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Introduction

The consultation meetings are the last activity in the Milestone 3. The meetings come after several steps that started from the institutional mapping exercise, town hall meetings, and the Annual Learning Forum. They aimed at collecting information from the four corners of the community regarding the upcoming formation of the Inclusive Champion Groups (ICGs). It is worth noting that the ICG was once unsuccessfully formed in Aweil during the partition to three states.

This activity, therefore, aimed at either forming the new one or reconstituting the old one based on what would be suggested by the participants during the consultation meetings.

The consultation meetings were conducted in Aweil Center County payams, Barmayen Aroyo, Chel South, Omora, and Aweil Town. The meetings targeted representatives from the four corners from these locations. For this activity, the Aweil Civic Engagement Center (ACEC) staff divided themselves into two teams and consulted **88 people (62 males, 26 females)** who included traditional leaders, local government, civil society organizations (CSOs), faith-based groups, women, youth, and private sector.

Achievements

- The activity was another dissemination of the Partnership for Recovery and Resilience (PfRR) concept.
- Warm hospitality and appreciative spirit shown by participants to facilitation teams.
- Different categories of the community were covered in the consultation process.
- Good cooperation from the participants.
- Provision of logistics to facilitate the consultation meetings.
- Commitment of ACEC in carrying out the activities.
- All categories contacted expressed their satisfaction with the activity.

Challenges

- High expectations that they may get some transport refund and refreshments.
- Many were busy in their farms, leading to the late start of some meetings.
- Abrupt visit by roads construction company to the county interrupted and delayed the meeting for two hours.
- Some locations had noisy surroundings, and this impacted the recording.
- Lack of recording devices when a call interrupted the recording of the meeting with pastoralists.
- Absence of good roads contributed to the escalation of prices in the market.
- Government to maintain security along the border between Sudan and Northern Bhar el Ghazal State.
- Difficulties of getting the meaning of ICG by local communities.
- Time factor and abrupt government calendar hindered the meeting with government officials.
- Inadequacy of time allocated for community mobilizations.

Successes

- The meetings were conducted in the offices of the local people.
- Participants were served with tea.
- Participants expressed the fact that they had heard the radio talk show program and were pleased to hear the great ideas of PfRR.

Recommendations

- Provision of recording and photo taking devices.
- Considering the refreshments for participants.
- Women expressed their little understanding of English and recommended that all discussions should be in Dinka if there is no interpretation of English.
- Skills training should be carried out to empower the people instead of giving them ready food.

Annex I



Figure 1: Aroyo chiefs during the consultation meeting



Figure 2: Meeting with women and youth in Traditional Courts in Aroyo Authority Office



Figure 3: CSOs members in the consultations on 25th June 2021

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