- The GoSS Bureau for Community Security and Small Arms Control (CSSAC Bureau) was supported in conducting a Strategic Planning Meeting during which they drafted a work plan to guide their 2009 activities.

- The CSAC Project Executive Board was convened, and they discussed and decided upon the Board's terms of reference.
- The CSAC 2009 Annual Work Plan was presented to and approved by the GoSS Inter-Ministerial Appraisal Committee.
- CSAC submitted and is waiting to hear back on several proposals submitted to potential donors. Bilateral donor discussions are ongoing.
- The Technical Advisor for the Southern Sudan Peace Commission arrived and will be based in the Commission.
- Regular fortnightly meetings have been established with the DDR (Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration)/Rule of Law/Governance Working Group within UNDP with the aim of enhancing joint planning efforts. The CSAC project team led a recent Working Group meeting which focused on CSAC issues.

Crisis Recovery Mapping and Analysis Project (CRMA)

(formerly, Threat and Risk Mapping and Analysis Project)

- The CRMA team carried out a number of consultations with the Southern Sudan Commission for Census, Statistics & Evaluation (SSCCSE) and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MoFEP) to review the project document as per the 17 April IMAC recommendations.
- A substantive review of the project document for Southern Sudan was carried out and the project name was changed to Crisis Recovery Mapping and Analysis in line with IMAC recommendations, before the second submission to IMAC for approval.

Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Programme (DDR)

- The Reintegration Briefing Training commenced at the Southern Sudan Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Commission (SSDDRC) for four SSDDRC staff who will brief demobilized ex-combatants at the disarmament and demobilization site.
- First phase of the Reintegration Opportunities mapping has been completed.
- Operational guidelines for Human Resource Management finalized and made operational at the SSDDRC.
- Capacity development strategic planning meeting held at the SSDDRC. The information will feed into a Capacity Development Proposal being prepared by UNDP-seconded staff for the Commission. It is envisaged that the proposal will attract funding in support of capacity development at the SSDDRC
- 5017 NFI (non food items) kits have been packed of which 1702 kits are for females and 3282 for males.
- Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy drafted.
- A Public Information Workshop on the Comprehensive Peace Agreement for 60 participants (community leaders, states officials and SSDDRC staff) was held in Jonglei State.

Recovery and Rehabilitation Programme (RRP)

- The European Commission conducted a monitoring visit to the Eastern Equatoria RRP.
- The UNDP Head of Office visited and held discussions with the consortium in Eastern Equatoria.
- The RRP eleventh Quarterly Report was completed.
- The new Southern Sudan EC Technical Advisory Board on Rural Development and Natural Resources arrived.

Mine Action Programme

- The UNDP Mine Action Technical Advisor (TA) arrived in Juba and is based in the office of the Southern Sudan Demining Commission (SSDC).

- A contract has been signed between UNDP and Danish Demining Group (DDG) for a three-month programme of work that includes capacity development and training of relevant SSDC staff (on three-month placements). Training placements of 2 Operations and 3 Mine Risk Education officers began on 15 May.
- SSDC began establishing an operations room. UNDP has loaned office space and computer equipment. UNMAO provided graphical tools to allow the creation of an operations board which has now been assembled.
- The SSDC Information Management department started compiling a comprehensive manual of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the use and maintenance of the Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) within the SSDC. So far, the IMSMA team has worked on draft SOPs for Access, Control and Release of Information to third-party operators.
- The SSDC Quality Assurance (QA) Officer has begun a 3 month work-study cycle with DDG, where on-the-job training precedes the analysis and review of relevant sectoral documentation, e.g. National Technical Standards and Guidelines (NTSG) and the International Mine Action Standards. The QA officer returned from Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) field activities in late May and is now reviewing the relevant NTSGs for EOD clearance with the UNDP TA
- The SSDC and the UNDP TA have begun a regular review of all functional capacities within the SSDC, starting with a focus on finance and administration elements. This is a weekly meeting conducted between the UNDP TA, the Director of the SSDC Finance and Administration Department, and the head of Human Resources in the SSDC. The review meeting has so far convened to review and analyse the capacity development requirements of the Accounts Department that is located within the Finance and Administration Department.
- The SSDC Programme Officer and the UNDP TA attended the Community Security and Arms Control Bureau's strategic planning workshop. A number of issues of joint concern were identified. These include: linking stockpile management activities to stockpile destruction activities of the SSDC; and improving information sharing between organisations operating at the state and regional levels. The Programme Officer will remain engaged with GoSS partners for community security and arms control issues.
- SSDC resource mobilization options have begun to be reviewed. This is both for capacity development project funding, and also for funding to support urgent stockpile destruction tasks. The TA has also begun a process of dialogue with UNDP Crisis Prevention and Recovery Unit projects, to explore areas of synergy and overlap.
- The Chairperson of the SSDC and one of the Commissioners attended the Standing Committee meeting of the states parties to the Mine Ban Convention held 25 - 29 May in Geneva. The SSDC contingents were accompanied by the UNDP Senior Mine Action Technical Advisor.
- At the request of UNMAO, the UNDP TA has begun work on expanding the on-the-job training of key staff positions at the SSDC, by technically equivalent counterparts at UNMAO, and with other partners from the mine action sector.

