

Sudan Recovery Fund - SS
Round I: Livelihoods Projects
QUARTER 2 2011 REPORT

Recipient UN Organization:	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	SSRF Priority Area:	Rural Livelihoods		
Implementing Partner(s):	12 NGOs: Oxfam GB, World Vision, Save the children, Norwegian Church Aid, International Relief and Development, Church Mission Society- Ireland, Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation, Hope Agency for Relief and Development, Vetwork, Stromme Foundation and Amurt International Government counterpart: Southern Sudan Reconstruction and Development Fund (SSRDF).				
Project Number:	00077795				
Project Title:	SRF Round 1 Livelihoods				
Total Approved Project Budget	US\$ 20,837,779.02				
Funds Committed:	US\$ 20,837,779.02	Percentage of Approved:	100 %		
Funds Disbursed:	US\$ 17,591,801.50	Percentage of Approved:	84.42 %		
SC Approval Date:	7 October 2009				
Expected Project Duration:	30 Months	Forecast Final Date:	October 2011	Delay (Months):	Yes

1. Progress Towards Expected Results

Interventions of the Sudan Recovery Fund – South Sudan, round 1 are categorized along four key result areas, namely improved agro-pastoral skills; improved livelihood prospects through increasing access to markets and skills; improved water, sanitization and child protection; and improved capacity of community based organizations and local authorities. The following discussion includes activity results during quarter 2 2011 as well as cumulative results.

Result Area 1: Improved agro-pastoral skills

There were various activities reported by SRF partners during this quarter two of 2011 that contributed to agro-pastoral capacity development of inhabitants of the states where implementation of SRF project were still ongoing. The following summarizes these key achievements.

- During this quarter In Eastern Equatoria 3 water pumps were distributed to 3 women groups. In total 6 women groups have been supported with trainings on land preparation, vegetable production and management of nurseries and are equipped with a water pump to watering their vegetable during the dry season for both consumption and commercial purpose. It has been reported during this quarter that neighboring farmers are benefitting from these activities as they learn the new techniques from the women's group members trained.
- In Jonglei an additional pair of oxen (total of three pairs) plus 3 ox ploughs was purchased for agriculture activities in the demonstration farm of the Vocational Center in Pamot, Twic East County. While students and members of neighboring communities will acquire knowledge in ox-ploughing and land preparation this will also facilitate to increase the extension of the current cultivated land and it is therefore expected that a major quantity of food will be produced for trainees in the Vocational Center.
- Also in Jonglei 208 children have been trained on Art and Kitchen Gardens in primary school to build their knowledge on how to initiate agriculture activities at school and also as a way to extend knowledge and skills to their communities through visits to these kitchen gardens. A total of 336 pupils (215 boys and 121 girls) were trained in this topic from the beginning of the project.

- In Leer, Rubkona and Koc in Unity State an additional 70 households were reported to have been trained and supported with seeds and tools. While a total of 89 other household benefited from 267 goats from the livestock restocking programme. Besides 53 new fishermen were reported to have been trained and provided with twines for making fish nets and linking fishing hooks. This brings the total number of fishermen supported since inception in these three counties to 236.

Case study extracted from SSRF-09/LK12 final report:

Samuel Makur a 13 year old boy of Mabourdung Primary school of Rumbek East County was trained on practical agriculture in school. After the training he went and practiced agriculture at home by opening a small vegetable garden in his compound. He grew okras and other green vegetables, sold them and bought a goat for himself out of the sales. He was joined by his mother and he taught his mother how to set a nursery bed for the seedlings. By the end of the project period he had earned enough to buy himself three goats. He also bought school uniforms for himself and his siblings out of the sales from the products/yields.

