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## SSRF Steering Committee Approves Additional Funds

At the 16 January 2012 meeting of the SSRF Steering Committee, members approved additional resources designed to strengthen the interventions and outputs supported under the SSRF Round 3 Stabilization Programmes. Members agreed that the proposed activities will reinforce the overall aim of the Stabilization Programmes in the four focus states (Eastern Equatoria, Lakes, Jonglei and Warap): increased security and reduction of conflict.

In Eastern Equatoria, the SSRF has provided funding for the construction of four county headquarters being implemented by UNOPS. Nearing completion, the county headquarters will be a permanent base of operations for county authorities to enhance service delivery to the people of Kapoeta North, Kapoeta South, Lopa/Lafon and Magwi counties, and assist the government to better respond to security incidents in their respective areas of responsibility. The approved additional resources will be used to provide solar power and water supply to



Public Works equipment, Eastern Equatoria State © UNDP/Joris Magenti.

the buildings, as well as to construct a new administration block and holding cell for the SSRF-funded prison rehabilitation project in Kapoeta North County.

In Jonglei State, the SSRF Steering Committee approved additional resources to UNDP to add a capacity development component to the state-managed radio station, already under construction. Special attention will be given to ensure identified staff is trained to broadcast and deliver peace-building messages

and educational programmes in all the local languages spoken in Jonglei. At the same Steering Committee meeting, additional SSRF resources were allocated to UNOPS to initiate a conservation project to accompany the construction of the Akobo-Pochalla Road in eastern Jonglei State. Plans call for the construction and equipping of wildlife ranger posts in strategic locations along the 170km stretch of road, vehicles and other needed communications equipment, as well as training to enhance the capacity of the rang-

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## 2011 Annual reporting season in full swing

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Participating Organization and the MPTF Office as the Administrative Agent, each programme

approved and funded through an MPTF and Joint Programme is required to provide annual narrative and financial progress reports. These reports

will be used to prepare the 2011 Consolidated Annual Narrative and Progress Report that will be submitted to relevant Donors and other stakeholders. In line with

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## Rapid Stabilization Facility launched

The SSRF Steering Committee recently approved a new, US\$ 1 million innovative project to complement the four UN-Joint Stabilization Programmes for Jonglei, Lakes, Eastern Equatoria and Warrap, supported by the SSRF. The Rapid Stabilization Facility (RSF) is a flexible funding mechanism that provides disbursements through an array of implementation modalities, for implementing a rapid response to deteriorating situations of conflict and insecurity in South Sudan. To ensure a flexible approach in planning and execution of interventions, the RSF is established as a standalone Facility implemented by UNDP. The planned coverage, while currently limited to the four Stabilization Programme States creates a pilot platform for potential expansion to cover other regions affected by conflict. The funds would be apportioned on the basis of need rather than by even split across the states.

Many existing stabilization interventions take time to deliver effects – often because these are rightly focused on building basic infrastructure for peace and security such as roads, police posts and radio stations. The international community and particularly the UN in South Sudan have learned to adopt flexibility to assess and respond to emerging stabilization needs in a timely manner. In addition, in a

highly unpredictable and rapidly changing context, latest conflict analysis can often be disconnected from on-going or already planned and designed stabilization interventions. This undermines stabilization delivery.

The expected outcome of the RSF is to improve security and stability in conflict affected target sites in South Sudan. The expected output is the timely and effective implementation of the RSF interventions in response to incidents of conflict/insecurity. The effectiveness of this Facility will be determined through achievement of the planned objec-

tives.

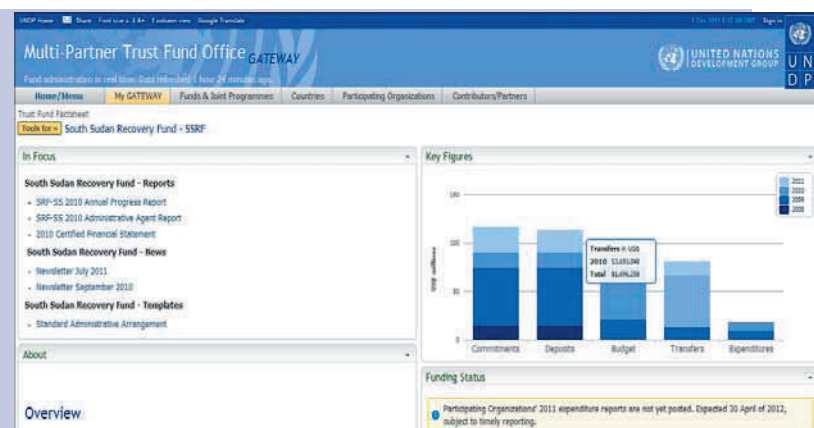
Oversight and steering of RSF implementation will be streamlined under existing UNDP policies, procedures, regulations and rules, as well as will follow the existing governance arrangements of the SSRF, with the primary focus to provide a rapid response to emerging stabilization needs. A key facet of the RSF is to increase impact of complementary programmes. As a flexible facility, it is able to directly support the activities of partner programmes, where gaps and needs exist.