2. Key activities planned for the next period

Public Works Programme Component of the Rapid Impact Emergency Project (RIEP)

- Collect outstanding monthly and final reports from all 5 Grants Management Agents (GMA) for the 10 states.
- Make due payments to all the GMAs after receiving their invoices and deliverables.
- Receive the final audit report from the audit firm PKF Kenya by mid June.
- Continue to follow-up with all the GMAs to ensure that all non-expendable project assets are properly handed over to their respective State Ministry of Physical Infrastructure.
- RIEP/UNDP Crisis Prevention and Recovery Unit staff to visit various states to conduct project monitoring and spot checks to see if the sub-projects are being utilized by the beneficiaries and maintained properly by the concerned stakeholders.

- Continue to follow-up with the Joint Donor Team for possible funding for the continuation of RIEP.

CSAC Project

- In June it is anticipated, pending security conditions in Jonglei, that the consultation processes with county authorities and residents will be conducted in Fangak, Akobo and Pochalla, thereby completing consultations in all 11 counties of Jonglei. The consultation processes are designed to identify areas and sources of insecurity in counties through discussions with local stakeholders. The end result is the identification and subsequent construction of conflict and gender-sensitive development projects in all counties of Jonglei which can contribute to the mitigation of insecurity.
- Following the signing of the Letter of Agreement with UNOPS, final arrangements should be completed with the aim of beginning the project-construction process in June 2009.
- Delivery of furniture and communications equipment to counties in Jonglei State will continue, pending the security situation.
- The GoSS Bureau for Community Security and Small Arms Control (CSSAC Bureau) will be supported in finalizing and printing a strategic plan which can be disseminated to stakeholders.
- The Advisor to the Southern Sudan Peace Commission will be based in the Peace Commission and will begin fully supporting the Commission.

Crisis Recovery Mapping and Analysis Project (CRMA)

(formerly, Threat and Risk Mapping and Analysis Project)

The following preparatory activities will be carried out prior to the second CRMA IMAC

- Substantive review and finalisation of the CRMA Southern Sudan Implementation Document (project document).
- Consultations with the Southern Sudan Commission for Census, Statistics & Evaluation (SSCCSE) on the implementation document with briefing notes.
- Risk analysis.
- Restructuring of CRMA staffing structure and discussion with SSCCSE on having CRMA staff based in SSCCSE.
- Schedule the date for the CRMA project to be reviewed by the Inter Ministerial Appraisal Committee.

DDR Programme

- Start demobilization in Equatoria from 10 June 2009.
- Continue Reintegration Briefing Training for the Southern Sudan Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Commission (SSDDRC) staff.
- Finalize the capacity development proposal (which will be used for fund raising purposes) for SSDDRC.
- Plan and hold a one-day Monitoring and Reporting workshop for SSDDRC staff.
- Plan and conduct reintegration training for SSDDRC staff in the states.
- Continue recruitment of Reintegration Staff for the states.