Result Area 2: Improved livelihood prospects through increasing access to markets and skills

Significant progress has been made on project activities aimed at improving livelihood prospects, through increasing access to markets and skills. The key achievements during the reporting quarter:

- In Jonglei 7 more Self Help Groups (total 84) were formed and 222 new members were trained in Community Managed Microfinance and business development skills. In this regard, a total of 1772 community members have been trained on community managed microfinance and business development skills in the state with SRF funding. In addition 4 more Accelerate Learning Programme centers have been set up during this quarter, allowing the enrollment of 479 more students (345 men & 184 women).
- Also in Jonglei 75 (51 men and 24 women) youth were either attached to artisan or enrolled in a center in order to be trained on a vocational trade of his/her choice. Under this particular project a total of 400 students have been supported to vocational course training in different trades such as mechanics, signpost painting, bakery and catering, tailoring, masonry or carpentry.
- Also in Eastern Equatoria, one of the two additional food stores (with the dimension 9x8m) that were completed in Magwi County during Quarter two 2011 has been handed over to a women's group. Handing over of the second store in Mawgui County was disrupted due to insecurity reasons. A total of six such facilities, including those in Pajok, Obbo, Pageri, and Mugali have been completed since the inception of the project.
- Delivery of the road equipment (1) grader, (1), vibrator (1), excavator and (2) Tipper Lorries) to improve feeder roads for easy access to the market place, is ongoing. However the contractor is facing challenges of transporting the equipment from Khartoum after independence of South Sudan. The equipment is stuck in Renk, Upper Nile state waiting for boat transportation authorization.
- In Unity 30 women from six groups which were trained in tailoring skills were later provided with 12 sewing machines with a roll of cloth to initiate commercial activities and generate income.
- 1,040 students (100 men and 940 women) were trained in Lakes in adult literacy as a result of a sub-grant from SCSS to an indigenous CBO namely Diar Rehabilitation and Development (DRDA). The sub-grant had been used to establish the learning centers with stationeries and learning materials.
- In Western Bahr el Ghazal, 390 households received training on agriculture production with main focus on crop production. In addition 110 farmers have been trained in fish preservation and received nets and other fishing equipments. This is in addition to the 1,038 household reported to be trained by Save the Children on different fisheries and agriculture techniques in previous quarters.

Case study extracted from SSRF-09/LK12 final report:

Gabriel Kang is an 18 year old boy living in Cueibet County who graduated from the 9 month tailoring course from YEC at Atiriu. After graduation he established his small business of sewing clothes where two interested boys joined him. Kang then trained these two boys on tailoring and formed a group of tailors together with them they are now fully engaged in business of sewing clothes. Kang is currently able to buy food items for the family members, pay school fees of his siblings including their school uniforms and to a certain extent caters for their medication.

Result Area 3: Improved water, sanitation and child protection

- In Northern Bahr el Ghazal 5 additional children and youth clubs were supported to benefit from outdoor sports ground activities and sporting equipment. This brings the total of 10 Children and Youth clubs supported in this state.
- Through the course of the project period, a total of 10 Community Support Groups (CSGs) from five Payams in Aweil North and six Payams in Aweil East were trained in child safeguarding policy. A total of 335 (256 men and 79 women) were trained.
- Save the Children initiated discussions with Aehudit Women Group on partnership and to identify activities that could be supported by Save the Children. However due to delay during the identification of the CBOs Aehudit Women Group could not be sub-granted with SSRF funding to implement activities during the project life.
- One member from the ACDF was supported to take part in the 3rd Civil Society Forum on the African Charter and African Committee of Experts on Rights and Welfare of the Child. The objective was to gain understanding of the reporting and monitoring mechanisms on the rights of children.
- In Lakes, the deployed social workers for the Child Helpdesk Center (CHDs) which were handed over to state government during the previous quarter are currently moving to rural areas to create awareness on the child rights and child protection as well on the importance of the CHDs. These three centers include three VIP latrines of two stances in each, that have been constructed during the project which are benefiting an estimated 300 households with a total of about 1,800 individuals.
- In Lakes State 9 additional children's clubs were reported to be trained on leadership and their roles in community social and economic development. Since the inception of the project a total of 425 children benefited from the training (206 girls and 219 boys).
- Through SRF funding Pamot Vocational Training Center in Jonglei has been equipped with one lecture hall which has been used for the electrical trade course, and 8 solar panels light the center, which is also used for electrical skills training. Among the 141 youth who graduated in different trades, the most successful stories are about youth who have been attached to an NGO, such as a former graduate from the tailoring trade who was hired to produce school uniforms for Lutheran World Federation.
- In Jonglei with the completion of the last Child Protection Office (CPO), a total of 3 CPOs have been constructed in Duk, Twic East and Bor town. These centers have been equipped with computers and a generator each for proper documentation of activities or occurrences. Besides, one football, one basketball, and one volleyball pitch were set up next to each of the three CPOs and a total of 120 (65 boys & 55 girls) were trained on how to maintain the pitches.
- Also in this state 5 Children Clubs members that were trained on child protection, child rights violation have had access to Jonglei FM radio station to express their views and opinion on matters affecting them.
- In Jonglei, ten more children attended by social workers were reunited with their parents totaling 128 reunited families since the inception of the project. Social workers were trained and 6 motorbikes and 26 bicycles were purchased and handed over to the State Ministry of Social Development (SMoSD) for use of social workers.

