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**WHAT** Launching of the Child Protection Unit (CPU) in the SPLA

**WHEN** Monday 30 August, 09:30am

**WHERE** SPLA General Headquarters, Bilpam, Juba

### **WHY**

The establishment of a Child Protection Unit (CPU) within the SPLA demonstrates the Government of Southern Sudan's (GoSS) and the SPLA's commitment to uphold children's rights and promoting the protection of children as a priority.

The Child Protection Unit will ensure that the rights of children are protected at all times and in all areas of military activities. In coordination with SSDDRC and UNICEF the unit will advocate for the release of children still in SPLA units, and ensure that recruitment and the use of children in the SPLA ceases. Moreover, the Child Protection Unit will establish binding guidelines on appropriate behaviour by military personnel when children are impacted by military operations.

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