Recovery and Rehabilitation Programme (RRP)

- Tentative communication and advocacy mission planned for projects in the south.

Mine Action Programme

- A field mission to Yei from 9-11 June is planned, to facilitate the closer working arrangement between the Southern Sudan Demining Commission (SSDC) and Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), which will assist the capacity development of the SSDC staff based at the regional office in Yei. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is planned to ensure a sound basis for the partnership.

- The operations room at the SSDC will continue to be developed further by increasing the regularity of incoming reports as well as the number of different information flows leading to the control room. It is envisaged that this information will initially come from UNMAO and later, directly from operators in the field.
- The SSDC plans to reinstitute a regular Coordination Meeting with all mine action partners, to be held at the SSDC premises in Juba.
- The Information Management System for Mine Action (IMSMA) team will continue to develop draft SOPs and policies for their department and for information management within SSDC. It is envisaged that the team will complete a draft of all SOPs for Data Inputs (IMSMA) by the close of June.
- Third-party training courses for enhancing computer skills will be identified and placements secured for SSDC employees. It is anticipated that initial placements will include staff from the IMSMA department (on networks and database management); while the SSDC Accountant may receive training on the operation of an electronic accountancy package to be used in conjunction with the current GoSS paper-driven system.
- The SSDC will begin a review process of the draft Mine Action Legislation, which was developed in the last quarter of 2008. The mine action law will provide a robust framework in which the SSDC will operate, and help to define a suitable regulatory environment in which mine action can take place safely and cost-effectively. Certain issues in the draft legislation still require consensus and approval by the SSDC prior to its submission. Once internal consensus has been reached, the legislation may begin the process of becoming law.
- Mines Advisory Group (MAG) to take on temporary field placements of SSDC staff.
- The SSDC will investigate options for increasing the amount of explosives imported into Southern Sudan. The current lack of explosives presents a challenge to mine action operators who require these licensed explosives to dispose of landmines and Explosive Remnants of War.
- The communications department in the SSDC will continue with the production of an electronic newsletter. The newsletter will provide a platform for advocating the work of the commission. The electronic version of the newsletter will initially target government partners, donors, UN agencies, and mine action organisations operating in Sudan.

Section 2: UNDP Project Updates

2.4 HIV/AIDS Unit

1. Key activities carried out in the reporting period

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

- Recruitment of various National and Internal posts has been ongoing within the UNDP HIV/AIDS Unit to ensure sufficient capacity to carry out GFATM work. Interviews have been completed for most of the positions and some of the newly recruited staff will start next month.
- The final annual financial audit reports for all Sub-recipients conducted by Ernst and Young were received. The Principal Recipient (PR) Audit is scheduled for August 2009.

Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Programme (Round 2 and 7)

- Sub-recipients (COSV, Malteser and Arkangelo Ali Association) continued to deliver services, which include TB case finding and training health workers.
- WHO was recruited to implement TB activities in the areas of quality assurance and health workers training.
- World Vision International and Arkangelo Ali Association were recruited to expand and support the implementation of the TB programme within Southern Sudan until 30 September 2009.

- Grant closure is underway.

TB Programme Round 7 Grants:

- Technical proposals for the potential Sub-recipients have been evaluated and the financial evaluation will continue.
- All 36 TB centers under the national TB programme were supported via commodities, drugs and other technical assistances.
- Recruitment of technical assistant (TA) for the national TB programme underway.

TB/HIV Prevention and Control Programme (Round 5)

- Financial proposals of Sub-recipients for phase two is under evaluation
- Sub-recipients (WHO, Arkangelo Ali Association and Malteser) continued to deliver services that include: training, distribution of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials, and HIV counseling and testing to TB patients.
- Negotiations have been initiated with the donor, partner and government on revising the target set for the grant.
- Recruitment of a consultant for the TB/HIV survey is underway.
- The Quarterly Progress Update was submitted to the donor and has shown improvement over the last quarters in terms of progress against targets.
- The National TB/HIV Guideline is under finalization.

