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Message from the Board of Directors – Eve Organization

Women's participation in decision-making, peace and nation building is a priority area in the South Sudan recently launched NAP on UNSCR 1325 and also a priority area in EVE Organization's strategic plan 2015 – 2020. Participation in decision-making and in peace processes provides a critical opportunity to shape national policies, security and broader nation building. However, women still lag behind in these spheres.

The need to increase and empower women to actively participate in national processes in South Sudan cannot be overemphasized. It has become evidently clear that not unless South Sudanese women effectively take part in leadership role, the country will not experience absolute peace and stability.

This was evidently manifested in the July 8, 2016 fighting that started between forces loyal to President Salva Kiir and those of his first vice-president, Riek Machar, during a cabinet meeting at the presidential compound in Juba. The violent gun battle was preceded by weeks of heightened tensions between the forces in the capital surrounding lingering delays in implementing the peace agreement (ARCSS) signed in August 2015. Several incidents of rape and other forms of violence were committed against women including those who have sought refuge in UN Protection of Civilians camps. To date, over 1.6m South Sudanese had been displaced.

The worsening economic situation has created more desperation leading to higher insecurity. Inflation has spiraled since the outbreak of the December 2013 conflict, reaching a high of 266% in April 2016. Since 2005 South Sudan's economy had been 98% dependent on oil income but the combined impact of the conflict, the international fall in oil prices and the high price of extracting and transporting South Sudan's crude has all but wiped out any potential oil revenues.

In the case of South Sudan, there is definitely a higher need to increase support such as for this project to rigorously work with women at different levels to join in taking lead in peace processes and implementation. Researches have proven that women bring in qualitative consensus in peace debates and inclusive perspectives on issues of security, justice, governance and recovery. They as well broaden social acceptance and commitment to realize peace and stability.

It is therefore crucial that men and women work together to end the conflict in South Sudan. Transforming South Sudan for the well-being of its people compels us to all work together

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Thank you for the trust you have shown us.

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KEY RESULTS - 2016

<p style="text-align: center;">Localization of UNSCR 1325 in South Sudan</p> <p>50 resource persons trained on localization of UNSCR 1325</p> <p>300 persons trained on UNSCR 1325 in 5 states in South Sudan</p> <p>4 sub national steering committees on UNSCR 1325 established</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sexual and Gender based violence</p> <p>Men Engage (Adam) group established in Lirya County to address SGBV in the communities</p> <p>40 men and women trained as counsellors for SGBV survivor</p> <p>Seed funds given to 20 women survivors to start income generating activities</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Women Political Participation</p> <p>90 women political leaders trained on UNSCR 1325 and leadership</p> <p>15 women parliamentarians benefited from regional exposure visit to the Kenyan parliament</p> <p>Establishment of interstate women Members of parliament network</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Advocacy</p> <p>Addressing the UNSC on the situation of women in South Sudan</p> <p>Bilateral Meetings in Addis Ababa, Brussels and New York</p>

Strengthening Dialogue on Localization of UNSCR 1325 and the Women, Peace and Security Issues

EVE Organization for Women Development in an effort to contribute to the implementation of UNSCR 1325 in South Sudan invested in encouraging dialogue with different stakeholders to enhance women's participation in peacebuilding and protection from Sexual and Gender based violence. In 2016 the focus is to contribute towards achieving durable peace and stability in South Sudan through equal participation of women and men in the political transition and the post transitional period.

The localization of the UNSCR 1325 in South Sudan was also key since the country is launched its first UNSCR 1325 National Action Plan in May 2016.

Sexual and Gender based violence (SGBV) and particularly violence against women is widespread within homes, communities and in public spaces in South Sudan. It is further exacerbated by the December 2013 conflict due to high insecurity, and the loss of community protection mechanisms. To contribute towards the women, peace and security agenda, Eve Organization focused on dialogue and networking creating and strengthening between different stakeholders at both national and international levels.

In 2016, Eve organization focused on Jongolei (Bor), Western Bahr el ghazal (Wau), Western Equatoria state (Yambio), Eastern Equatoria (Torit) and Central Equatoria (Yei). This was made possible by the generous support from Cordaid, NORAD and the SWISS Agency for Development.



Localization of the UNSCR 1325 in South Sudan

South Sudan launched its first UNSCR 1325 National Action Plan in May 2016 and it is important that communities, policy makers and the people are made aware of the importance of the NAP. Eve targeted authorities such as the state parliamentarians, local councils, mayors, commissioners and state ministries of social development and Gender and the CSOs. EVE Organization embarked on the localization project of the UNSCR 1325 to bring the resolution closer to the people at the grassroots level.

