

Employee of the Year



Chaplain Salah, 39, a watchman, was chosen as the Employee of the Year. He has been working at the Commission since 2006. As a present he received a stereo system and 1000 SDG. Family and friends were so excited for Salah that they threw an impromptu party for him, preceded by prayers, when he got back home. Chaplain will use the 1000 SDG to build a new tukul for his mother.



William Deng Deng, the SSDDRC Chairperson, emphasised that the qualities that make the employee of the year do not depend on rank, but what matters the most is person's commitment: "SSDDRC Employee of the Year can be anybody working for the Commission. SSDDRC strives to be non-hierarchical and so this award is not restricted to Senior Management positions, we chose someone who shows a good working attitude and he has contributed greatly to the organisation" When Chaplain started working for the Commission the security situation was dire, there were no fences and no protection against thugs, and he quite often had to sleep at the premises to protect property from being stolen.



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SSDDRC Programme retreat



SSDDRC and UNDP staff held a three day programme retreat at Juba Bridge Hotel. The event that was conducted from the 11-13 of May invited all UNDP and SSDDRC State Coordinators and all staff at the DDR Headquarters to convene to discuss a plethora of DDR programmatic issues.



As presented by the Director General of Programmes Mr. Jerome Barikue, the main objectives of the retreat were: to reflect on and establish a common understanding of the strategic direction of the South Sudan DDR programme up to 2013; to reflect on and establish a common understanding of the concepts of Community Based Reintegration and quality of Reintegration programmes in South Sudan. To review the progress of SSDDR programme for the January to March 2011 quarter and the plans for April-June 2011.

Presentations were made; ideas on how to make the DDR Programme better were shared while questions and answers about the programme were exchanged.

HIV/AIDS workshop

UNMIS and South Sudan DDR Commission conducted HIV&AIDS peer education training course for former soldiers from the 3 to the 10 May. The participants were introduced to the basic concepts, HIV&AIDS history, subtypes, stages and basic science of HIV&AIDS. The false preconceptions regarding the disease were challenged and examined in peer groups. As part of the course former soldiers were trained in communication skills and effective listening techniques.



Line ministries aligned



The new draft of the South Sudan DDR Concept was shared with Line Ministries during a one-day workshop at *Home & Away*, Juba. "We are not trying to just create jobs, we are trying to create skills for ex-combatants to help them to

survive in the community", said William Deng Deng. The involvement of all ministries is crucial for the success of the new DDR programme, as the SSDDRC Chairperson repeatedly pointed out. Issues such as civilian disarmament process and community security can be dealt by the Commissions and military alone.

Total Demobilised
in South Sudan

12,525

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