Malaria Prevention and Control Programme (Round 2)

- The Sub-recipients (Malaria Consortium, Population Service International, World Vision International and Arkangelo Ali Association) continued working in services delivery areas including the prevention and treatment of malaria, distribution of bed-nets and training of health workers.
- The 200,000 LLITNs (Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets) have been distributed to Sub-recipients in respective sites.
- A request for a six months no cost extension has been submitted to the donor (the grant expires in September 2009). To develop the comprehensive project closure plan it has been agreed that a consultant would be hired and Terms of Reference developed.
- 400,000 LLITNs arrived to the Juba Population Service International warehouse and the distribution plan was developed with the Sub-recipients.
- Training was conducted for services deliverers on: 1) bed-nets distributions, 2) IPT (intermittent presumptive treatment) provision for pregnant women, 3) BCC (behavior change communication) to promote early care seeking, 4) the management of complicated and uncomplicated malaria cases for health workers at health facilities level, 5) emergency preparedness and response, and 6) training of health workers on health information systems.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

- A three-day workshop for strengthening procurement, supply management and monitoring and evaluation was conducted for the Ministry of Health (MoH) and Sub-recipients.
- The January to March Quarterly report for GFATM was submitted.
- A draft TB/HIV surveillance protocol was developed and submitted for review to MoH and Sub-recipients.
- A review of the M&E plan was performed.

HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Programme (Round 4)

- Ongoing implementation by Sub-recipients WHO and UNICEF which have continued to deliver the services using Sub-Sub recipients at the field level for Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT), Anti-Retro Viral Therapy (ART), blood safety and universal precautions, Preventing Mother-To-Child Transmission (PMTCT), Behavior Change Communication (BCC) and Mass Media, Youth Education and Prevention, Programmes for Specific Groups, and Monitoring and Evaluation and Operational Research.
- Negotiations have been ongoing with Sub-recipients under the Phase 2 grant agreement, including existing Sub-recipients (UNICEF, WHO, and the Southern Sudan AIDS Commission - SSAC), and potentially new Sub-recipients. Some of the Phase 2 Letters of Agreement are being extended.
- The 2009 Annual Work Plans for the MoH and SSAC projects were approved by the Inter Ministerial Appraisal Committee on 13 May.
- The extension of the SSAC Letter of Agreement for April 2009 has been completed. The payment request has been finalized and signed off for payment.
- Capacity assessment for potential new Sub-recipients under the Phase 2 grant agreement was completed on 5 May, and assessment reports were received on the same date.
- The quarterly Disbursement Request and Progress Update for January-March 2009 has been completed and submitted to the GFATM (donor), with a copy to the Local Fund Agent (LFA – KPMG). The LFA is preparing to conduct the verification process and make recommendations to the donor.
- An exercise is ongoing to identify procurement needs for 2009 as per the procurement plan for health and non-health products. The order has been placed for the procurement of non-health products.
- GFATM HIV/AIDS Round 9 proposal developments: UNDP continued to be part of the proposal writing team entrusted by the Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM) to come up with the proposal for HIV/AIDS and as well as for health systems strengthening (HSS) submitted to GFATM.

2. Key activities planned for the next period

Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Programme (Round 2 and 7)

Tuberculosis Round 2 Grant:

- Finalize the recruitment of a consultant for the development of the project closure strategy.
- Release disbursements to Sub-recipients that currently have agreements in place to continue implementation. Have an ongoing dialogue with Sub-recipients on implementation challenges and ways to improve performance.
- Release first disbursements to newly recruited Sub-recipients to initiate implementation. Have an ongoing dialogue with these new Sub-recipients to ensure quality implementation.

TB Round 7 Grant

- Continue to support the National TB Programme, focusing on building the capacity of the National TB Programme. UNDP is recruiting and seconding staff. The deputy National TB Programme Manager recruitment is finalized and the recruitment for 8 more positions is underway.
- Conduct supervision for all the TB centers in Southern Sudan in collaboration with MoH to sustain quality programme implementation and to ensure service delivery is on track.
- Continue recruitment of new Sub-recipients through a panel comprising on CCM, MOH and UNDP.

