



Community meeting in Kangi Payam - Jur River County

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & PARTICIPATION REPORT

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Preamble

Successful implementation of a community engagement activity demands thorough and layered engagement with stakeholders at all levels. The planned community resilience mapping exercise in Jur River County faced many challenges such as lack of trust between different communities, security challenges due to the presence of various factions and government security apparatus, and absence of confidence in foreign organizations.

The Policy LINK team adhered to its stakeholder engagement strategy to mitigate these risks and challenges through defined community entry points and methodical and layered engagement with the key actors. This strategy set the platform for building trust between Policy LINK and the county government institutions, traditional authorities, civil society, and the private sector. The end goal of the engagement strategy was to promote and enable a culture of transparency, accountability, and joint action planning.

In compliance with Policy LINK’s commitment to work with the four corners of the community, including Traditional Leaders, Local Government, Civil Society and Private Sector, the team met with Payam Administrators, security officers, traditional authorities, the private sector, and women and youth representatives. In total, Policy LINK engaged with 54 people, among whom were seven women, representing a large, under-represented women’s group.

LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS		
Payam	Male	Female	Total
Kangi	18	2	20
Kuajiena	6	1	7
Marial Bai	5	0	5
Rocrocdong	5	1	6
Udici	4	1	5
Wau Bai	9	2	11
All Payams	47	7	54

Summary Table of Participants

State-Level Stakeholder Engagement

Upon arrival in the state, the Policy LINK team first met with the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) State Coordinator and briefed him on Policy LINK's planned activities in Jur River County. They also briefed him on the initial engagements with the NBS in Juba that culminated in the production of enumeration areas and maps for the Enumeration Area (EA) maps in Jur River County, an approach that was appreciated by the State Coordinator.

He also appreciated that theirs was the first stop for Policy LINK prior to engaging other state and county stakeholders. This is because the NBS usually assigns an office representative to accompany field teams as they engage stakeholders and collect data. The State Coordinator also shared a letter from the Governor for Policy LINK's use.

Other engagements with state-level stakeholders included meetings with the Deputy Chair of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), Director of Public Service, and Honorable Commissioner for Jur River County, who is currently working from Wau. The meetings aimed to socialize them with Policy LINK activities in Jur River County and get their support and facilitation as appropriate. As a result of these engagements, Policy LINK got prompt approval to advertise for the recruitment of enumerators and mobilizers from the Public Service Office.

Payam Level Stakeholder Engagement

Introduction of Policy LINK in Jur River County

From August 13 – 18, 2021 the Policy LINK team visited the six payams of Jur River County to meet with payam-level stakeholders. These payams include Kangi, Udici, Wau Bai, Marial Bai, Rocrocdong, and Kuajiena.

The purpose of the meetings was to introduce Policy LINK and brief the different stakeholders of Policy LINK activities that will be held between August and December 2021. In these meetings, the Policy LINK team was accompanied by the NBS representative and two locally recruited Dinka and Luo translators.

The team held meetings in each payam with strategic stakeholders comprising the Payam Administrator, Executive Director, chief, and women and youth representatives. In Kuajiena, the security/military intelligence representative was included in the meeting at the request of the Payam Administrator.

Discussions focused on Policy LINK's community engagement and the specific objectives of the Jur River activities – household and institutional surveys, and the focus group discussions (FGDs). During the meetings, the team answered several community queries, which included questions on the surveys' objectives and recruitment processes. The team also informed the stakeholders of the proposed Enumeration Areas produced by the NBS and inquired about accessibility and security issues in each payam.