Result Area 4: Improved capacity of government counterparts and community based organizations

- In Lakes State twenty social workers (3 females and 17 males) from the SMOsD attended capacity building activities and had a refresher training in workshops on case work, psychosocial support and crisis management to improve services at the child help desk/offices. These social workers are expected to reach over 2,000 children in the 3 counties throughout the life of the project.
- In Jonglei, a second workshop (TOT) was conducted on how to address children issues at schools and also on how to train children on leadership skills. A total of 45 teachers (10 women and 35 men) from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology participated in the training.
- In Jonglei, two additional workshops were conducted on capacity building of indigenous CBO/NGOs. A total of 57 members (32 men & 25 female) from Community Self Initiative, Sudan Youth Christian Ministries International, Bor Community Self Help Group and Jonglei Women were trained on monitoring and financial management.
- In Western Bahr el Ghazal the Ministry of Agriculture received 10 rain gauges to be located in different bomas and one desktop computer and two printers as part of the capacity building. This will enable the ministry to monitor the distribution and amount of rain fall in the state and focus on capacity building to give informed technical advice to the farming community.
- In Western Bahr el Gahzal 78 child protection actors (social workers and CBO members) previously trained on sexual abuse and child safeguarding policy were linked with the community based child protection network and the Child Protection Unit under the state Ministry of Social Development to monitor child rights violations. As a result 47 market children were reunited with their families from Warrap during the project.
- In Unity state 9 officials from the 3 County Agriculture Department (CADs) of Koch, Leer and Rubkona and State Ministry of Agriculture were trained on basic computer operations and maintenance to process data and preserve files on agriculture issues. Besides the Child Unit established under the State Ministry of Social Development, 3 Community Based Child Protection Network (CBCPN) were set up, and their members trained in child protection and child rights related issues to further conduct awareness sessions and monitor child rights abuses at Payam level.

Success Stories from SSRF-08/JG04 Project implemented in Jonglei State:



Mr. Gatkuoth Gatluak Thil (in the middle) in his sorghum and fuel depot. He is the chairman of the Akobo Traders SHG which has been operating for more than 5 months and have managed to increase in their business deals. The interest gained from borrowing among the traders has boosted their collective savings. They are now able to buy bulk goods and make more profits in their business. To the left is a fellow trader and member of the SHG, on the right is Bidong. Both are CMMF Facilitators of their SHG.



Lony Puok Chuol, 31 years of age is in level 4 of the FAL program. He is not married. He started his school in Blue Nile State which is in the north in 2003. He stopped attending school but last year, he decided to join the FAL program which was announced in the churches and community to be starting.

'I have gained knowledge and I know that this knowledge will progress me since I want to become a community / village leader,' says Lony.

He earns his money from his home farm. He sees the benefit of the knowledge he is acquiring since he has become a better farmer. He hopes to progress and continue with his education now that there is a Secondary School in Akobo.



Jackper Kuany Goot, 29 years old, lives in Nyandit Payam, Akobo County. He is single and an out-of-school youth. He joined James Biel who is one of the Vocational Trainers. James is a local tailor in the market and accepted to take in some out-of-school youth to learn tailoring and earn a living on their own. He joined the training on the job in February this year and by May, he has learned how to do repairs and make clothes. He has now been working near his trainer for the last two months and is earning his money as well.