- Continue to be part of the proposal writing team entrusted by the CCM to develop the Round 9 HIV/AIDS, Malaria and HSS proposals for submission to GFATM on 1 June 2009. Coordinate the finalization of the HSS proposal since UNDP is the proposed Principle Recipient.

TB/HIV Prevention and Control Programme (Round 5)

- Finalize the recruitment of a consultant for the TB/HIV survey and cost benefit analysis study which has been requested by the donor for the target revision purpose.
- Finalize negotiations with Sub-recipients under the Phase 2 grant agreement, including existing Sub-recipients (Malteser, WHO, and Arkangelo Ali Association), and potentially new Sub-recipients.
- Share the results of the Data Quality Assessment with Sub-recipients. This will be done during the mid-term evaluation meeting in mid-June 2009.

Malaria Prevention and Control Programme (Round 2)

- Follow up on the distribution plan of 400,000 LLITNs (Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets) to Sub-recipients.
- Follow up on anti-malaria drugs distribution to the health facilities.
- Follow up and effect payment for 4 Sub-recipients.
- Conduct meeting and discussions with Sub-recipients on data quality assessment findings.
- Conducting programme progress review meeting with Sub-recipients and plan for a field visit.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

- Conduct monthly review meetings with Sub-recipients and MoH.
- Continue to verify data sourced with Sub-recipients and LFA.
- Review M&E work plan and identify implementation gaps.
- Organize M&E performance feedback for each Sub-recipient with management letters.
- Prepare M&E training for Sub-recipients.
- Draft a proposal for the Data Quality Assessment by the CCM.
- Officially communicate to Sub-recipients the results of the Data Quality Assessment performed by UNDP.

HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Programme (Round 4)

- Continue to be part of the proposal writing team entrusted by the CCM to come up with the Round 9 HIV/AIDS and HSS proposals for submission to GFATM on 1 June 2009. Coordinate the finalization of the HSS proposal since UNDP is the proposed PR.
- Sign Phase 2 Letter of Agreements with UN agencies (WHO and UNICEF) and SSAC. Sign a project cooperation agreement with the potential Sub-recipient.
- Release disbursements to Sub-recipients that currently have Letters of Agreements in place to continue implementation. Hold a dialogue with Sub-recipients on implementation challenges and ways to improve performance.
- Obtain signatures for the SSAC and MOH Project Documents.
- Finalize the process (for 3 Anti-Retro Viral Therapy (ART) sites - Juba, Wau and Malakal) to handover the management of the GFATM implementation from Northern Sudan to Southern Sudan.
- Conduct briefings with potential new Sub-recipients on the outcome of the capacity assessment.

- Share the results of the Data Quality Assessment with Sub-recipients. This will be done during the mid-term evaluation meeting in mid-June 2009.
- Participate in the monthly meeting of the Technical Working Group on HIV/AIDS, and share the Terms of Reference for the KAP Survey and move forward with the next steps.
- Undertake a site visit with the Joint UN Mission, led by the UNAIDS Security and Humanitarian Response Unit. The overall objective is to discuss support needs and gaps for the UN Joint Teams.

