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Project Proposal for Funding

Name of the Agent	Episcopal Church of South Sudan/Wau Diocese
Title of the Proposed Project:	Community Conflict Prevention and Responses in Twic (Dinka) and Mayom (Nuer) Counties
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Total Amount Requested:	US\$ 25035
Duration of implementation:	Four (4) months
Location of Implementation	Twic County
Target group	Directors from the Ministry of Youth Affairs, legislators, commissioners, Payam administrators, religious leaders, women leaders, youth leaders, and SPLA representatives.
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Summary

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and the Sudan, diocese of Wau kindly requests for your support to implement a four (4) months project on Community Conflict Prevention and Responses in Twic County targeting youth and decision makers. This county is one of the Counties in South Sudan that is affected most by the current political conflict between the President Salva Kiir and his former deputy Riek Machar. Twic County is occupied by the Dinka tribe and borders Unity state, predominantly occupied by the Nuer community from the East. The two tribes are fiercely engaged in a political conflict which involves their sons. It has an area of 122,479 km² and an estimated population of approximately 300,000 people.

Twic County is one of the most volatile counties in South Sudan with high rate of violence particularly now that the two bordering tribes are fighting each other as they take sides to support their two sons who are politically pulling from the opposite sides. The training component of this project intends to build the capacity and commitment of both communities and especially the youth groups, religious leaders, SPLM/A, local administrators and political institutions at County and community level to eradicate violence and to develop a framework and network for unity and peaceful co-existence. The Project will advocate for reconciliation, negotiation, peace building and development through community sensitization using; the trained community advocacy team, and radio talk show as well as playing jingles produced in both English, Dinka and Nuer languages throughout the project life time.

Background

One of the longest armed conflicts in Africa has involved South Sudan for 22 years. Started in 1983 and went on until 2011 when on 9th July, the country gained her independence. As a direct consequence of the long duration of the war and high degree of violence, norms and networks that once supported communal values and cohesion were virtually destroyed.

After 22 years of war, the declaration of independence of South Sudan on the 9th July 2011 represented a first fundamental turning point in the country's history as opportunity for millions of South Sudanese to create the basis to realize peace, security and development. At the same time, the more than 22 years of war left the County (and other parts of the country) heavily devastated in terms of social, physical and financial infrastructures. This left heavy and deep consequences on the basic fabric of the society that safeguarded traditional and contemporary governance systems which guaranteed peace.

All these devastating effects connected with the period of civil war have to be in the framework of the process of post-conflict reconstruction. One key issue identified by various development partners as a potential setback in the reconstruction process is tribal violence. While the war has created a culture of violence, combined with other traditional beliefs, local communities became the major victims.

Problem Statement

As a country emerging from prolonged civil war, Twic and Mayom Counties are facing a lot of challenges as far as issues of peaceful coexistence are concerned. One of the challenges that have potential to slow down the gains so far achieved is tribal violence.

Although all South Sudan became independent on the 9th of July 2011, the issue of tribal violence has not been addressed well, especially between neighboring communities; there is therefore need for an increased effort to reverse this practice.

Increased analysis and knowledge has highlighted the poor relationship that exists amongst the neighboring communities in the region as the root cause of violence that pits the two tribes. This has led to the broadening of the approach to focus on the idle youth as the key factor behind most violence on the two communities.

While the government and the rebel group continues to hold peace talks in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia under the leadership of IGAD, Africa Union, a multi-level and integrated approach to tackling the complex issues need to be applied by NGOs and other organizations so as to hasten the process of peace building.

Justification

The current political violence in South Sudan has a direct effect on the general population as over one million people are estimated to have been displaced from their homes while another 10,000 is said to have been killed. The intervention of the effects of such violence imposes additional demands on NGOs and other organizations working in South Sudan and thus represents a hidden and costly burden. Furthermore it jeopardizes the lives, bodies and psychological integrity of many youths.

