

**Peace and Community Cohesion Project
Project Board Meeting**

MEETING MINUTES	
Subject:	CSAC Board Meeting Minutes
Date and duration:	31 August, 12:00 – 13:00, UNDP Erick de Mull Conference Hall
Participants:	Annex 1 – List of Participants

	Agenda	Discussion	Decision/Action
1.	Welcoming and Introduction	<p>Remarks from the Chair of the project board, Hon. Chuol Rambang Luoth, Chairperson of the South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project Board Chair expressed his appreciation to UNDP and partners for the support and leadership provided to the project. • He highlighted that the project has achieved a lot in terms of inspiring communities to work towards sustaining peace. He also stressed that there is always room for improvement. • He said that moving forward, the project should: continue its engagement in the Pibor, Boma and Bor area and follow-up on recommendations made; focus on both areas that are volatile and stable; and revive activities such as the peace actors’ forum. • The Chair reconfirmed that UNDP and partners can count on the peace commission to achieve and secure results. <p>Remarks from the Representative of Co-Chair of the project board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Santino Kuac, spoke on behalf of the co-chair and the chairperson of the Bureau for Community and Small Control (BCSSAC) gave apologies for the absence of the Co-Chair of the Bureau due to an official trip. • He expressed his appreciation to the Chair, donors and UNDP for their commitment to the project. • Mr. Kuac highlighted some of the milestones the Bureau achieved with continuous support from UNDP since 2008 such as the passing of the firearms act, the enacting of the firearms policy and the ongoing work on the regulations. • He explained that additional support is needed in the future, e.g. in the area of firearms collection. <p>Remarks by UNDP Country Director, Dr. Kamil Kamaluddeen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UNDP Country Director expressed his appreciation to all partners for their support to the project and presence at the meeting. • He stressed that the PaCC’s interventions at the community level are fundamental to the country’s peace process and that it is paramount to not only focus on the protagonists at the national level but to simultaneously strengthen cohesion and resilience at the community level. He highlighted 	

		<p>that the PaCC project contributes to providing basic services to communities and to strengthening local peace structures. He cited the example that affiliation with these peace structures has prevented a peace committee member from participating in a counter cattle raid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kamaluddeen underlined that the impact of the project could be increased if funding would allow for it to be implemented at a wider scale. 	
2.	Approval of minutes from 2 June Project Board meeting	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations from summative evaluation have been reflected in the PaCC project document (i.e. strengthened links with other UNDP projects; stronger focus on SGBV; building on local level results while maintaining links to policy level work). • A joint UNDP-DFID field visit was organized to Awerial South. 	Minutes from 2 June 2017 Project Board meeting adopted.
3.	Decision on asset disposal CSAC final documentation video Donor reports	<p>Project proposals on disposal of assets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed donation to CSAC successor project Peace and Community Cohesion • Donation to Government counterparts (SSPRC & BCSSAC) and CSOs • Retain for delivery to CSB project sites when security and accessibility allows <p>CSAC final documentation video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The video was screened and approved by the board. The link for downloading the video should be shared with board members: https://vimeo.com/231719096 <p>Update on status of donor reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final report for Switzerland submitted • Final reports for DFID & Norway undergoing quality assurances; to be submitted by 8 September • Final report for Sweden to be submitted by end of September 	Board approved the asset disposal proposal. CSAC documentation video approved.
4.	Consideration of 2 nd Quarter progress report	<p>Key achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interdependency projects: Community peace market in Rejaf completed; new peace complex commissioned in Wowow, Amadi state • Peace committees: 186 peace committee members (54 female) trained and 10 peace committees re-established/strengthened in Eastern Equatoria (Torit), Central Equatoria (Jubek), Lakes (Mvolo, Rumbek East, Yirol West), and Jonglei (Twich East, Duk Padiet, Bor). • Community dialogues: 5 community level dialogues held on freedom of movement, cattle rustling and migration, and child and women abduction; 271 (104 female) participants (Jonglei, Duk Padiet: Dinka Hol and Gawier Nuer; Boma: Dinka and Murle; Western Equatoria and Lakes: youth and women) • National Dialogue process initiated: Support to regional meetings to enhance the principle of inclusivity (South Africa, Nairobi, Khartoum and Addis) 	2 nd Quarter progress report approved.

		<p>Key challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortage of funds affected implementation of priority activities (resource mobilisation & field visits) • Economic crisis impacting on peace initiatives due to increased cost of doing business and high expectations of participants <p>Key lessons learned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliation with community peace structures can have a transformative impact on individual behaviours • Triangular relationship between UNDP, CSOs and local authorities delivers good results <p>Budget utilisation Annual budget PACC: US\$ 2,038,187; cumulative expenditure Q2: US\$ 587,319 (29%) and US\$ 325,936 from CSAC</p> <p>Question Sweden: The Sida representative requested clarification on how the project coordinates with other peace partners and peace structures.</p> <p>Response UNDP: It was clarified that the project closely cooperates with various peace partners such as USAID’s Vistas programme, UNMISS Civil Affairs, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and more than 20 civil society organizations. State representatives of the South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission (SSPRC) are key focal points for activities at state and county level. The project also established a cooperation with the National Transformational Leadership Institute (NTLI) for tailor made trainings for peace committee members in the areas of transformation leadership, conflict transformation and SGBV.</p>	
5.	Consideration of budget re-allocation to the National Dialogue – Japan fund	<p>Budget revision</p> <p>The Japan project works to create an enabling environment for the National Dialogue process and does not provide direct support to the National Dialogue. The project was developed before the National Dialogue Steering Committee started work. A critical need has emerged where the Steering Committee requires support to undertake grassroots consultation work. The project therefore proposes a budget reallocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US\$ 218,000 to be allocated to the National Dialogue process • Overall budget US\$ 1million <p>Japan has signalled consent, final approval is pending.</p>	The request was approved by the Board as long as the donor Japan agrees with the proposal
	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sida update and comments: A final decision on new funding for the PaCC project has not yet been taken as the review process is on-going. If approved, new funds would be likely to come in towards the end of the year and not early November as stated earlier. • With regards to reporting, it was highlighted that in case the new funding will be approved, Sweden would look critically at reporting requirements in order not to overburden the project. 	The departure of Sida’s Ola Nilsmo was noted. The Board welcomed Ms. Hanna Carlson.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sida representative, in light of his departure from South Sudan, expressed his appreciation for the work of the CSAC project at the community level. He highlighted the need for the project to focus on key components, i.e. working with peace committees and enabling people to earn their living. The term “cohesion” should be explained in simple terms while highlighting the aspect of recovery. • He stressed that market and business development are key to development in the country. Livelihood activities should therefore be supported continuously by the project and be designed in a way that they are more cost effective. • UNDP response: UNDP thanked the Sida for the continued support and the critical advice provided to the project. The UNDP Country Director specifically thanked the Mr. Ola Nilsmo for the candid and construction relation with UNDP. He wished him well in his future endeavors. He also warmly welcomed Ms. Hanna Carlson to UNDP and South Sudan. <p>There being no other business, the meeting came to close at 13:15.</p>	
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