'Now I find that life is different from the time I was just in the village just idle and with no money. I have now the tailoring skills and it has improved my life and my parents' lives,' says Jackper. He wishes that other out-of-school youths would also gain a skill like him in the same program. He says that they have

managed to learn the skill with limited tailoring materials and wish there would be enough for the number of youths being trained.

2. Management Actions

2.1 Project closure

Of the 18 livelihood projects activities implemented by 12 NGOs in locations throughout the ten states, seventeen were closed as of quarter 2 of 2011. An additional project activity is expected to be closed in quarter 3 and one project is expected to be closed in early quarter 3.

Table 1. SSRF Livelihood Project Implementation Status as of June 30, 2011.

NO	NGO	Project Ref.	Location (State)	Implementation Status
1	OXFAM GB	SSRF-08/LK05	Lakes	Closed
2	IRD	SSRF-08/UN07	Upper Nile	Closed
3	IRD	SSRF-08/WR08	Warrap	Closed
4	World Vision	SSRF-08/WR09	Warrap	Closed
5	World Vision	SSRF-09/WEQ17	Western Equatoria	Closed
6	World Vision	SSRF-09/UTY16	Unity	Closed
7	ICCO	SSRF-08/CE02	Central Equatoria	Closed
8	CMSI	SSRF-08/CE01	Central Equatoria	Closed
9	Vetwork	SSRF-08/EEQ03	Eastern Equatoria	Closed
10	AMURT	SSRF-08/NBG06	Northern Bahr el Ghazal	Closed
11	HARD	SSRF-08/WBEG10	Western Bahr el Ghazal	closed

12	Save the Children	SSRF-09/WBEG14	Western Bahr el Ghazal	closed in Q2
13	Save the Children	SSRF-09/UTY15	Unity	closed in Q2
14	Save the Children	SSRF-09/LK12	Lakes	Closed in Q2
15	Save the Children	SSRF-09/JG13	Jonglei	Closed in Q2
16	Save the Children	SSRF-09/NBEG11	Northern Bahr el Ghazal	Closed in Q2
17	STROMME	SSRF-08/JG04	Jonglei	Closed in Q2
18	NCA	SSRF-09/EEQ18	Eastern Equatoria	Expecting closure mid October 2011 ¹

2.2 Contract amendments

During the reporting period a three months no-cost extension through 31 July 2011 was granted by UNDP to NCA specifically to complete delivery of equipment to Eastern Equatoria State Government.

The difficulty in completing this activity is related to a logistical problem with the contractor to authorize clearance for transportation across the north to south border of Eastern Equatoria State.

3. Key Challenges and Mitigation Measures

Challenges	Mitigation Measures
Delays on the delivery of the road equipment to EE State government due to transport restrictions by Sudan authorities for goods and assets being transported from the North.	Avoiding contractors which are based in the Sudan until further bilateral agreements are developed by both countries.
Delays on the submission of financial expenditure reports by partners due to substantial errors during the filling of the late introduced FACE form, as per the Audit recommendation.	Avoid introduction of new reporting formats during the implementation process.
Partners which implemented activities thought indigenous NGOs or CBOs reported that although being effective the capacity was rather low in some cases affecting the pace and quality of the implemented activities.	Incorporation of capacity building activities for partners in future proposals to ensure effective engagement of CBOS. International NGOs should ensure to have a clear partnership strategy which outlines capacity assessment and evaluation criteria to engage or not to engage with local partners.
Some NGOs reported that the RoSS doesn't have a clear policy as to which ministry vocational training falls. This fact causes problems in relation to ownership and continuation of activities.	Engage RoSS and State Government authorities in this discussion. Main ministries involved are Ministry of Social Development and Ministry of Education.
Wrong targeting of beneficiaries in some vocational courses, i.e. in some cases the vocational trainings were targeting demobilized child soldiers and youth who never got an opportunity to attend regular primary education. However, it appears that this type of training were highly appreciated by youth adults who completed regular primary schools, who perceived that the technical skills offered could be of great benefit for them. SSRRRC complain about their exclusion on the management of SSRF, or not being member of the Steering Committee.	During the design and planning stage, proper assessment should be conducted before deciding which type of course (alternative or/and vocational training, short term long term etc. to be implemented.
Insecurity in Rumbek East and other locations such as in Jonglei Youth Vocational Training centers, resulted in high rate of drop out by the trainees in the centers	Through county commissioner or state authorities, to establish units of security personnel near the Vocational Centers.
In Eastern Equatoria, handing over of one (last) food store in Chukudum (Budi county) did not take place due to insecurity reasons.	Monitor security level and any arising issue in this regards, and as soon as the situation is stabilized request state government to

