



Final evaluation of the Beyond Bentiu Protection of Civilian Site (PoC) Youth Reintegration Strategy: Creating Conditions for Peaceful Coexistence between Youth Internally Displaced Persons, Returnees and Host Community Members” January 2020

Management Response to Evaluation Recommendations

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| 1 | The project should be up scaled and replicated in conflict hot spots in the country with the concept of Youth Centre as a focus to promote integration and social cohesion among the communities. Youth centers are often the most local arm of national youth policy implementation. With regards to the gaps and factors that exists, the diversity across the 3 regions of South Sudan (Upper Nile, Equatoria and Bar el Ghazal), as well as across urban and rural areas. | UNDP appreciates the recommendation and will work with relevant actors on having the project scaled up and replicated in conflict hotspots with the concept of Youth Centre as a focus to promote integration and social cohesion among the communities. | Conduct consultations with relevant agencies, government ministries and relevant stakeholders/ partners on the need to up- scale and replicate programme to conflict hotspot for promotion of integration and social cohesion. | October 31, 2020 | Senior Programme Advisor/Project Management Specialist |
| | | | Conduct a needs assessment in noted areas for expansion of the program. | December 31, 2020 | Senior Programme Advisor/Project Management Specialist |
| | | | Get endorsement and disseminate the assessment report for looking for more funds. | December 31, 2020 | Senior Programme Advisor/Project Management Specialist |
| 2 | The youth have become respected mediators of conflict prevention and there is a need to continue building youth capacity in conflict resolution and leadership skills, and more practical-focused areas such as advocacy and project management. | UNDP notes the recommendation of the evaluation and will work with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport and other peacebuilding partners to identify areas of collaboration for upscaling youth interventions and trainings in conflict resolution and peacebuilding. | Conduct consultations with the MoCYS, beneficiary civil service institutions, peace actors and youth on building capacity in conflict resolution and | October 31, 2020 | Senior Programme Advisor/Project Management Specialist |
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| 3 | Livelihoods and resource access can both connect and divide youth. It is important to find creative ways to bring youth together through entrepreneurship engagement. These | UNDP appreciates the recommendation and will work on finding innovative and creative ways to bring together youths | Conduct consultations with relevant agencies, government ministries and relevant stakeholders/ partners on the need to promote livelihoods skills capacity | October 31, 2020 | Senior Programme Advisor/Project Management Specialist |

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| | interventions should seek, where possible, to build on youth' own capacities and coping mechanisms in such a way that promotes self-reliance and helps them to be able to better manage shocks related to conflict, livelihood loss and food insecurity. | through entrepreneurship and livelihoods skills capacity building. | building and entrepreneurship among youth including programming. Develop, share, and implement program strategy for engagement. | December 31, 2020 | Senior Programme Advisor/Project Management Specialist |
| 4 | The development agencies should collaborate and develop working partnerships with the government and all peace-building stakeholders to promote intergenerational exchange. Rather than working with youths in isolation, peace-building projects seeking the engagement of youths should also include children, parents and elders as this will ensure continuity through sharing of rich information and experiences. | UNDP appreciates the recommendation and will work with relevant agencies, government ministries and relevant peacebuilding stakeholders to promote intergenerational exchange and include cross section of all community members (children, youth, parents and elders) | Conduct consultations with relevant agencies, government ministries and relevant stakeholders/ partners on the need to promote intergenerational exchanges including programming. Develop, share, and implement program strategy for engagement. | October 31, 2020 December 31, 2020 | Senior Programme Advisor/Project Management Specialist Senior Programme Advisor/Project Management Specialist |
| 5 | Break the culture of gender inequality among young people is a critical key component to forging peaceful futures. Peacebuilding and conflict resolution initiatives at both National and local levels are predominantly led by men while women are disproportionately represented. Development professionals can help achieve this, by identifying local partners and creating platforms to amplify young women's voices. Target the grass roots and top-level policymakers simultaneously and implementing organizations to work in partnerships so that each plays to their strengths. Longer-term, process-based initiatives are needed to transform power structures, particularly patriarchal moral and social orders and notions of "hyper-masculinity," which in South Sudan are heavily impacted by bride wealth-based local economies to reduce on the drivers of conflicts. | UNDP appreciates the recommendation and will work with relevant agencies, government ministries, relevant peacebuilding stakeholders and policymakers to bridge the gender gaps by creating platforms and partnerships that amplify women's voices. | Conduct consultations with relevant agencies, government ministries and relevant stakeholders/ partners on the linkages needed to reinforce gender mainstreaming and equity at both local and national level with respect to peacebuilding. Conduct an in- depth gender analysis/ assessment to identify gender gaps and how best they can be addressed particularly on transforming power structures. Develop, share, and implement program strategy for engagement. | October 31, 2020 December 31, 2020 December 31, 2020 | Senior Programme Advisor/Project Management Specialist Senior Programme Advisor/Project Management Specialist Senior Programme Advisor/Project Management Specialist |