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DDR Reviews Its Operations In Southern Sudan

13 May 2011— (Juba)—The disarmament, demobilization and reintegration commission is reviewing its operations and mandate to conform to the new demands for the soon to be Republic of South Sudan.

Speaking to SRS on Friday, the Director General of operations at the DDR commission, Obwaha Claude Akasha said that the commission is coming up with new objectives for Southern Sudanese.

[Obwaha Akasha]: "There is disarmament that's targeting the civilians and that's done by the bureau of community security, and then there is disarmament that targets the organized forces, which in our case we are dealing with the SPLA. We started implementing this program on the 10th of June 2009 and we have basically covered the whole of these ten southern states, because, when we demobilized in Mangala, Mangala was the case-lot covering the whole of south Sudan. By implications, we are in all the states and we are doing significant job. What we are doing as of now is that the program is being redesigned to suit the needs of the new republic of south Sudan come 9th July."

Mister Akasha added that the commission organized a workshop in Juba to plan and establish the budget for the new mandate for the DDR commission in Southern Sudan.

He said that the commission will seek to make South Sudan a small arms and ammunition free country