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Message from the Executive Director

On behalf of Eve Organization, I am delighted to present the 2018 annual report. The achievements of the organization were made possible by the generosity and dedication of our staff, partners, donors, the government and our communities.

In 2018, Eve Organization's major focus was on women's leadership and participation in decision making and the South Sudan Peace process. It was a crucial year to ensure that women have a say in what is happening in the country. Using the peace process was critical to address challenges that women and girls face such as poor participation, lack of protection of women, and welfare of the women and children in the communities.



While we have significantly influenced many fronts, the challenges to progress in all our programs are numerous, the closing space for civil society to freely operate, the displacement of people from their homes, the inert budget allocation and strained capacities to plan and meet the huge demands of women and girls in South Sudan.

However, Eve Organization is well positioned and able to break some of the barriers to women's rights. Our programs on participation, protection and peacebuilding are underpinned by a strategic approach that emphasizes advocacy and public engagement, partnership building and working with other like-minded organizations to foster innovation.

We welcome the signing of the Revitalized Agreement for the Resolution of Conflict in South Sudan in September 2018. It is crucial at this point in history and hopefully a new era will dawn on the country towards a better future of peace, stability and development.

As illustrated in the following pages, our passion and strategic drive to deliver results to the women of South Sudan is evident. We hope our readers will be inspired by our work and continue to support us to make South Sudan a peaceful, just and an inclusive country.

Rita M. Lopidia
Co-founder and Executive Director

2018 in Review

<p>Women Leadership and Political Participation</p> <p>Strategy for Women Leadership and Political Participation Developed</p> <p>Annual Inter-parliamentary Meeting established</p> <p>300 women leaders, politicians and parliamentarians trained on transformational leadership</p> <p>Gender Review of the Transitional Constitution of SS</p> <p>1,021 young women reached with the incubator project</p>	<p>Protection/GBV</p> <p>More than 3000 people reached through community outreach program to prevent GBV in Torit and Yambio</p> <p>More than 200 Youth and Women Leaders trained on preventing GBV</p> <p>More than 100 traditional leaders and local government officials trained on GBV prevention</p>
<p>Advocacy and Public Engagement</p> <p>More than 15,000 people reached through FM radio with message on GBV in Yambio, Torit and Juba</p> <p>Eve addressed UNSC Arria Formula on Sexual Violence in Conflict</p> <p>More than 63,000 Social media users reached and engaged on peace</p> <p>More than 5 advocacy trips to AU and UN</p>	<p>Peacebuilding & Processes</p> <p>More than 100 youth reached with dialogue on peace and social cohesion</p> <p>South Sudan women’s Coalition for Peace formed and is signatory to the Peace Agreement R-ARCSS</p> <p>More the 10 women representatives from women Organizations in key Peace implementation mechanisms</p> <p>More than 10,000 people reached through peace caravan</p>

Strengthening the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in South Sudan



Eve Organization for women development guided by its mandate for space creation for women and girls of South Sudan to participation in decision making processes and support for the development of policies and legislations that are gender inclusive in South Sudan, intensified its efforts in 2018 to contribute to the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in South Sudan.

Strengthening the protection and participation of women is a strong strategy to help them survive and thrive to realize their full potential given the conflict in South Sudan and the continuous displacement of citizenry. This involves a range of integrated approaches such as enhancing the capacity of women leaders

Eve Organization was able to achieve this with support from The Royal Norwegian Embassy – South Sudan, Cordaid, UN Women and UNDP.

Women Leadership and Political Participation

In an effort to strengthen women leaders and political participation to contribute to durable peace and stability in South Sudan, Eve Organization worked with the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social welfare, the National Women parliamentary Caucus, State women parliamentarians, Political parties, Local governments in the targeted states of Eastern Equatoria, Jongolei State, Western Bahr el ghazal, Western Equatoria and Central Equatoria states.

Development of the strategy for women leadership and political participation in South Sudan

In partnership with national Women Parliamentary Caucus, Eve Organization developed the women leadership and political strategy 2017 -2022. Under the theme, “*Gender Diversity is key for Good Governance and Sustainable Peace*”, the Strategy for Enhancing Women Leadership and Political Participation in South Sudan was launched on the **13th of March 2018** in Juba, South Sudan. More than 100 participants including dignitaries from the government line Ministries, the National assembly, members of the diplomatic missions, development partners, UN agencies, NGOs, Civil Society Organizations, Women Organizations, Religious leaders and media attended the event. The event was officiated by the Speaker of the National

Legislative Assembly, **Rt.Hon. Anthony Makana** and the Norwegian Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, **Marita Sorheim-Rensvik**. More than 500 copies of the women political strategy were printed for the Women Leaders and Parliamentarians.

