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Message from the Executive Director



The year 2017 beheld a shift in dynamics in the politics of South Sudan. Amidst the killings, lootings and displacement of the civil population particularly in the Equatoria region, a number of significant events such as the National Dialogue and the process for the revitalization of the ARCSS 2015 were taking shape.

The country was bleeding and the sheer look into people's eyes reflects fears of uncertainty of the situation. Some of our projects were put to hold as some donors fear the situation might escalate. However, as an advocacy-based organization, the best we are known for is the use of our voice to mobilize well-wishers to action. We continued engaging despite the challenges as this gives hope for the women when they see us and hear our voice.

There was an urgent need to convene a meeting of South Sudanese women in the East Africa region to come up with a clear and realistic strategy that articulates the interests of women in the peace process for a sustainable peace. We can never get tired and cannot give up trying. We reached out and made the call, women responded, partners gave support. We are glad we made the bold move. The South Sudan Women's Coalition was born, we were invited as delegates and technical team to the High-Level Revitalization Process. We were not leaving anything to chance, we must push and break barriers. We must engage and peace is a must - as an end result.

We have taken baby steps and much more yet to come, we shall stand to weather the storm together with partners and well-wishers. The journey is long, but eventually we shall reach our destination. A peaceful and an inclusive South Sudan. Enjoy the read and support us in our plights.

May Peace prevail in our beautiful country.

Rita M. Lopidia
Cofounder and Executive Director

Key Achievements 2017

Women's Participation in Peace Processes

More than 1000 women came out in silent march in Juba to protest the ongoing conflict and the continuous sexual violence

Women's position paper on the promotion of durable peace and reconciliation in South Sudan issued

Women's Action and advocacy plan to engage in the High-Level Revitalization Forum (HLRF) developed

The South Sudan Women's Coalition for Peace formed

Members from the Coalition invited as full delegates to the revitalization forum

Protection from Sexual and Gender Based Violence

More than 10,000 citizens reached with radio talk shows and jingles on SGBV

More than 100 Youth (women and men) in Torit and Yambio trained as ambassadors against GBV

3 Community Peer Support taskforces on GBV formed in Jubek State

2017 in Review



Peacebuilding and Protection of Women in South Sudan

With the raging conflict and the continuous killings, displacement of women and children and the violations of women's rights, the focus of Eve in 2017 was more on advocacy for the protection and participation of women under the framework of the UNSCR 1325.

The return to conflict in July 2016 had an adverse impact in the lives of women, girls and children. This period has been characterized by extremely brutal massive atrocities and sexual violence committed with impunity. It has also witnessed the displacement of more than a million to the neighboring countries.

Using its mandate, Eve Organization engaged with a number of stakeholders including government, regional and global bodies to amplify the need to end the killings and return to dialogue, ensure protection of women and their participation in peacebuilding.

Women's Participation in Peace Processes

With the ongoing Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) consultations with different stakeholders in South Sudan and the region, Eve Organization and its partners took the initiative to gather women's activists to front advocacy such that the belligerent parties revert to dialogue and ensure the inclusion of women. These included the following actions taken.

Roundtable discussion with government officials on Women, Peace and Security in Juba, Torit and Yambio

Participants to the round table included policy makers, youth, women organizations, civil society organizations, the ministry of gender, the military, police and parliamentarians to discuss the challenges facing women and the needs and aspirations of women in light of the UNSCR 1325 SSNAP. The objective was to promote dialogue between citizens and government authorities. Representative of the youth, women and government gave updates on women participation in leadership and decision making, women's rights issues, including efforts to encourage more women to join politics.

Workshop with women's activists in Entebbe – Uganda

This brought more than 50 participants from 40 different women organizations, faith-based groups, youth and academia from South Sudan, Kenya, Egypt and Uganda (Kampala, Bidi-bidi and Rhino Refugee camps). It took a form of presentations, plenary discussions and group works. An important outcome of the meeting was that women were about to build confidence and some level of trust among themselves to build more partnership and cooperation to front the challenges that face women in South Sudan. Women agreed to form a loose coalition of different women organizations that will cooperate and work together to achieve sustainable peace in South Sudan – led to the birth of the South Sudan Women's coalition.

Women Strategic framework for Peace Convening - Entebbe – Uganda

The event generated a concrete roadmap, priority actions and opportunities for mobilizing means of implementation for consideration by partners. In addition, the event highlighted other ongoing processes and initiatives that are relevant for advancing women participation such as the implementation of the UNSCR 1325 SSNAP and the National Dialogue among other initiatives. In doing so, the event strengthened women engagement with the HLRF as well as foster stronger partnership among the different women organizations and groups both within South Sudan and the region. Existing gaps and challenges to effective participation of women in peace building and nation building were discussed and immediate advocacy priorities were put in place.

Silent March in protest of the ongoing conflict and conflict related sexual violence – Juba

EVE Organization co-hosted and coordinated a silent march during the 2017 sixteen days of activism. It took place on the 9th November 2017. This activity was in partnership with South Sudan Women Coalition however the event was Spearheaded Eve Organization. More than 1000 women from all walks of life joined the march in Juba. Men and youth kept on joining the women as they marched to the final destination at the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan where speeches were given. Among the delegates were members of parliament from the national assembly and state assemblies. The state minister of gender, child and social welfare was the official guest of honor for the day.

Protection of Women from Sexual and Gender Based Violence

Protection of women and girls in an active conflict poses a huge challenge in South Sudan. As insecurity in the country soars, women and girls continuously become vulnerable and fall victims in the arms of gunmen. There was need to get communities to come up with safety nets on how to protect themselves against the lawlessness as we continue to advocate for the protection of women and girls.