Community meeting in Eastern Equatoria State © UNDP/Joris Magenti

## Have you been to the GATEWAY?

Find out more about how Multi-Donor Trust Funds and SSRF. The Gateway is an online repository of the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office where you can learn about SSRF's overview, assistance strategy, governance structure, and real-time information on funding status and more. See the SSRF on the MDTF Gateway at <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/SRF00>



## SC Approves Additional Funds for Stabilization Programmes

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ers to respond to security threats on the road.

In Lakes State, additional funds were approved to link the SSRF-funded Karich - Amongpiny Road with Panyijar in Unity State. This important project will fulfill a key priority of not only communities in Lakes, as expressed during the SSRF-supported community consultations, sponsored by UNDP's Community Security

and Arms Control Project, but it will also enhance security and spur development in Unity State by linking access to markets and other services in the two states.

Additionally, new resources were approved and allocated to UNOPS to install solar power and radio communications equipment in all 7 police stations being constructed at payam and county levels throughout the state.

Additional funds were also approved to the SSRF – funded Warrap Stabilization Programme to help rehabilitate the Warrap State Radio station to expand coverage throughout the state, as well as to install solar power, furniture and radio communications equipment to the police stations being constructed by UNOPS in Tonj North, Tonj East, Twic and Gorial East counties.

## Eastern Equatoria County Headquarters nearing completion

The United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS) is putting the final touches on four county administration buildings in Eastern Equatoria State. Once completed, the four buildings will serve as the county seat for Lopa/Lafon, Kapoeta North, Kapoeta South and Magwi counties in the state. Prior to the construction of the county headquarters, county authorities often sat underneath trees to serve their constituents and follow-up has proven to be an immense challenge. The new structures, equipped with solar panels, and water sources, will house such departments such as Agriculture, Cooperatives, Health and Community Development. Their construction, as part of the SSRF-funded Eastern Equatoria State Stabilization Programme, is part of plans by the state government and development partners to improve and extend service delivery to the people of Eastern Equatoria State.



Magwi County, Eastern Equatoria State © UNDP/Joris Magenti.

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this, the following are the overall reporting timelines: Submission of Narrative Reports by Participating Organizations by 31 March 2012; Financial Reports by Participating Organizations by 30 April 2012; and Submission of Consolidated Narrative and Financial Progress Reports by the MPTF to Donors and other stakeholders by 31 May 2012. More information can be obtained on <http://mptf.undp.org/>



## SSRF Undertaking a Lessons Learned Review

The South Sudan Recovery Fund (SSRF) has been in existence since 2008 and has allocated US\$ 117 million to support livelihoods, human and institutional capacity development to national/community-based organizations throughout the country and stabilization in four key insecure states, Jonglei, Lakes, Eastern Equatoria and Warrap.

With the view to capture best practices in managing multi-donor trust funds, the SSRF Secretariat has recently launched a lessons learned review of the Fund. In the SSRF Terms of Reference, it prescribed that an independent ‘*lessons-learned and review exercise*’ of the entire operation of the SSRF be commissioned by the Steering Committee. DFID annual review con-

ducted in November 2011 also recommended for an independent review of the overall Fund. As a result of SSRF Steering Committee approval, a Working Group comprising of DFID, The Netherlands, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, UNDP and the SSRF Secretariat has been formed to oversee the overall management of the Lesson Learned Review in agreement with the Terms of Reference.

The review will provide an independent look at what has worked for the SSRF, as well as what has not, and will serve as a useful tool to guide the future support the Fund hopes to provide to South Sudan. It will also identify and document the lessons learned in the two key areas, *Development effectiveness*

and *Operational effectiveness*.

The methodology will ensure a participatory and consultative approach, utilizing evidence-based information. It will consist of a desk review, primary data collection and case studies for the three rounds under review. The review team will comprise of one international and one national consultant.

Lastly, the review process will follow the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) evaluation norms and standards by providing a strong evidence base for the Fund contributions towards results. Results of the review will be forthcoming, and shared with key relevant stakeholders, and will help increase the knowledge and understanding of the benefits and challenges of the Fund to the SSRF Steering Committee and relevant stakeholders.

### High-level Juba Visit

The SSRF welcomed Mr. Bisrat Aklilu, Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, to Juba from 7 – 10 March 2012. As the Administrative Agent of the newly launched Common Humanitarian Fund for South Sudan, as well as for the SSRF; Mr. Aklilu held a series of meetings with key partners to assess the current realities and strategic priorities facing the multi-donor trust funds managed by the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office. He met with the DSRSG/RC/HC/UNDP RR a.i., Heads of Participating UN Organizations and Fund Secretariats, the World Bank, Donors and key GoSS officials.

Partners appreciated the opportunity to liaise with Mr. Aklilu, with many noting the strong leadership support provided to them through the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office and the UNCT.



Mr. Bisrat Aklilu © SSRF Secretariat



**South Sudan Recovery Fund (SSRF)** is a United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund established in July 2008 with the aim to facilitate the transition from humanitarian to recovery assistance in South Sudan. With a total committed amount to the Fund is US\$117 million, SSRF focuses on projects that demonstrate peace dividends, encourage participation and empowerment of communities affected by conflict and poverty, and address stabilization in areas affected by insecurity.



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