Annual Women Inter – Parliamentary Meeting – Juba, South Sudan

The first of its kind in South Sudan, Eve Organization brought women from the state parliaments to meet with National counterparts and exchange experiences and Create a stronger inter-parliamentary network between the national women caucus and the state women parliamentarians. A total of 30 parliamentarians from both national and state levels attended the meeting. Among key issues discuss were deliberation on the High Level Revitalisation Forum (HLRF), the role of women in leadership and transformational leadership, identifying key partners that can support the process, exposure visit to the national parliament and the women caucus office where they were briefed on the procedures and processes of the national assembly protocols, visited a number of committees and tour the parliament building. They similarly visited the Women Caucus Offices in Juba and were briefed on the history and the role the women caucus plays.

Inauguration of the Women Political Leaders Global Forum (WPL) – Africa Office and the Mo Ibrahim Foundation Forum, Kigali – Rwanda

Eve Organization sponsored three national parliamentarians and Eve’s staff to participate in the inauguration of the Women Political Leaders Global Forum in Rwanda. The participation of the Women Parliamentarians in the Mo Ibrahim and the Inauguration was important and exposed them to what the region is doing in terms of women’s political participation. As an Organization, we were able to expand our network with the Rwanda women politicians as well as other civil society organizations. Representing South Sudan together with the Women Parliamentarians was also important as it positioned the women directly with the Women Political Leaders Forum –Africa Office.

The Incubator – Young Women Leadership Initiative

The incubator is one of EVE Organization’s ambitious programs to mentor young women into strong leaders that can play a central role in promoting gender equality, enhancing women political leadership and participation, and playing a significant role in building a peaceful South Sudan.

Under the theme: Learn, Lead and Change, EVE conducted a young women leaders training to empower and mentor potential young women leaders. A group of forty-five young women aged between 21 - 30 were drawn from secondary schools, school dropout and university students from the various states. An in-house training was organized starting from **1st-13th July 2018**.

The Incubator inspired and challenged the potential young women leaders to take up leadership roles in their communities and in nation building. Twenty five of the trained young leaders conducted their projects on various areas such as leadership through sports for girls in primary and secondary schools, trained other young women on entrepreneurship, giving talks to girls on sexual health to prevent early pregnancy, others picked on girl child education and some on research on early marriages and pregnancies and radio talk shows.

Transformational Leadership Training and Parliamentary Procedures for Women Political Leaders and Sub National Parliamentarians

Thirty-five women parliamentarians underwent training on transformation leadership and parliamentary procedures for a week in Juba. Eve Organization led the training in collaboration with the National Leadership Training Institute of the University of Juba and the Women Parliamentary Caucus. The training specifically focused on increasing knowledge

of parliamentary procedures known as Robert's rules of order, enhancing ability to recognize and utilise parliamentary terminologies, increase knowledge and skills on the types of motions and how to raise various motions, building skills on transformational leadership, gender analysis and public speaking for effective engagement with constituents, facilitate information sharing, networking and partnership among participants for future engagement.

Gender Review of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan (TCRSS) 2011 (as amended)

The aim of the review is to contribute to the Constitution making process by providing a gender analysis of the Constitution, highlighting areas that can be strengthened and concrete justification for the need to strengthen the gender aspects of the constitution. This analysis shall contribute to a better understanding of the Constitution; raise awareness of the populace for an inclusive Constitution making process. The approach utilized by Eve Organization in 2018 is the involving of community to work together with women, youth and local government to address the challenges of GBV and VAW in the communities.

Revamping of the UNSCR 1325 SSNAP working group

The UNSCR 1325 working group is a number of civil society organizations and women's organizations working on the implementation of UNSCR 1325 in South Sudan. This also include gender focal persons in government line ministries, the academia, the different organized armed groups- army, wildlife and the police. The aim was to address the existing gaps between policies and realities on ground on the successive stages held as required under the implementation resolutions so as to pave way for the development of the revised national action plan.

