

## Wau restarts

Demobilisation activities have resumed in Wau, Western Bahr el Ghazal on the 23 February. 1,310 have been demobilised before the holiday break and the total caseload is 3,610. To date there have been 1310 counselled in WBeG State and 486 participants are currently now receiving civilian training numeracy and literacy and small business training from the UNDP implementing Partner IOM.

## Death of a colleague

From August last year Eunice Nyokabi was the DDR State Coordinator at the Torit Demobilisation site. After a short illness Nyokabi passed away from malaria in Nairobi on the 31 December 2010. Nyokabi has been laid to rest at the family farm in Ngecha, Kenya. A Special Tribute Leaflet is available from UNMIS DDR office.

## Candid camera

DDR PI photos available for viewing and downloading [www.google.com/profiles/ssdrpi](http://www.google.com/profiles/ssdrpi)

## SSDDRC website

so much more on DDR  
[www.ssddrc.org](http://www.ssddrc.org)

Total demobilised in  
South Sudan

11,434

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from South Sudan



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## SSDDRC Statement



As the DDR programme continues to evolve amidst the birth of a new nation of South Sudan, I take this opportunity on behalf of SSDDRC to announce the planned DDR activities during the forthcoming weeks:

- Western Bahr El-Ghazal will resume demobilisation activities for the remaining Phase 1 caseload of just over 2,000 ex-combatants
- Eastern Equatoria will suspend demobilisation but will launch reintegration training with GIZ for a caseload of around 1,000 ex-combatants.
- Other states where demobilisation has not yet started - Warrap, Jonglei, Unity and Upper Nile, will not enter yet the Demobilisation phase
- Security and other local realities allowing, reintegration training will continue in Central Equatoria, Lakes, WBEG and NBEG states

**William Deng Deng, Chairperson, SSDDR Commission**

## The value of PI

The Integrated DDR PI Taskforce is conducting baseline surveys with the aim of collecting data that will form a basis for a new PI strategy as well as to establish the level of accurate knowledge about the DDR programme in selected states within South Sudan.

The survey seeks answers to questions like; what do you know about the DDR programme? How did you get this information? What more do you want to know about DDR programme and questions related to way information is shared and the literacy levels of participants.

The survey will help reach different groups in the community with strategic DDR PI messages and help give a community perspective feedback to help the Ex-combatants. The exercise was conducted in Jonglei State and Rumbek (Lakes State) and plans are underway to conduct the same in Wau (Western Bahr el Ghazal) and Aweil (Northern Bahr el Ghazal) in the near future.



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## New Year, New Beginning



Proud to be a DDR participant



Torit DD team at work



Cpt Charles addresses Mangalla caseload



SSDDRC state coordinator Mary on duty

On 9 February the Torit team attended the 'introductory activities' organised by GIZ and the SSDDRC which was attended by officials and local authorities.

The event was held at the DDR/AA (Technical School) where 208 XCs (out of 500 enrolled in the GIZ programme) were briefed and assigned a teacher and a class. Of the participants, 155 were women and 23 XCs who were demobilised in Mangalla.



Ex-combatants in class

GIZ training activities are expected to resume on the 16th of February with classes focusing on agriculture, small business and vocational training.

## ...teaching a man to fish

On 3 February, the Joint UNDP/UNMIS team went to Vocational Training Centre (VTC) in Juba to conduct the monitoring and evaluation of the training provided to ex-combatants. At the VTC over 50 ex-combatants were trained by GIZ in vocational training, including construction, auto mechanics, carpentry and tailoring. After completing their course all participants are given a start-up kit – such as toolbox or sewing machine – to help them with their new employment. Some ex-combatants showed interest in learning other diverse topics instead of concentrating on just one



area, and also, that they wished that the training could be longer. A 30 year old WAAF and mother of 4, Helene used to make pancakes and sell them on the roadside to support her family. Now she is looking forward to getting into tailoring business. "I hope that with my new skills I can start working right away and with that money I will be able to pay my children's school tuition fees". But she also she realises the limitations: "After 3 months of tailoring course I'm able to do simple cut outs designs, but I need more time to learn how to sew more complex items". John is studying auto-mechanics, the 27 year old is a proxy for his ex-combatant father and he expressed similar sentiments: "I know a lot about engines now, but I also would like to know more about different car parts and other types of mechanisms".

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