

The Access to Justice & Rule of Law Project

Project Board Meeting

26 January 2017, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

UNDP Eric du Mull Conference Hall

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Title</u>
Gen. Makur Marol	MoI (SSNPS)	Inspector General of Police (IGP)
Hon. Jeremiah Swaka Moses Wani	MoJ	Undersecretary
Justice Kukurlopita Marino Pitia	JoSS	President of Court of Appeal, Equatoria Circuit
Gen. James Pui	MoI (SSNPS)	Deputy Inspector General of Police
Brigadier General Anthony Legge	MoI (NPSSS)	Director Production and Rehabilitation,
Mr. Martijn Beerthuizen	Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	First Secretary, Political Affairs, Security and Rule of Law
Mr. Rowland Cole	UNDP	Chief Technical Advisor to MoJ and JoSS
Mr. Kennedy Chibvongodze	UNDP	Head of PMSU
Ms. Julie van Dassen	UNDP	Project Manager
Ms. Niki Frencken	UNDP	Access to Justice Technical Coordination Specialist
Mr. Stephen Wani	UNDP	Project Officer

Agenda:

1. Project Progress Report (2016)
2. 2017 Annual Work Plan (AWP)
3. Any Other Business

Agenda Item 1: Annual Project Progress Report (2016)

Issues:

- The key strategic objectives of the project in 2016 were:
 1. Increase access to justice through coordinated institutional presence at state and county levels;
 2. Support clearance of case backlog and address prolonged and arbitrary detention;
 3. Support harmonization of traditional justice with the formal justice sector; and
 4. Improve capacity development and institutional strengthening.
- The total budget for 2016 was US\$ 6,295,532 and expenditure US\$ 5,249,374.04 representing 83% delivery.

Key achievements:

- 769 (289 female) people received legal counsel or legal representation in the courts. 1617 (838 female) people in six states benefited from legal awareness raising activities conducted by UNDP-supported JCCs.
- 221 (58 female) police and 170 (100 female) social workers were trained in SGBV survivor-centric referral response.
- 1,037 (52%), including 76 SGBV, calls for emergency response responded to through UNDP-supported Emergency Call Centre in Juba
- 133 (31 female) police personnel and 163 (41 female) were trained in community policing and the concept of PCRCs.
- 5 ascertainment studies and 1 study on Harmonisation of Customary Laws and the National Legal System completed.
- Support to the MoJ in establishing a Technical Committee to conduct national consultations for the legal framework of the Commission on Truth Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH).
- 20 rule of law outreach activities to 495 (129 females) participants and 31 community policing outreach activities to 3,107 (1,103 female) community members.
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Consideration

- The 2016 Key Achievements was shared with Project Board members prior to this meeting. 2016 Annual Report will be shared once cleared.

Project Secretariat Recommendation:

- Approval of 2016 Progress Report.

Project Board Decision

Decision Topic	PS Recommendation	PB Decision
Approval of 2016 Progress Report	Approve	Approved

Agenda Item 2: 2017 Annual Work Plan (AWP)

Issues:

As the Netherlands' funding on which the 2014-2016 AWP's are based is coming to an end, the project has developed a new project document, with new articulation of outputs and activity results. The 2017 AWP is based on this new structure.

New structure:

Output 1: Functions and capacity of rule of law institutions enabled to deliver accountable, effective and equitable justice services.

Activity results:

- 1.1 Key legislation to strengthen core functions of the rule of law sector is supported, with particular attention to human and women's rights issues.
- 1.2 Mobile court system established to reduce case backlog and arbitrary detention.
- 1.3 National prisons service supported to uphold the standard minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners.
- 1.4 Unified case management system established through coordination between rule of law institutions for timely processing of cases and reduction of case backlog.
- 1.5 Communities empowered and security sector institutions enabled for increased citizen safety.

Output 2: Measures in place and implemented in the rule of law and health sectors to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence.

Activity results:

- 2.1: Coordinate and expand the provision of legal aid services to vulnerable groups.
- 2.2: Strengthen SGBV referral paths for vulnerable people to increase protection and opportunities for legal redress.
- 2.3: Improve livelihood skills for SGBV survivors.

Output 3: Capacity of state-mandated institutions and civil society strengthened to promote and protect human rights.

Activity results:

- 3.1: Strengthen the ability of the South Sudan Human Rights Commission to monitor and investigate human rights grievances.
- 3.2: Support the establishment of transitional justice, peace and reconciliation mechanisms in accordance with Peace Agreement and informed by international standards.

Financial status

The projected AWP budget for 2017 is US\$ 8,472,403 of which US\$8,134,036 is available.

Human resources

Recruitment of UNVs to replace outgoing colleagues who have reached the 4 year maximum is ongoing. Recruitment of a programme finance specialist to replace outgoing project finance specialist and P4 Police and Corrections Specialist to replace outgoing P5 CTA and P3 Capacity Building Specialist are ongoing.

Consideration

- The 2017 Annual Work Plan was shared with Project Board members prior to this meeting.

Project Secretariat Recommendation:

- Approval of 2017 Annual Work Plan.

Project Board Decision

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Agenda Item 5: Any Other Business

- No aob was raised.

Documents:

20160126 Project Board Presentation

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Next Meeting:

16 July 2017, Eric de Mul Conference Hall

There being no other business, the meeting closed at: 1:00 p.m.

Chairperson: SIGNATURE

Secretary: SIGNATURE



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Brig. Anthony Oliver Legge

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