Evaluation of the implementation of the SS UNSCR 1325 NAP

In partnership with the National Ministry of Gender and the UN Mission in South Sudan, Eve conducted the evaluation of the status of implementation of the SSNAP with the Gender Focal persons in the government line ministries. The achievements, gaps and challenges were discussed and the Gender focal persons developed a mechanism for effective coordination and monitoring the implementation of the SSNAP



Protection – Gender based Violence

Given the conflict status in South Sudan, Gender based violence (GBV) and violence against women (VAW) are widespread in South Sudan. There are many initiatives to addressing GBV and VAW, however the challenge is to bring them into a holistic a sustainable manner under the South Sudan National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325. This was made possible through the partnership with Cordaid.

Community engagement to address GBV in Torit

Dialogue between traditional, religious, local government, women, youth and CSOs leaders including the Paramount chief, chiefs and sub-chiefs, local government Director General, Members of parliament and Advisor to Torit Governor for girl-child education to discuss GBV – focus was on ending child marriage and enhancing girl child education. A-community outreach was done and more than 3000 people were made aware on the negative impact of GBV in the community.

Capacity building training to heads of women and youth organizations to address GBV in Bor, Jonglei and Yambio, Western Equatoria

More than 200 participants were reached in Bor and Yambio through a series of trainings and awareness on GBV in their communities. This led to the formation of two informal group named “Bor GBV working group” and “Yambio GBV working group” by the participants as their commitment to coordinate efforts to address gender-based violence in Bor and Yambio.

“I dropped out of school because of insults,” says a rape survivor

“I dropped out of school because my classmates were insulting me. They used to push me off the desk and down to the floor. They could say, they can’t share the desk with a girl who has already known a man”.

It was just after midnight in July 2016 when armed men broke

into our compound in Gudele and knocked at the doors bringing everybody out to the courtyard. They started hitting the men with the back of their guns and ordered them to face the ground. They then got in and started looking for valuables and money inside the rooms.

“I could see some other armed men outside the compound with riffles. Probably to keep away rescuers in case of alarm. They pointed the barrel of their guns at us threatening to shoot if anyone attempts to make any move. I couldn’t count the number of armed men outside the fence but those who got in were two uniformed armed men”.



My mother and I were the only females in the compound so the two of us were led out of the compound. After a distance, they started hitting my mother with the back of the gun and she sustained an injury on her face. To date my mother has a scar on her face, which is a painful reminder of our ordeal on that fateful day.

“I pleaded with them not to kill her. My mother is everything to me and I am her only daughter’. My mother shouted but they threatened to kill both of us. The alarm attracted a neighbor who is a mentally sick man. When the armed men went towards him, in that split, we decided to take off. I made a narrow escape into another house in the neighborhood, but the men pursued me and took along some other two girls from that house. I was terrified to death. I was raped. Unfortunately the girls also suffered the same fate.

My mother later on told me that she tried to alert other neighbors, but most people were scared to come out to our rescue. The news about the rape spread in the community and eventually reached my school. I could not stand the insults from my schoolmates so I dropped out of school.

“I feel so guilty that it is because of me that the other two girls were also raped. I do not know whatever happened to them. I am deprived of peace; I felt everybody was talking ill of me. If it were me, I wouldn’t speak ill of any girl who have fallen a victim of such an incident. I got stigmatized. It was not my interest to drop out of school but I couldn't cope. My interest was to study and become a medical doctor. I am not sure whether I can do that now. I feel so frustrated, angry and useless. Maybe one day that would change – I don't know when.

Jane was 14 years old and in Primary six when this incident happened. She keeps to herself and has mostly been indoors. Her mother, who attended one of the trainings of Eve Organization, requested that Eve Staff talk to her daughter. This is an excerpt from her story, which is published with her consent. Jane’s real identity is withheld for privacy.



Peacebuilding and Processes

Inter-ethnic dialogue for social cohesion among the youth in Juba

Inter-ethnic community cohesion and dialogue are central to a peaceful co-existence and development of South Sudan. The conflict shredded the social fabric of the communities and it will take years to rebuild. Dialogue among youth from different ethnic groups open conversations such healing and reconciliation and builds social cohesion. More than 100 youth men and women attended the dialogue.

The High-Level Revitalization Process (HLRF)

As one of the leading women's Organization in South Sudan, EVE Organization took the initiative to bring together South Sudanese women Organizations from South Sudan, Kenya Uganda and Egypt to deliberate on the process and explore options for the participation of women. As a result the South Sudan Women Coalition for peace, which composes of more than 46 Organizations, was formed. The coalition participated in the revitalization process and formed a secretariat. EVE Organization, the National Transformational Leadership Institute and the South Sudan Women General Association jointly coordinate the coalition.

