

FOCUS ON: ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY AND PROMOTING WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT



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IN RESPONSE TO the December 2013 crisis, UNDP designed a programme “*Strengthening national capacities for Early Recovery, Peace Building and Reconciliation*”. Practical and strategic needs of women and girls have been taken into account in the programme design and implementation.

UNDP is strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Justice, Judiciary, Ministry of Interior (Police and Prisons) and customary courts to increase the availability, accessibility, adaptability, and acceptability of justice services for both men and women. Whether in times of armed conflict, post-conflict or peace, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) is neither inevitable nor acceptable; it is an outcome of gender inequality and a violation of human rights. In line with UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR)

1888 and 1820, UNDP is working to dismantle the culture of impunity towards SGBV through supporting gender responsive legal services both for statutory and customary courts and through outreach programmes.

In line with UNSCR 1889, UNDP is ensuring that women participate in early recovery activities, such as skills development and emergency employment schemes.

UNDP recognizes that women are not only victims of war but also play an important role in promoting peace building and reconciliation. Further, the exclusion of women from the peace process jeopardizes a sustainable peace. UNDP is supporting women's organizations to participate in the peace process, in line with the UNSCR 1325.

WOMEN'S VOICES

“There is a need for political inclusiveness, freedom of speech and a more equal distribution of wealth and power in South Sudan”.

Julia Aker Duany, Vice Cancellor of Dr John Garang Memorial University, Juba, 28 October 2014

“Women and children in South Sudan are vulnerable. The December 2013 crisis has exposed them to increased sexual violence; they became target of ethnic groups”.

Suzan Ide, social worker, Juba, 6 June 2014

REDUCING GENDER INEQUALITY AND PROMOTING WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT



Strengthened Capacity of Rule of Law Institutions

1,389

Cases handled by the Special Protection Units in five states (CES, EES, NGS, WES, WGS) involving vulnerable groups and women

194

SGBV cases addressed by the Emergency Call Center from July to 31 January 2015. The ECC is enabling access to Police for a population of 372,413 in Juba, including 166,739 women

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Judges from all states trained on women's rights (37 male & 3 female)

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Prosecutors from all states trained on gender and human rights (26 male & 4 female)

193

SSNPS personnel and social workers in five states (CES, EES, WES, NBGS, WGS) trained on SGBV (116 male & 77 female)

164

Traditional leaders from all states trained on women's rights (147 male & 17 female)

Community Outreach



3,592

People reached in five states (CEE, EES, NGS, WES, WGS) through awareness raising on SGBV, legal aid and human rights (2,508 male & 1,084 female)

"We investigators get very relevant knowledge about SGBV, how to investigate and keep record of SGBV cases. This will improve the functioning of the Special Protections Units"

Christin Dudu, Western Police Division Juba, July 2014





Economic Recovery and Sustainable Livelihoods

120

30 male and 90 female IDPs participated in a livelihoods skills training at UN POC site in Juba in tailoring, catering and hairdressing and are now earning a living using newly acquired skills.

231

people, 35% female, undertook emergency employment in Lakes state



By December 2014, the beneficiaries had worked **13,582 person-hours earning SSP 68,450 (USD22, 080)** over 4 months. Spending patterns among beneficiaries changed with some saving to start small businesses.

Youth Employment

815

Youth (571 male & 244 female) in Jonglei State trained on crop planting; They ploughed and planted 270 feddands

“My chief selected me for the cash for work because I am a widow and need money to pay schools for my children. The money I get will be mainly for school fees but if I happen to save I will start a small business”

Achol Kuol Awuol, IDP (widow), Mingkaman, November 2014



Promoted Women’s Role in Peacebuilding



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Women mobilized by the Women Grassroots Network (WGN).

The WGN has been created under the auspices of the National Platform for Peace and Reconciliation supported by UNDP.

The WGN aims to raise women’s voice and promote a unified agenda for peace, healing and reconciliation. The WGN’s peacebuilding perspectives, including on the role women at the grassroots level in the interim government, were presented to the IGAD-led peace talks in July 2014 in Addis Ababa.

“We want to send a loud message to the warring parties: **enough is enough**. As women, we want our voices to be heard in South Sudan and we want the war to stop now” **Florence Guliba**, peace activist from the WGN, 18 September 2014

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Women from the WGN participated in a peaceful march in the streets of Juba on 18 September 2014 to demand for peace as part of NPPR’s Seven Days of Peace Activism.

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Women from Nuer and Dinka communities have jointly developed an action plan to help restore peace between the two communities in Jonglei state, as a result of the Dinka-Nuer Pastors’ Peace Initiative.

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Female parliamentarians mobilized by the WGN to build intra-gender bridges and promote a unified agenda for peace among elite women and those at the grassroots level.

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