

Security and Rule of Law

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Result area 1 - Human Security Security and Rule of law

RESULTS

Since the outbreak of South Sudan's civil war in December 15, 2013 an estimated 50,000-100,000 people have been killed, with 1.5 million internally displaced as result of ongoing violence. The political and ethnic fault lines which underpin the conflict have led to recurrent abuses of civilian populations. Many are frequently exposed to harassment, abductions, forced recruitment, extrajudicial killings and rape as well as the confiscation and destruction of property. The longevity of current hostilities, uncertainty and failure of state mandated institutions to protect civilians has forced difficult choices on an already strained and traumatised population.

One of the funded activities targeted both IDP and host communities in the states of Unity, Upper Nile, Central Equatoria, Lakes and Northern Bahr el Ghazal. The revitalized Agreement for the Resolution of Conflict in South Sudan (R-ARCSS), signed on 12 September 2018 in Addis Ababa, provided confidence and optimism for a possible lasting peace, stability and development in South Sudan.

Another activity helped building capacities and mechanisms of rule of law institutions and increased the demand for access to justice at community level through rights based interventions. The project is aligned with the Rule of Law pillar in the South Sudan Vision 2040: promoting supremacy of the rule of law and separation of powers, recognition of human rights and fundamental freedoms, justice and equality for all, and promoting accountability and transparency in governance. The project has three key outputs: Functions and capacity of rule of law institutions are enabled to deliver accountable, effective and equitable justice services; measures are in place and implemented in the rule of law sector to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence; human rights and transitional justice mechanisms are strengthened to monitor and respond to promotion and protection of citizens' rights. This project contributed to 1,304 protective patrols that have been carried out across 5 locations; 36,932 beneficiaries were reached through awareness raising activities linked to Gender Based Violence (GBV) aiming at behavioral change; 26 Women Protection Teams with over 1000 members in total were actively involved in the project; 520 beneficiaries were assisted through accompaniment and referrals to post-incident support services; 2,637 men and boys and 4,841 women and girls were trained in GBV prevention and response and self-protection.

INDICATORS

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
SP_% of beneficiaries who report having received positive service provision by formal and informal	NA	70	79	28319
SP_Old Resultsframework_No. and % of beneficiaries who report a reduction in violent incidents in	NA	74	77	28319
SP_Old Resultsframework_No. and % of beneficiaries who report having received positive service	NA	62	78	28939

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 1

Assess achieved results compared to planning:	C. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	One of the interventions facilitated activities that focus on awareness raising, direct protection, capacity building of community based protection mechanisms, as well as coordination and advocacy on local and national levels. Despite rampant abuse of women's rights and GBV in South Sudan, results were achieved. 79% of the beneficiaries reported that law enforcement and judicial services are providing effective/fair treatment to GBV survivors. 77% of victims of GBV reported a reduction of violence and GBV in project sites. Another intervention reported that formal and informal authorities relationship with communities in providing service provision has improved in 2018. The same project also achieved the planned target of 14 community security assessments across 14 project locations. This assessment covered community security, conflict and peace concerns needs and aspirations to achieve a more resilient environment. Even hard to reach communities in rural areas were involved. In total 28 community peace dialogues and 27 awareness raising campaigns contributed to peaceful co-existence. The relationship between communities and authorities improved and local authorities demonstrated increased willingness to respond to community-identified security needs and priorities.
Implications for planning.	Both projects were concluded in December 2019. The intention is to continue working in this sector, depending on the allocation of funds.

Result area 2 - Rule of Law Security and Rule of law

RESULTS

The access to justice has increased through legal aid provisions as legal advice, legal consultations and legal representations before courts to 3,971 people (44.37 percent female). Working through Justice and Confidence Centres (JCCs), legal awareness, grassroots level community outreach and dissemination of tailored legal information, an increased uptake of legal services by citizens took place. Bills were drafted, amongst others the Legal Aid Bill. 1,118 survivors of sexual and gender-based violence received counselling, trauma and psychosocial support. The project promoted a community-based inclusive and participatory approach to the Transitional Justice process, reaching 7,446 citizens (48 percent female) with TJ awareness raising activities. 12 Mobile courts were deployed to reduce the backlog of cases in various areas in South Sudan. The courts decided on 273 cases out of 543 backlogged cases. The establishment of a national task force on case management an building its capacity, has enabled the recording of 5,222 cases, disposal of 918 cases including 50 of arbitrary detention.

INDICATORS

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
ST_2.1.1 a) Number of beneficiaries (f/m) with access to justice (separate out: no. of women who present cases of sexual violence or domestic abuse)	N/A	2000	3971	400000763
ST_2.3.1 b) Number of people (f/m) reached through justice awareness campaigns	N/A	300	7446	400000763

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 2

Assess achieved results compared to planning:	C. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	The peace agreement signed in 2018 (revitalized agreement on the resolution of the conflict in South Sudan) has been crucial in providing the momentum to achieve results. The agreement has kept a relative peace in many parts of the country. Access to justice has increased through legal aid provisions like legal advice, legal consultations and legal representations before courts to 3,971 people (44% to female clients). Justice and Confidence Centres (JCCs) showed an increase uptake of legal services by citizens through increased legal awareness, grassroots level community outreach and dissemination of tailored legal information.
Implications for planning.	The present program will conclude March 31, 2020. An evaluation of the program took place in the fourth quarter of 2019, resulting in key findings, to be regarded in the follow up of the present phase of the program.

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