Eve Organization hosts the coalition secretariat and manages the funds related to the activities of the coalition

During the revitalization process the coalition will focused on peace building and citizens engagement for peace in South Sudan. Eventually the coalition became one of the signatories to the agreement represented by Eve Organization. Members of the coalition were also included in the implementation mechanisms such as the National Constitution Amendment Committee (NCAC), the Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangement Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (CTSAMVM) Board, The Strategic Defense and Security Review Board (SDSRB) and the Revitalized Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (R-JMEC). Eve Organization due to its integrity, ability to deliver high standard projects, transparency and accountability was trusted by donors such as UNDP and UN Women to host the Secretariat of the Coalition, therefore two additional secretariat staff was added and supervised by Eve Organization.

Advancing women's participation in peace process and the implementation of the revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of Conflict in South Sudan (R-ARCSS)

More than 300 women attended the briefing on the R-ARCSS and the need for women's engagement in the implementation of the R-ARCSS. Women both young and senior were encouraged to join political parties to ensure they take part in the implementation of the peace agreement.

Peace Caravan in Juba

An outreach program targeting the public with messages of peace, the peace caravan under the theme: "Peace is our collective responsibility". The caravan utilized comedy, music and poetry to educate the public on peace messages. The caravan targeted main markets, football playground in different zones in Juba. The program was for one month and more than 10,000 people engaged in the program

Advocacy and Public Engagement

To strengthen our engagement with external stakeholders within and outside South Sudan, 2018 marked a significant shift for Eve Organization as it strengthens and expands its advocacy efforts through its communication strategy.

Use of Media

Eve Organization produced four episodes of the radio dramas to sensitize the general public on the various forms of GBV. These includes episodes on girl child education, early marriage calls upon all actors involved in trading in girl child to stop early marriage, domestic violence expresses how it affects the wellbeing of the family and the solidarity of women with the objective of women coming together to exchange their experience on how to improve their lives and educate their communities for the betterment of their community. The dramas were distributed to radio stations in three states, namely Western Equatoria state-Yambio, Eastern Equatoria State-Torit and Central Equatoria, Juba.

Advocacy meetings at the African Union, IGAD and Troika for women's participation in the South Sudan Peace Process

Eve Organization organized a number of sustained advocacies with different stakeholders such as the African Union, IGAD, the diplomatic missions and the different warring parties, the result is getting access to the more women in the South Sudan Peace process

Events at the UN New York and the African Union

Eve Organized side events at the CSW with partners in New York as well as the sideline of the African Union Heads of States summit in Addis Ababa under the Gender is my Agenda campaign. Events showcase the work women are doing in South Sudan on the WPS issues as well as keep South Sudan at the regional and global agenda. The Organization also addresses the UNSC Arria Formula on the issues of sexual violence in relation to conflict.