Project Goal

The Goal is to create youth safe environments in Twic (Dinka) and Mayom (Nuer) Counties

Objectives

1. To hold a five (5) day workshop in Ajak kuac Payam at the border of Warrap and Unity States to build the capacity of youth leaders, senior ministry officials, community leaders, traditional courts representatives, chiefs and law enforcement personnel on community conflict prevention and responses.
2. To increase community awareness on community conflict prevention and responses, with a holistic perspective that includes reconciliation, mediation, negotiation and peace building, by forming a multi-sector advocacy network at the two counties level.

Implementation Methodology

- Devolution of all major activities into Payam level to accelerate the community peace programs.
- Training of community members using the ToTs to create a mushrooming effect for a long term outreach campaign.
- Development and translation of multimedia materials into local dialects to reach more people.
- Production of articles in print and electronic media to heighten debate on conflict prevention and responses and peaceful communities.
- Work with the youth leaders, SPLM/A, opposition groups, churches, County governments and Payam administration officers and other law enforcement agencies at community level to fight community based violence.

First, the Episcopal Church of South Sudan/ Sudan, diocese of Wau will conduct 5 days of training for 30 Trainer of Trainers on conflict prevention and responses with participants from all the youth groups in Twic (Dinka) and **Mayom (Nuer)** Counties.

Secondly, formation of advocacy group “Twic (Dinka) and **Mayom** (Dinka) Counties community conflict prevention and responses network” comprising of all the youth representatives, volunteers, women representatives, Community leaders, religious leaders, Courts representatives, and County Commissioners, SPLA representatives.

We aim at building their capacity and strengthening their commitment in addressing issues affecting the neighboring communities at State level i.e. to eradicate violence and to develop framework and network for peaceful coexistence. This will involve building skills, tools and concepts, and using them for reflection, analysis, planning and application.

Advocacy is a critical tool that we will use to lift the secrecy and denial that often shroud the problem of violence; these efforts will therefore be focused on integrating youth activities, human rights (particularly youth’s rights) and comprehensive peaceful coexistence. As part of our advocacy initiative, The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan Diocese of Wau will produce, and widely distribute; fliers, booklets and banners with different messages on violence in the two neighboring communities: targeting the support of the elders and other custodians of community ethics at the beginning of the campaign. We will also use songs, skits and radio talk show and Jingles programs to build the capacity of multi-sector groups in Twic (Dinka) and **Mayom (Nuer)** Counties on community conflict prevention and responses.

Action Plan

***Objective 1:** To build the capacities of thirty (30) Trainers of Trainer on community conflict Prevention and Responses in Twic (Dinka) and **Mayom (Nuer)** counties level who will train in turn the general community.*

Activities

- Training of ToTs on community conflict prevention and responses who will in turn train other community members using the training cascade to create a mushrooming effect for a long term outreach campaign.
- Develop a 3 year strategic plan for Twic County on community conflict prevention and responses.
- Building of relationship with the police and other government agencies.
- Empower communities into taking action against community conflict by reporting cases of violence to the police and other legal authorities.

- Engage the participants in developing a community based community conflict prevention and responses campaign work plan for Twic (Dinka) and **Mayom (Nuer)** Counties.

Expected Results

- Trained 30 ToTs (trainers of trainers) on community conflict prevention and responses who will facilitate and train in formal and informal community outreach activities.
- Developed a 5 year strategic plan for Twic (Dinka) and **Mayom (Nuer)** Counties on community conflict prevention and responses.
- Built relationship with the police and other government agencies.
- Empower communities into taking action against community conflict by reporting cases of violence to the police and other legal authorities.
- Participants develop Twic (Dinka) and Mayom (Nuer) Counties community conflict prevention and responses campaign work plan.

***Objective 2:** To form multi-sector PEACE advocacy network at the County level.*

Activities

- Initiate inter youth dialogue forums across the Counties where men and women/girls talk openly about community conflict prevention and responses.
- Distribute information, education and communication materials on the role of men in combating community conflict prevention and responses.
- Lobby government on implementation of International human rights law with emphasis to protection of women and girls.
- Dissemination of articles in print and electronic media to heighten debate on youth based violence and community conflict prevention and responses.
- Work with the State, County and Payam administration officers and other law enforcement agencies at community level to fight youth based violence.
- Peaceful demonstration in Twic town in support of community conflict prevention and responses.