Train the Trainer (TtT) on the Localization of the UNSCR 1325 NAP in Juba South Sudan

50 resource persons trained from CSOs representatives and govt. officials from the State ministries of Gender from the five states, staff from the national ministry of Gender started implementation the localization of UNSCR 1325 and 1820 in the states.

Localization trainings conducted in five states in South Sudan.

The purpose of the localization project is to take the UNSCR 1325 to the grassroots level and create realistic implementation strategies that will ensure ownership of the SS NAP at the states level. For the implementation of the SS NAP to have impact on the local grassroots women in the states; a pool of human resources needs to be created at the state level that will localize the NAP and contextualize it to the women and peace and security needs in the respective states. States that benefited from the localization include yei, Yambio, Torit, Wau and Bor. More than 250 persons were reached

Formation of States steering committees on the localization of the UNSCR 1325 NAP.

The state steering committees for the follow up and localization of the NAP were formed in four states of Western Bahr El Ghazal, Western equatorial, Jongolei and the Central Equatoria. The state ministry of gender spearheads it. The state minister of gender should follow up with the national ministry of gender on the status of the NAP



Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

SGBV is an endemic problem in South Sudan, since the situation is deeply embedded in cultural and customary practices; lack of empowerment and economic independence of women, the approach used is a holistic one that engages the community through strategic and innovative preventive and protective measures to address SGBV and set the ground for future expansion. Partners such as Cordaid and SWISS were instrumental for the results achieved.

Training men on SGBV and their role in addressing SGBV in the community -Jan 2016 in Lirya Payam.

A total number of 30 participants from the five (5) bomas of Lirya took part in the training. The training focused on awareness raising on SGBV in the community, introduction to UNSCR 1325, introduction of the Men Engage (ADAM) initiative and the importance of involving men in addressing issues of SGBV and be advocates for change in their communities. This led to the establishment of the ADAM group in Lirya

Training of women on SGBV and women leadership role March. 2016 Lirya Payam.

A total number of 30 women and girls participated in this training from the five bomas of Lirya. The training included awareness raising on SGBV, introduction to UNSCR 1325, women leadership role in the family, community and the nation, training on savings scheme to economically empower women and the importance of establishing an income generating activities for a sustainable income.

Training of counsellors to give psychosocial and peer support to survivors of SGBV in the community – June 2016

This training focused on creating a community support mechanism through the trained volunteers to offer psychosocial and peer support to survivors of SGBV in the community and at the resource center in specific. A total number of 40 participants both men and women participated in this training and finally 10 were selected to the peer support volunteers and counsellors.

Provision of the start-up capitals to Women - survivors of SGBV in Lirya

A number of SGBV survivors opened up during the trainings and were able to share what they went through. Together with other women in the communities, they were given start up kits based on the activities identified by them that is suitable for Lirya. The women formed groups that would work together and improve on their savings as well as build sustainable income generating activities that can sustain their livelihood. On 1 July 2016 EVE Organization for Women Development handed out start up capitals worth 1500ssp (equivalent of 400USD) to 20 women survivors of SGBV in Lirya Payam. After raising awareness on impacts of SGBV and engaging them to be part of addressing it in the community. The women were also promised another 1500.00 in an automatic savings for those who will prove success with the initial support.

Construction of Lirya Women Resource Center

The construction of a safe space for women is ongoing. It was started on the March 2016. The building contains a hall, an office, a store and a veranda. There is also outside a 2-room latrine and a bathroom. The construction project was finalized at the end of July 2016.

Women Political Participation in the Transition and Post Transitional Period in South Sudan

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***“ No Sustainable Peace
without inclusivity and
without the
participation of
Women”***

Mama Zeinab Yassin – Chairperson SS
Women General Association



90 women political leaders (parliamentarians, executive and parties leaders) trained on UNSCR 1325 and related resolutions, leadership, presentation and communication skills

Training entailed exercise on stakeholder's analysis, Exercise on environmental analysis, Introduction to Strategic Planning, Exercise on Strategic Planning, Challenges and Stakeholders Analysis, environmental analysis, critical success factors and values and effective communication strategies. It further includes materials on the introduction of UNSCR 1325, progress and challenges in South Sudan, how the resolution can be used as an effective tool to improve participation and addressing women issues at different levels and further on; a presentation on the South Sudan UNSCR 1325 National Action Plan.

