



PROJECT GOAL

Reduce community violence and provide economic incentives for peace so that residents and returnees can live improved lives

GRANT RECIPIENTS

World Relief

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

CARE, Danish Refugee Council, Mercy Corps

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Koch county, Unity State

BUDGET

US\$ 5,581,560

DURATION

1 Aug 2019 – 30 Jul 2021

RSRTF OUTCOMES THE PROJECT CONTRIBUTES TO:



Reduced Violence



Intercommunal
Conflict
Management



Accountability and
Rule of Law



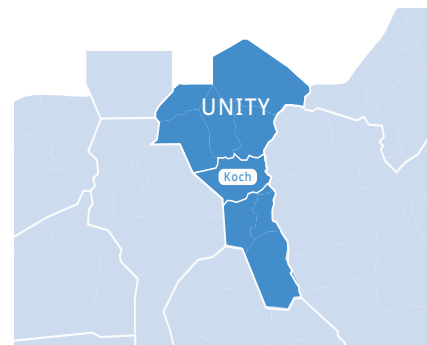
Economy and
Livelihood



Access to Basic
Services

Restoring Peaceful Coexistence for Better Livelihoods in Koch

The ABP targets locations of southern Unity State whose civilian populations experienced some of the worst violations and abuses documented during the conflict. Despite the fragile peace that emerged following the September 2018 signing of the revitalized peace agreement, many of the problems that plagued Koch County remained owing to political splits and rivalries, cattle raids and intra-communal violence, militarization of aggrieved and disempowered youth, normalization of sexual violence, the proliferation of firearms and the lack of functioning justice mechanisms to effectively resolve past grievances, prompting cycles of violent revenge.



Informed by thorough gender-responsive conflict analysis to identify the key drivers and enablers of violence, the ABP works both to prevent new outbreaks of violence and to demonstrate the dividends of peace, reducing the risks and strengthening the resilience of communities, enabling people displaced from the area to gradually return home.

Reconciliation

Activities support dialogue and locally led reconciliation and conflict resolution mechanisms in and across both government and opposition-controlled areas to strengthen social cohesion. Partners promote dialogue on masculinity and harmful ideas of men and women's roles in conflict, peace, and reconciliation and work to improve the inclusiveness of mitigation and prevention mechanisms promoting greater participation of women and youth to actively reinforce their roles as agents of peace. Safe spaces, psychosocial support and GBV prevention and response services are key components of the project.

Stabilization

The stabilization efforts seek to capacitate the institutions needed for peace to be sustained and restore the ability of community members to seek justice and reduce the number of serious crimes being processed through informal mechanisms. Activities focus on strengthening the informal and formal court mechanisms, promoting women's participation in justice and governance structures, and enhancing understanding and practices relating to good governance. In the context of increasing returns, project partners also work to improve access to housing, land and property (HLP) resolution mechanisms.

Resilience

The resilience activities aim to reinforce reconciliation and stabilization efforts by strengthening socioeconomic capacities, market linkages and interdependency within and between communities and revitalise the local economy and livelihoods so as to raise the cost of resorting to violence. To address the scarcity of resources that spark conflict, activities build local capacities and invest in shared assets and resources that enhance intercommunity dependency and foster trade as well as explicitly targeting youth at risk of recruitment into armed groups in the absence of other viable economic opportunities.

UNMISS peacekeeping patrols and presence in Koch make a significant contribution to the ABP, deterring violence in the area, supporting partners to reach remote programming locations and contributing to improved safety, security and community confidence.