- Conduct a weekly radio talk show on community conflict prevention and responses for a period of sixteen weeks.
- Increase public awareness about the role of men and women/girls in combating community conflict prevention and responses.
- Produce community conflict prevention and responses jingles that will be aired for a period of eight weeks.
- Production and distribution of 100 t-shirts and 100caps with slogans on community conflict prevention and responses.
- Develop and present 20 skits, songs, and plays in local vernacular language.
- Generation and production of biweekly and monthly reports to be sent it to donors, Twic (Dinka) and **Mayom (Nuer)** Counties data, and to other stakeholders.

Expected output

- Increased public awareness about the role of the youth in combating community conflict.
- Initiated inter youth dialogue forums in the neighboring Counties across and talk openly about community conflict prevention and responses.
- Distributed information, education and communication materials on the role of men in combating community conflict.
- Increased public awareness about the role of the youth in combating community conflict.
- 100 T-shirts and caps with different slogans on community conflict prevention and responses prevention and response printed and distributed.
- Report on the advocacy prepared and submitted to the funding agency.
- Weekly radio talk shows conducted on community conflict prevention and responses.
- Jingles on community conflict prevention and responses produced and played for a period of eight weeks.
- 20 skits, songs and plays are prepared and presented.

- Standard project progress and results report written and submitted to donors, Twic (Dinka) and **Mayom (Nuer)** Counties and other partners. Show samples of IEC materials to donor.

Indicators

- Number of people convinced that there is need for action against community conflict and have joined the network.
- Request for multimedia materials by different communities.
- Responses from radio interviews and call in sessions.
- Participation by members of the community in the outreach campaigns.
- Number of local networks created.
- Feedback and reports on youth related activities taking place in the communities organized by Twic (Dinka) and **Mayom (Nuer)** Counties members.
- Number of follow up activities initiated at the community level in partnership with the existing structures such as youth groups, religious leaders, Chiefs, Chiefs public meetings and churches.

Intended Beneficiaries

This project will directly benefit 10,000 youth. Approximately 300,000 indirect beneficiaries are the general communities of Twic (Dinka) and neighbouring **Mayom (Nuer) Counties**.

Duration and Timing

The five day workshop is expected to be held any time when funds are made available. Between April and May The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan, Diocese of Wau will be mobilizing and sending out invitations as well as receiving confirmations.

Project Reviews, Evaluation and Reporting:

Reviews: Once the proposal is approved, regular and routine reviews will be built into the project structure by the Program manager with the entire project team. The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan will consult widely and report to the partner whenever there is need to change any program components.

Monitoring & Evaluation: Participants will be given opportunity to monitor and evaluate the workshop and the facilitators will conduct an output evaluation at the end of the training to ascertain the level of understanding on youth issues. The project partner can undertake a monitoring & evaluation of the workshop, preferably by attending and participating in the workshop or by visiting and interviewing participants at any time of project time frame.

The outcome evaluation will be as per the project log frame mutually agreed upon and the fulfillment of project objectives implementation in comparison with verifiable identified indicators and the means of verification will be as developed in the log frame. Program managers to produce a results-based progress report to relevant stakeholders, donors and state administration.

Reporting:

Reporting to the project partner will be on a mutually agreed format (Program Managers Report) and will be done each month and two weeks after the completion of the project. Comprehensive financial statements will be included.

Sustainability:

ToTs will remain in the communities and provide further training of the general population.

This will require commitment and follow-up to ensure its successfulness. The increased levels of awareness and empowerment of the local communities will lead to the project's sustainability. Based on the existing experience of the County in various community based programs, it is felt that a period of 3 years would be sufficient to enable the local community to play meaningful roles in promoting youth balance in various levels. Final narrative report will also include recommendations for a further cooperation.