15 state Parliamentarians and 3 state ministers of Gender exposed regionally and gained experience from fellow Parliamentarians in Kenya

The visit started by a tour of the parliament of Kenya, a brief on the procedures and processes of the parliament, this was followed by a meeting with Hon. Dr. Naomi Shaban – the Deputy Majority Leader of the National Assembly and Senator Beatrice – Majority whip of the Senate and another meeting with the Joint Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity. The delegation was later invited to observed a plenary sitting in the National Parliament. Exposure resulted to strengthened knowledge, confidence and capacity of the women parliamentarians to effectively raise motions, write up bills, lobby for it, collectively defend it and ensure it's implementation. Created a good relation between the two protocols of the foreign affairs of Kenya and South Sudan in terms of coordinating visits and Established coordination and cooperation between Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA) and the South Sudan Women parliamentary caucus

Interstate network of MPs created between the 3 states

The exposure gave an opportunity for the South Sudanese women MPs to interact among themselves and discuss development cooperation and network among themselves. The MPs had time every evening to reflect, interact and dine together. This gave them space to build cohesion among them and an opportunity to discuss on the way forward. By the time the MPS came back to Juba, they more open and confident with each other and they jointly requested EVE Organization to book for a meeting with the Norway Embassy in Juba for them to express their gratitude.



Advocacy Efforts

In its efforts to enhance Regional and Global engagement on South Sudan, Eve engaged regional and global leaders of issues of Women, peace and security in South Sudan

Use of Social Media

Eve Organization utilized its social media platforms to reach more audiences both nationally and globally. Its Facebook and Twitter accounts are actively engaged and it facilitated its website

Addis Ababa, Brussels and New York

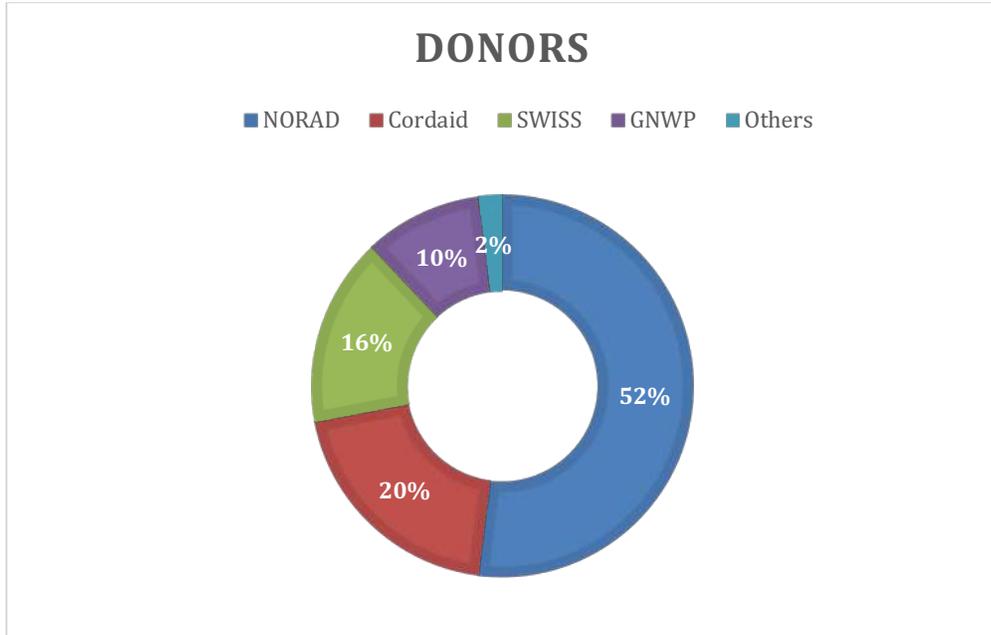
With the deterioration of the situation in South Sudan after the return to conflict in July 2016, Eve Organization engaged at regional and international level calling for the end of the fighting in the country and return to the peace dialogue. Executive Director of Eve Organization briefed the AUPSC on the status of women in South Sudan.

Addressing the UNSCR on the status of Women in South Sudan

During the open debate on UNSCR 1325 in New York, the Executive Director of Eve Organization briefed the security council on the status of women in South Sudan with the renewed violence.



Finances



Key Partners

Eve Organization enjoyed the partnership of the different state parliaments, the South Sudan Women parliamentarian caucus, the National Parliament of South Sudan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of both South Sudan and Kenya, the South Sudan Embassy in Nairobi, the Kenyan Embassy in South Sudan, the Parliament of Kenya National, the Kenyan Women Parliamentarian Association (KEWOPA) and the Embassy of Norway in South Sudan.

We are also grateful for the generous support of NORAD, CORDAID, SWISS and GNWP

Through joint efforts and support – we were able to achieve this much in 2016



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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