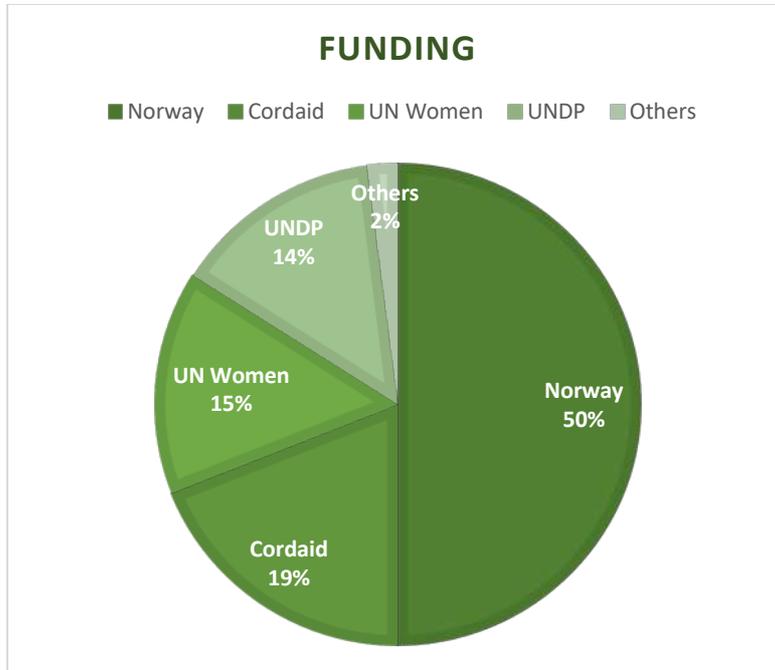
Use of Social Media

In partnership with Crisis Action, convened of the first ever virtual summit dubbed #SawaSouthSudan which was attended by more than 63,000 Facebook and Twitter viewers and attracted the participation of eminent world leaders including former heads of states, peace mediators and refugees as speakers in a bid to call for a decisive end to the South Sudanese conflict

Other Key Developments

At an institution level, Eve Organization has done very well during the FY2018. The project enabled the organization to retain staff through the employer contribution to the social security of staff as well as the opportunity for growth and exposure. During the project period, three our Eve's staff participated in regional trainings at the African Union, and the UNITAR program in Tokyo Japan. Eve has also strengthened its partnership a with the National Women Parliamentary Caucus and the Ministry of Gender. Eve Organization opened a branch office in Kampala, Uganda to serve the South Sudanese women Refugees in West Nile - Uganda.

Program Budget



Conclusion

This has been an extra-ordinary year with challenges and successes. The project period witnessed the Revitalization process in which Eve Organization was on the forefront as well as implementing its normal programs. Eve's ability to multi task with limited shows commitment and passion for women and for Peace in the Country. With the project and the peace process, Eve Organization is now the face of women's empowerment in South Sudan.

The board and management of Eve organization are excited about the successes and looking forward for a much better 2019. We appreciate the support from all our partners to Eve organization and to South Sudan. We look forward to continuous partnership.

Meet Achiro Assumpta Itwari - Alumni of the Incubator - YWLP



“Be a busy, vibrant, independent and goal-oriented type of a woman who do not wait around for someone to validate her existence”. Achiro Itwari

Miss. Itwari is a young passionate leader who is striving to make the world a better place to live in by starting the change with herself first. A 2016 graduate from St. Lawrence University Uganda, Miss Itwari is a hardworking, creative, God fearing and a goal-oriented young woman. She strives for excellence in everything she does. Her vision is to be an exemplary leader who will actively participate and empower other youth in her community for development.

How did the Incubator - Young Women Leaders Program (YWLP) strengthen your skills and motivate you?

The incubator program was one of a kind. I will forever cherish it because first of all, it is the first training I have ever attended. I was abit shy and nervous at the beginning of the training because I didn't know how to speak in public. The Incubator has perfected my public speaking skills and I came out more confident. I can now address a congregation without fear. Now more than ever I am willing and motivated to pursue my dreams without fear of the future. I am confident that nothing can stop me. Through the program, I have gained innovation, determination and the ability to apply knowledge and learning proactively. This was evident during my change project - *“Young Women Engaging the Community – Teenage Pregnancy”*, a research I have conducted in Juba Teaching hospital documenting teenage pregnancies.

What particular module did you like during the training?

The training modules were all essential to me as a transformational leader and each part has contributed in shaping the new person I have become. Most importantly, I picked interest in the Women, Peace and Security agenda, because it was more practical and relevant to the context of my country. I understood my community better and what our position as women are in our various communities. The exposure visits concretized the theory and made it easier to understand the situation of women in the context of South Sudan.

What are some of your plans for 2019?

I am motivated and I hope to grow in my career and develop especially in the area of community service as it gives me the opportunity to change lives. I plan to build strong networks and create links, which will be essential for my research and also meet people who are driven by their passion to serve South Sudan. Most importantly, I am planning to go back to school to further my studies.

What advice would you give to other young women out there?

My dear young women, "Don't let fear stop you from trying new opportunities, and never think, "I can't do that because I'm a woman." You will discover there are no limits to what is possible for you in life. Be a lifelong learner. *“Be a busy, vibrant, independent and goal-oriented type of a woman who do not wait around for someone to validate her existence”.*

Our Partners



Our vision is "Peaceful and Empowered women in South Sudan"

We acknowledge that we cannot achieve our vision without partners in every aspect of our work. On this page are the logos of all the partners with whom we have worked in 2018.

We value all our partners, although the list isn't complete, this page is our tribute to you.

Thank you for the trust you have shown us



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 accentuate advocacy efforts and outputs.