Feedback on the activity and the process

All in all, Policy LINK received positive feedback from the stakeholders in six payams on its collaboration and coordination of activities. The following statements speak volumes about the process:

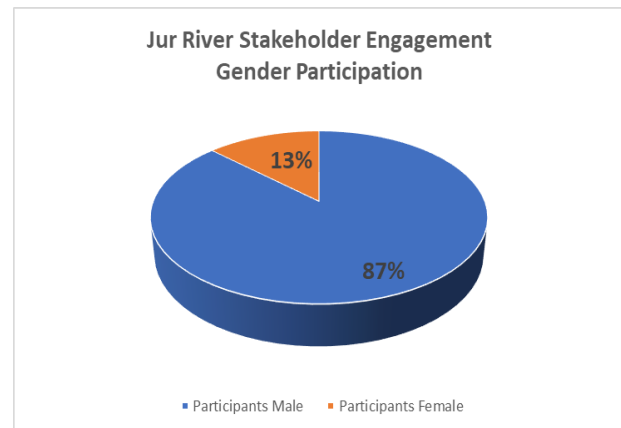
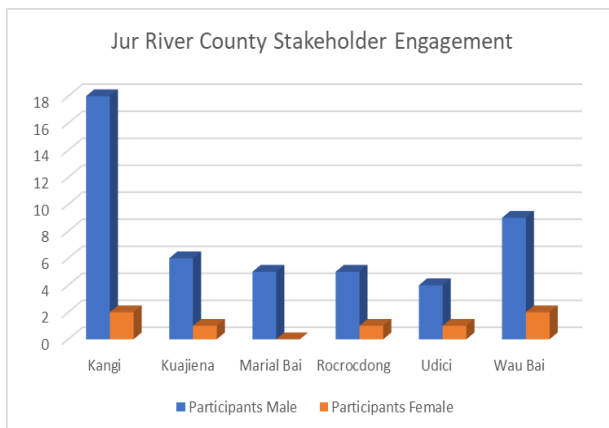
Udici Payam

Payam Administrator: *“This will reduce the youth complaints and build confidence with the locals.”*

Kuajiena Payam

Payam Administrator: *“Your decision to come and meet with us before you start your activity has opened the door for you to proceed without any problem.”*

Snapshot of stakeholder engagement



Strategic Outcome

The short-term results of Policy LINK’s engagement activities can be summarized as follows:

- Approval obtained from the State Governor.
- Security organs fully sensitized/up to speed on Policy LINK’s activities.
- Support from the NBS resulted in Policy LINK advancing the cooperation and coordination levels with local authorities and the community stakeholders, which laid the foundation for planned community resilience mapping
- Policy LINK activities approved by the County Commissioner, and team introduction made to all the six Payam Administrators within the county.

Challenges encountered

Overall, the team did not face any significant impediments during the state- and payam-level stakeholder engagements. However, there were some delays in obtaining the Governor's approval to enable Policy LINK to commence with stakeholder engagements. Governor's consent kicks off the activities. This delay resulted in the Public Service Office withholding the endorsement of the job advert, as they required notice of the Governor's consent for Policy LINK to conduct its activities in the state. After two days, Policy LINK received the endorsement from the Governor's office through NBS, which paved the way for the start of the activities.

Below is the list of the people Policy LINK reached during the stakeholder engagement.