Section 2: UNDP Updates

2.5 Sudan Recovery Fund (SRF) /Fund Management Unit

1. Key activities carried out in the reporting period

- **SRF Round 1:** Implementation of SRF Round 1 projects continued. The Technical Secretariat reviewed 17 progress reports submitted by the 11 implementing partners and provided feedback on matters that need attention. The key progress made by the NGOs include: staff recruitment, staff capacity assessment, capacity building of local counter parts (both community and government), procurement of project inputs and vocational skills training. The Secretariat provided the necessary support and advice in terms of clarifying the SRF strategic focus, reporting and project revisions.
- **SRF Round 2:** Review of applications submitted by international NGOs for Round 2 allocation was finalized. The recommendation of the Technical Secretariat will be presented at the next SRF Steering Committee meeting for approval.
- **SRF Round 3 Allocation Strategy:** The Technical Secretariat has been working to finalize the Round 3 Allocation Strategy. The strategy will focus on stabilizing states in Southern Sudan with significant incidences of insecurity and strengthening sector delivery systems. The final strategy document will be presented at the next SRF Steering Committee meeting for review and approval.
- **SRF Consultation Workshop:** The SRF Technical Secretariat organized a half day consultation workshop to improve networking and coordination among SRF implementing partners. 24 representatives participated in the workshop. Participants included the SRF implementing partners, Southern Sudan Reconstruction and Development Fund, Southern Sudan Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, SRF Technical Secretariat and UNDP Fund Management Unit.
- **Monitoring Visit to SRF Project in Yei County:** A monitoring team comprised of two members of the Technical Secretariat and one representative each from the Central Equatorial State Government Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Social Development visited the SRF project implemented by the NGO Church Mission Society (CMSI). CMSI plans to train 190 youths from five counties of Central Equatorial State. The team visited the first group of 30 students who have started vocational skills training.

2. Key activities planned for the next period

- Facilitate SRF Steering Committee Meeting.
- Finalize SRF Round 3 Allocation Strategy.
- Visit the SRF project implemented by the Dutch Inter Church Organization for Development Cooperation in Central Equatorial State.
- Follow up on Round 1 project implementation with partner NGO.

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

Award ID	Unit	Project	Planned Budget (based on Annual Work Plan)	Current Budget	Expenditure Against Current Budget
00045863	Governance	Support to Economic Planning	\$3,098,064	\$1,190,933	\$1,064,828
00049848	Governance	Support to Presidency	\$1,498,063	\$1,150,976	\$348,386
00039457	Governance	Good Governance & Equity in Political Participation	\$960,390	\$915,942	\$239,163
00047812	Governance	Support to States - Phase II	\$5,948,917	\$2,187,707	\$1,289,984
00042718	Governance	Local Government Recovery Project - Phase II	\$6,345,627	\$1,057,660	\$588,245
00049662	Governance	Support to Elections and Democratic Processes	Planning in Progress	Planning in Progress	Planning in Progress
00045032	RoL	Support to the Judiciary Project	\$3,785,885	\$843,921	\$358,912
00043537	RoL	Promoting Access to Justice	\$4,673,822	\$1,366,532	\$1,267,982
00047336	RoL	MDTF Support to Police and Prisons	\$ 21,922,266	\$10,512,428	\$5,665,175
00043821	RoL	Institutional Support to MOLACD	\$2,671,478	\$1,093,378	\$418,079
00047407	CPR	Public Works Component of RIEP	\$2,129,290	\$2,129,290	\$413,406
00046904	CPR	Community Security and Arms Control	\$12,122,500	\$4,173,461	\$1,636,925
Pipeline	CPR	Crisis Recovery Mapping and Analysis (formerly, Threat and Risk Mapping and Analysis)	\$2,085,402	0	0
00042515	CPR	DDR programme – Reintegration Component	Planning in Progress	Planning in Progress	Planning in Progress
00041567	CPR	Recovery and Rehabilitation Programme (RRP)	6,800,000 Euros	\$3,536,287	\$1,479,738
00014877	CPR	National Capacities for Mine Action	\$1,300,000	0	0
00037519	HIV/AIDS	TB Prevention & Control	\$6,802,516	\$4,076,936	\$2,977,326
00057123	HIV/AIDS	TB Round 7	\$3,715,332	\$2,461,028	\$457,574
00045245	HIV/AIDS	TB/HIV Prevention and Control	\$5,929,733	\$1,061,964	\$1,024,633
00040073	HIV/AIDS	Malaria Prevention & Control	\$9,253,329	\$5,340,199	\$4,303,959
00041178	HIV/AIDS	HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care	\$6,912,980	\$211,449	\$96,816
00051332	Fund Management	Sudan Recovery Fund	\$14,136,185	\$14,136,185	\$4,648,722
TOTAL			\$124,720,508	\$ 57,446,276	\$ 28,279,853

Notes:

- (1) Total planned project budget for 2009, based on draft Annual Work Plans (AWPs). Figures are subject to change as AWPs are finalized and approved.
- (2) Current budget is based on actual funds received and budget approved.

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