

Report on SSUDRA Round table meeting in Juba on 27th January 2020

Introduction

The South Sudanese Development and Relief Agency (SSUDRA) is the Development and Humanitarian arm of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (ECSS). SSUDRA, in its humanitarian and development response work in partnership with UN agencies, international non-governmental organisations, national organisations and other stakeholders in the Republic of South Sudan. In the current political and security situation SSUDRA's priority objective is to "Save lives of returnees with relief, recovery and rehabilitation programmes within South Sudan".

SSUDRA organised a Round Table Meeting on **27th January 2020** in Juba for partners within South Sudan and abroad and for other potential donors. The Conference was held in SSUDRA Offices.

Objective: The main objective of the Round Table Meeting was to tell SSUDRA partners and potential donors about SSUDRA's plans for achieving its priority objective, to explain what financial, material and training support is needed for those plans to be implemented and to encourage partners and potential donors to consider how best they could help meet those needs and to offer their support.

Meeting participants: The meeting was attended both in person and via skype the following:

S/N	Name	Organization/Institution	Title
1	H/Grace Justin Badi Arama	Episcopal Church of South Sudan	Archbishop of ECSS
2	Canon John Augustino Lumori	Episcopal Church of South Sudan	Provisional Secretary
3	Rev. Joseph Ajang	Episcopal Church of South Sudan	Chaplain of the Archbishop
4	Mr Nicholas Pande	CAPA	Programme Officer
5	Mr Robert Hayward	Christian Aid/ Anglican Alliance	Volunteer
6	Amos Okello	Mennonite Central Committee	Country Representative
7	Duoth Kuon	Finland Aid	Project Support Officer
8	Rev. Emmanuel Lomoro	ECSS-Education Department	Coordinator
9	Mama Harriet Baka	ECSS-Mothers' Union	Coordinator
10	Rev. Joseph El Hag Abe	ECSS-SSUDRA	General Manager
11	Mr Light Wilson	ECSS-SSUDRA	Emergency Coordinator
12	Tim Hartley	Anglican Overseas Aid – Australia	
13	Janice Proud	Anglican Alliance	Disaster Response Manager
14	Rachel Fraser	Anglican Communion Office	
15	Rachel Carnegie	Anglican Alliance	Executive Director
16	Naomi	Mothers' Union	
17	Nagulan Nesiah	Episcopal Relief & Development	Senior Project Officer
18	Jane Namurye	Women in the Frontline - ACO	
19	Mr Patrick Mulu Eluzai	ECSS-SSUDRA	Programme Manager

Meeting presentations: At the meeting, SSUDRA staff made a presentation on SSUDRA's successes and support needed. The report on past work was well received and appreciated. The staff also presented on the agency's new concept of supporting the returnees to settle in their villages.

CAPA's Role/Relevance

Besides its mandate to strengthen capacities of the Church in response to societal needs and challenges, CAPA was charged by the Council's resolution in 2016 to accompany the Church in South Sudan on various matters owing to the fragile state of the Country. CAPA has been doing this directly and indirectly through platforms like Ecumenical Network of South Sudan where it participates in peace building processes and now through technical support to SSUDRA.

CAPA is expected to provide technical support to SSUDRA staff in developing their programs, mobilizing resources for their programs and building strong institutional systems to sustain SSUDRA as an organization.

Way Forward of the Meeting:

The conference and the meeting with SSUDRA staff agreed on the following as the path to take going forward:

- i) SSUDRA to undertake some institutional processes of accountability, particularly financial audit and project narrative reporting to its partners to gain confidence, trust and credibility from its partners.
- ii) SSUDRA to develop a project proposal on food relief with assistance from Robert Hayward to be presented to communion partners for financial support – CAPA to support in review of the concepts and proposals.
- iii) SSUDRA to review and implement its institutional capacity development plan – CAPA & Christian Aid to support them.
- iv) SSUDRA to follow up with local partners who did not make to come to the meeting.



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