

PI DDR Taskforce

The Public Information Taskforce is a collaborative effort from SSDDRC and the Integrated UN DDR Unit (UNMIS & UNDP) to gather and disseminate information to the DDR participants and communities across South Sudan.

Jonglei sensitisation

On 24 November 2010, the SSDDRC Jonglei Office conducted a workshop for line ministries, INGO partners, community-based organisations, youth associations and women's groups. The training drew participants from 21 institutions including organised forces such as police, SPLA and prison staff.

The workshop addressed all core areas of DDR, including Child DDR. Among the recommendations was that the next workshop should target the Governor, Deputy Governors, cabinet ministers, SPLA Division Commander and his Deputy, Commissioners of police, prison and wildlife, because they are the one who can prevent recruiting children to armed forces.

Michael Malual Wuor, Jonglei State Coordinator of SSDDRC reports: "The workshop was interactive and educative in the sense that all the participants understood the mandate of DDR and the areas of participation as individuals and institutions."

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South Sudan hits 10,000 milestone

On Friday 26 November 2010, the milestone of 10,000 was reached in South Sudan demobilisation. On the day, demobilisation was underway in both Eastern Equatoria and Western Bahr El Ghazal.

William Deng Deng, Chairperson of the SSDDRC Commission takes the lead in praising everyone for their efforts "I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the SSDDRC Commission (SSDDRC) and the Government of South Sudan (GOSS) to congratulate the teams from UNMIS, UNDP, Implementing Partners and of course the DDR Commission staff for their hard work in often difficult conditions to reach this 10,000 mark. We are very grateful for their work".

Preparations for the demobilisation are ongoing for Jonglei State but the launch date is yet to be decided.



Peacetime has never been better

Awadia Chol Dhol was among the first female ex-combatants in Wau in November, when demobilisation was ready to begin in Western Bahr el-Ghazal.

"I was with SPLA since 1985, I first followed my father who was a soldier and later started to use a gun myself",

she tells. Awadia and her husband

came to Wau from Mapel six years ago since at that time it was less peaceful than the capital of WBEG.

By the evening of November 11th, Awadia had successfully gone through all the ten steps of demobilisation and decided to choose small business as her reintegration training.

The Dhol family has seven children, between 3 and 18 years of age. None of them goes to school. "If my tea shop succeeds, I will use the extra money for putting my children to school", she smiles.

Total demobilised in
South Sudan

10,190

Figure 3 December 2010

Coming Soon.....

A new brochure designed for former soldiers & Women Associated with Armed Forces (WAAF) entitled "From war hero to peace hero" is in the final stages of production and will be with the printers soon. It is 20 pages of information covering all areas of demobilisation & reintegration. Distribution will happen across South Sudan when it arrives.

HOTLINES for ex-combatants and WAAF available Mon-Fri 08:30-17:00

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NEWS UPDATE ...

Due to South Sudan Referendum Voter registration period having been extended DDR operations have been temporarily suspended in Torit (EE) and Wau (WBEG)



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DDR : yesterday, today and tomorrow

The Vice President of the Government of Southern Sudan H.E Dr. Riak Machar has advised people to support the DDR programme as it is an important tool step in achieving sustainable peace and development.

Dr. Machar said this at the opening of a two-day review conference organised by the Southern Sudan Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission, at the New Sudan Palace Hotel recently. The aim of the conference was to review and analyse the DDR programme, lessons learnt and the challenges ahead of the Referendum. The conference was attended by officials from the SPLA and other Government Ministries and Commissions, also UNDP & UNMIS.

H.E Dr. Riak Machar advised the Southern Sudan Disarmament Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission (SSDDRC) and its Implementing Partners to carefully manage the programme since it is very important for development and sustaining of the peace.

“During the Anyanya war only few forces were absorbed and others were left without any support, this grew into an army that later developed into a fighting force, the DDR programme if well managed will prevent a scenario like that from occurring” explained the Vice President H.E Riak Machar.

He also noted and appreciated the perfect timing of the review, he said it was important to analyse and find a common way forward on the DDR programme in post Referendum South Sudan.

According to Dr. Riak, regardless of whether the South Sudanese vote for unity or separation in the

upcoming Referendum, the DDR programme will still have to continue with its activities. “In case of unity, we will have to reduce on the current Sudan national armed forces from the three available armies, and if the vote is for separation, then the southern government will have to sustain the DDR in the south” said H.E Riak Machar.

Dr. Riak also said that before the DDR programme the government was compelled to maintain all the soldiers in the SPLA. This was very expensive and because of that the government was very eager to implement the DDR programme. “It took three years of planning and coming up with the modalities for conducting the programme”, revealed H.E Riak

The Deputy Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for South Sudan, Lise Grande informed the review conference that the United Nations will continue to support the government in implementing the DDR programme. She advocated for a community-based approach where the local population also have the opportunity to benefit from the programme. “There is need to change approach, a community approach through which all members benefit would be more practical” explained Lise Grande. She also said that the reintegration period should be longer; ex-combatants should remain in training and engage in work to allow for a better follow up.

She appreciated the perfect timing of the review saying that, “with the first phase behind us, this is the right time to review and make adjustments to the programme”.

The two-day conference discussed the success of DDR in South Sudan, sharing lessons learnt among the various partners involved in the implementation of the programme and set forth a way forward for a successful DDR programme in the future.