S/N	Name	Gender	Payam	Institution	Contact
1	Joseph Manok	M	Marial Bai	Payam Administration (Government)	0926318885
2	Longar Makuac	M	Marial Bai	Traditional Authority	0000000000
3	James Mawien	M	Marial Bai	Relief and Rehabilitation Commission	0921727596
4	Athony Manok	M	Marial Bai	Traditional Authority	0929180999
5	Justin Makuac	M	Marial Bai	State Assembly (Government)	0911210125
6	Mary Abur Madut	F	Rocrocdong	Women Representative (CSO)	
7	Angelo Akol Angui	M	Rocrocdong	Youth Representative (CSO)	
8	Daniel Ubuong Chol	M	Rocrocdong	Traditional Authority	
9	James Angui Deng	M	Rocrocdong	Traditional Authority	0928714463
10	John Garang Longar	M	Rocrocdong	Payam Administration (Government)	0921733819
11	William Wol Uchalla	M	Rocrocdong	Boma Administration (Government)	0928468291
12	John Garang Ukello	M	Kangi	Traditional Authority	0928760539
13	Alberto Awac Atugo	M	Kangi	Payam Administration (government)	0923123747
14	Mary Mathew Ukot	F	Kangi	Women Representative (CSO)	
15	Uyu Atugo Awayi	M	Kangi	Youth Representative	
16	Akol Simon Ujieth	M	Kangi	Department of Education (GOV)	0928589867
17	Udera Uyu Chol	M	Kangi	Farmers Group (private sector)	0923425444
18	James Uraya Malueth	M	Kangi	Kangi Youth Association (CSO)	0921194851
19	Rose Aguak Achor	F	Kangi	Women Association (CSO)	
20	Santino Manut Pinyi	M	Kangi	Youth Association (CSO)	
21	James Dimo Lual	M	Kangi	Farmers Group (private sector)	0922759751
22	John Uchu Akuar	M	Kangi	Youth Association (CSO)	0922889924
23	Philip Khamis Mawien	M	Kangi	Youth Association (CSO)	0920688551
24	George Madut Uagom	M	Kangi	Department of Education (GOV)	0922299841
25	Ubuor Uyu Ubuor	M	Kangi	Chamber of Commerce (private sector)	
26	Moris Abal Bol	M	Kangi	Youth Association (CSO)	0924559193
27	Malong Ukello Udom	M	Kangi	Farmers Group (private Sector)	

28	Angelo Ukuol Chol	M	Kangi	Department of Education (Head teacher)	0926168669
29	Piol Chol Makuei	M	Kangi	Youth Association (CSO)	
30	Sabit Ukel Bol	M	Kangi	Youth Association (CSO)	
31	James Atak Atugo	M	Kangi	Youth Association	0923930318
32	Philip Julo	M	Udici	Payam Administration (Gov)	0924329543
33	Joseph Garang Ngang	M	Udici	Traditional Authority	
34	Joseph Guai Uguak	M	Udici	Relief and Rehabilitation Commission	0924946935
35	Kasamala Magago Awek	F	Udici	Women Group (CSO)	
36	Michael Unguec Jenerio	M	Udici	Youth Association (CSO)	
37	Essa Marko ujumo	M	Kuajiena	Payam Administration (Gov)	0920029550
38	Akeen Uchalla Akeen	M	Kuajiena	Traditional Administration (Gov)	0924769998
39	Dut Ajang Majok	M	Kuajiena	Relief and Rehabilitation Commission	0929439984
40	Peter Madut Bol	M	Kuajiena	Youth Association (CSO)	0927771712
41	Asunta Alima Aleu	F	Kuajiena	Women Union (CSO)	0923259881
42	William Ajook Samuel	M	Kuajiena	Police Department (Security)	0924252890
43	Gedeon Wol	M	Kuajiena	Police Department (Security)	0928931246
44	David Deng Kuot	M	Wau Bai	Traditional Authority	0923975591
45	Lino Bol Dhiel	M	Wau Bai	Payam Administration (Gov)	0926030728
46	Angelo Kuac Alwu	M	Wau Bai	Youth Association (CSO)	0925151598
47	Lino Dhiel Mayuok	M	Wau Bai	Relief and Rehabilitation Commission	0926108300
48	Mary Mat Tong	F	Wau Bai	Women Group (CSO)	0922635128
49	Peter Manut Dhiel	M	Wau Bai	Elder (Traditional Authority)	0928445991
50	Chol Thiep Mading	M	Wau Bai	Traditional Authority	
51	Dhiel Thiep Dheil	M	Wau Bai	Traditional Authority	
52	Martha Achiek	F	Wau Bai	Community member	
53	Gar Akec Akol	M	Wau Bai	Traditional Authority	
54	Barnado Chiman	M	Wau Bai	Chamber of Commerce (Private Sector)	0925702277