¹ All activities completed except the delivery of Road Equipment to Eastern Equatoria State Government.

ensure armed escort to facilitate the official handing over of the facility.
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4. SSRF R1 Way Forward and Closure Activities

4.1. Re-allocation of funds

Implementation of projects by the Stromme Foundation and Amurt International were severely disrupted in late 2010 due to high risk issues (financial and programmatic) that affected the achievement of expected results. In the case of SSRF-08/JG (Stromme Foundation) the PCA targets were revised since the NGO showed lack of absorption capacity in the achievement of the planned targets. These and other delays have left a USD 719,638 balance of funds with the management agent UNDP.

UNDP, SSRDF, and state Steering Committee convened to discuss the way forward on the implementation of Stromme Foundation and Amurt International SSRF projects and agreed to utilize the remaining funds to support the same communities in their respective location of implementation; Jonglei and Northern Bahr el Ghazal were supposed to benefit from the two projects. Further, three implementation options to channel the funds were identified to deliver such activities to those communities.

Therefore, UNDP as the SSRF management agent will evaluate and select the most appropriate of the different options to implement the remaining fund balance in each state and will inform the Steering committee members accordingly as this progress. The details of the two projects, such as savings that accrued to UNDP as a result of management action and the implementing modality being evaluated by UNDP for the implementation of the remaining fund balance are as shown in the table below:

NGO & Project Ref.	Focus	Location	Remaining Balance	Implementation options to be evaluated by the Management Agent
Stromme Foundation SSRF-08/JG04	Community managed microfinance activities & alternative education (i.e., vocational training, adult literacy, and accelerate learning programme.	Jonglei State:, Bor South, Nyrol, Ayod, Boma , Akobo	USD 122,242.00	In consultation with the State Steering Committees, UNDP discussed three possible utilization options for the remaining fund balance: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Through direct Cash transfers to State Line Ministries in order to sustain the existing projects handed over to state governments in the 10 states. 2. Through a Grants coordinator such as for the SSRF Round 2 Small Grants with BRAC. Small Projects with similar scope and timeframe of up to 31 Dec 2011. 3. Through International NGOs with presence in Jonglei and part of ongoing SSRF projects.
Amurt International SSRF-08/NBEG06	Food Security, Income generation, Capacity Building	Northern Bahr el Gahzal	USD 222,379.32	
Total			USD 344,621.32	

4.2. Transfer of Assets to States Line ministries:

UNDP will proceed with the full transfer of project assets procured by the implementing partners with SSRF funds for the implementation of the projects in all the 10 states. The aim is to ensure continuity and sustainability of project objectives by transferring the assets to the relevant state ministries. This has been discussed with the State Steering Committees. UNDP has maintained details of all SSRF Assets throughout the 10 States with endorsement of the States

Steering Committees after project closures on 30 June 2011, except NCA due to the delay on delivery of road equipment.