Joint workshop for communities in Jubek State on SGBV

50 participants from the different counties of Jubek state were brought together to deliberate on the issues of SGBV in their communities and to come up with actions in addressing SGBV in their respective communities. Discussions centered around issues of insecurity, how can the community work together to address GBV related cases, what women can do together to support themselves and their children.

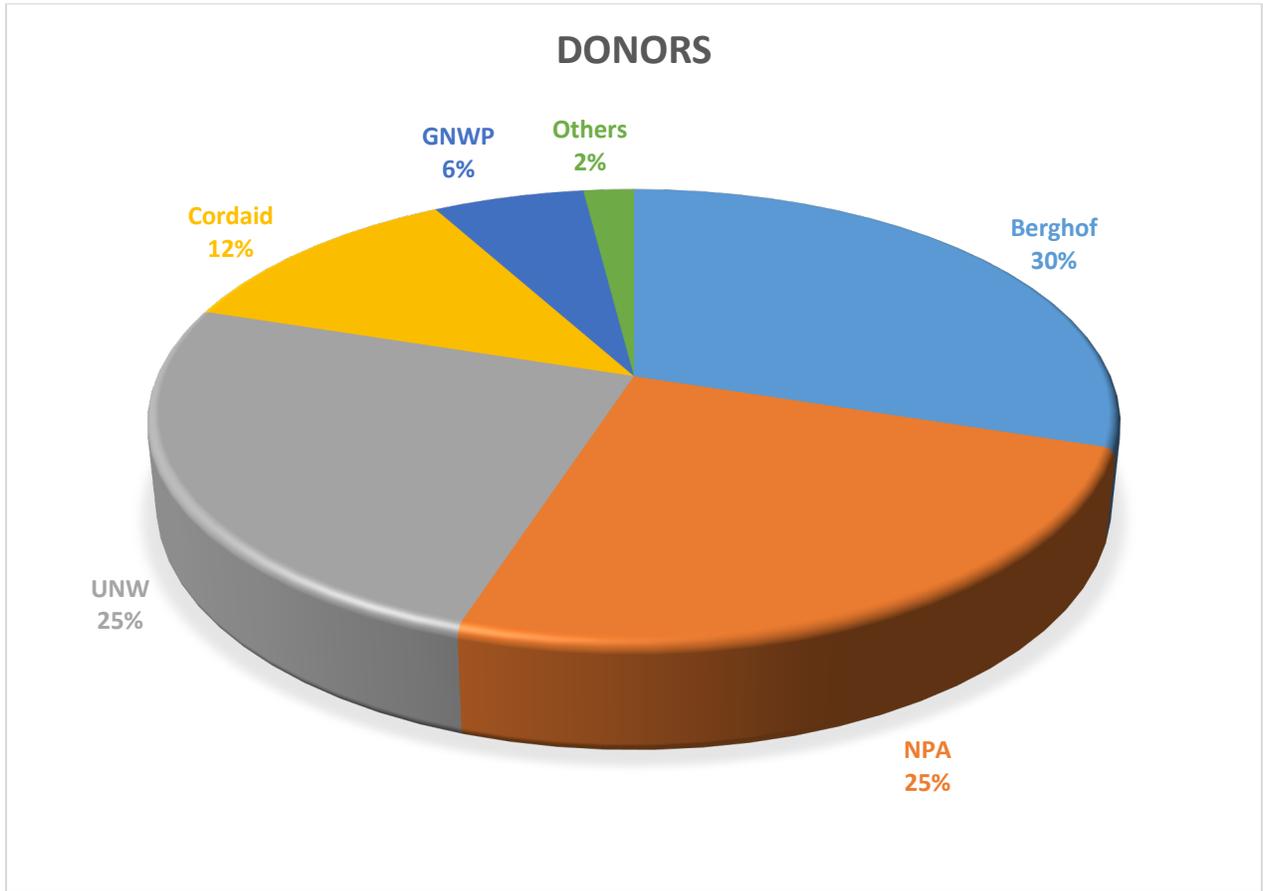
Formation of Community Peer Support Taskforces for GBV

Three community peer support taskforces were formed. Functions and duties were suggested and the payams /quarter councils allocated meeting spaces for the taskforces to meet. Each taskforce was formed of 10 members with 50/50 gender representation. Taskforces agreed to meet on a monthly basis.

Joint advocacy workshop for the Community Peer Support Taskforces

The purpose of the workshop was to advocate and engage local authorities including police and local government in preventing issues of Sexual and Gender Based Violence. The program also included highlighting the community about referral pathways for sexual Gender Based Violence survivors, the available services for GBV survivors in the communities. Participants were taken

Finances



Key Partners

Eve Organization enjoyed the generous support of the Berghof Foundation, the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, Cordaid, The Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) and UN Women



Eve's Mission

We strive to improve the quality of life of South Sudanese women and girls through processes and interventions that help them realize their full potential and effect positive changes and values in the communities through

- Enhancing and developing capacities of young women leaders to effectively participation
- in decision making and nation building processes
- Promoting cultural and socio - economic abilities of women to enable them to
- Contribute towards the development of South Sudan
- Promoting the rights and interests of women
- Promoting Health and Education of Women and Girls
- Enabling environment for women to realize their full potential
- Promoting the culture of peace

Core Values

Inclusivity: create opportunities and a conducive environment for all interested stakeholders to participate in improving the overall situation of women in South Sudan.

Transparency: a vital value for enhancing mutual trust and building healthy partnerships. EVE Organization's pursuit for transparency ensures integrity in all aspects, promotes professionalism and ethics in the Organization and in addressing women issues in South Sudan

Accountability: promotes the principle of value-for-money in resource allocation, utilization and reporting.

Excellence: The organization continues to pursue excellence and design modalities to ensure that diversity accentuates advocacy efforts and outputs.

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