SRF Round I (Livelihoods) - Financial Status as of 30 June 2011

S/N	NGO	Project ID/Ref.	Target State	Project Start Date	Project End Date	PCA Amount (USD)	IP Expenditure		Audit Expenditure	GMS Recorded in ATLAS	Total Expenditure	Outstanding Advance	Balance/Project	% Delivery
							Advance	Recorded in ATLAS						
1	CMSI	SRF-08/CE01	CES	1-Jan-09	31-Dec-10	818,924.00	811,985.22	808,728.30	3,352.84	50,697.88	862,779.02	3,256.92	6,938.78	99%
2	ICCO	SRF-08/CE02	CES	1-Jan-10	31-Dec-10	1,500,000.00	1,495,446.60	1,495,446.60	3,352.84	63,805.78	1,562,605.22	-	4,553.40	100%
3	Vetwork	SRF-08/EE03	EEQ	1-Jul-09	31-Dec-10	420,686.69	420,686.69	420,686.69	3,352.84	15,133.36	439,172.89	-	-	100%
4	Stromme	SRF-08/JG04	Jonglei	1-Jan-09	30-Jun-11	1,363,881.00	1,355,528.20	1,238,752.30	3,352.85	61,422.70	1,303,527.85	116,775.90	8,352.80	91%
5	Oxfam GB	SRF-08/LK05	Lakes	1-Dec-08	31-May-11	1,278,328.00	1,278,328.00	1,145,088.60	3,352.85	87,201.98	1,235,643.43	133,239.40	-	90%
6	Amurt	SRF-08/NBG06	NBEG	1-Jan-09	31-Dec-10	751,968.42	751,968.42	751,968.42	3,352.85	53,023.06	808,344.33	-	-	100%
7	IRD	SRF-08/UN07	UPN	1-Jan-09	31-Jul-10	1,476,453.00	1,475,253.10	1,475,253.10	3,352.85	55,665.01	1,534,270.96	-	1,199.90	100%
8	IRD	SRF-08/WR08	Warrap	1-Jan-09	31-Jul-10	1,499,023.42	1,497,823.20	1,497,823.20	3,352.85	72,280.10	1,573,456.15	-	1,200.22	100%
9	WVI	SRF-08/WR09	Warrap	1-Jan-09	30-Jun-10	745,389.00	744,188.30	676,271.34	3,352.85	43,785.65	723,409.84	67,916.96	1,200.70	91%
10	HARD**	SRF-08/WBG10	WBEG	1-Jan-09	15-Apr-11	553,178.00	551,977.60	526,501.55	3,352.85	37,739.09	567,593.49	25,476.05	1,200.40	95%
11	SC Sweden	SRF-09/NBG11	NBEG	1-Feb-09	30-Apr-11	879,598.65	827,374.70	827,374.70	3,352.84	58,088.95	888,816.49	-	52,223.95	94%
12	SC Sweden	SRF-09/LK12	Lakes	15-Feb-09	30-Apr-11	611,721.60	580,288.61	580,288.64	3,352.84	42,858.76	626,500.24	(0.03)	31,432.99	95%
13	SC Sweden	SRF-09/JG13	Jonglei	16-Feb-09	30-Apr-11	763,888.65	758,349.00	721,045.00	3,352.84	36,886.80	761,284.64	37,304.00	5,539.65	94%
14	SC UK	SRF-09/WBG14	WBEG	1-Feb-09	30-Apr-11	750,000.28	494,127.00	494,127.00	3,352.84	45,651.47	543,131.31	-	255,873.28	66%
15	SC UK	SRF-09/UTY15	Unity	16-Feb-09	30-Apr-11	995,903.00	716,757.00	716,757.00	3,352.85	94,849.29	814,959.14	-	279,146.00	72%
16	WVI	SRF-09/UTY16	Unity	16-Feb-09	30-Sep-10	748,031.65	690,738.20	492,492.23	3,352.84	35,687.01	531,532.08	198,245.97	57,293.45	66%
17	WVI	SRF-09/WEQ17	WEQ	16-Feb-09	31-Dec-10	1,520,908.70	1,507,447.80	1,507,447.80	3,352.84	72,608.90	1,583,409.54	-	13,460.90	99%
18	NCA	SRF-09/EEQ18	EEQ	1-Feb-09	30-Apr-11	2,571,902.34	2,571,881.00	1,128,591.00	3,352.84	99,421.04	1,231,364.88	1,443,290.00	21.34	44%
Total						19,249,786.40	18,530,148.64	16,504,643.47	60,351.20	1,026,806.83	17,591,801.50	2,025,505.17	719,637.76	86%