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I INTRODUCTION

Vision | Mission | Objective | Values

V To be the leading association for Youth Transformation and Development in Upper Nile region and South Sudan in general.

M To enable young women and men play more active role in development.

O The overall objective of UNYDA is to offer a unique model of transformation and development: a holistic model that takes care of the whole person, including the needs of the body, mind, family, and community

V


Team Work


Respect for Life and Enhancing Human Capacity


Professionalism


Stewardship


Mutual Respect and Trust


Learning and Growing Organisation

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ACRONYMS

CSO	Civil Society Organisation
HARISS	Humanitarian Assistance and Resilience in South Sudan
IGAs	Income Generating Activities
HH	House Holds
PoC	Protection of Civilians
P2P	People to People
RRC	Relief and Rehabilitation Commission
SSP	South Sudanese Pound
YPC	Youth Peace Committee





WELCOME MESSAGE



Our mission at UNYDA is to enable young women and men play more active role in development.

This involves a lot of work and commitment. I would like to acknowledge the good work that has been done so far by a team of very committed staff and volunteers.

The many success stories at UNYDA this year have been out of collective efforts of the staff members, beneficiaries, donors and BOD members. There is a special zeal and enthusiasm in all stakeholders that makes us all eager to achieve our targets and mission.

UNYDA has been blessed by a good number of friends who have come in to complement our efforts by contributing generously to this good cause. We are deeply grateful to all of our donors for supporting our programs financially.

We shall always remain indebted to you for your kindness

Thank you indeed to all of you who make UNYDA shine.

Charles Onak Judo
Executive Director



I would like to congratulate UNYDA for continuing to be one of the most important organizations contributing to enhancing youth transformation and development in our country South Sudan.

I would like to extend particular thanks to our partners:- Oxfam GB, War Child Canada, Norwegian People's Aid and Cordaid for generously supporting UNYDA programs.

More thanks to UNYDA staff who worked tirelessly in 2017 in implementing the planned activities, the beneficiaries, UNYDA member organisations, CSOs, and authorities who have made UNYDA's work a success.

We are pleased to present the UNYDA progress to date in this report. As you, the reader, share in our experience through this journey thus far, please keep in mind that we are working; in the back-drop of fragile environment. Nevertheless, UNYDA under the prevailing circumstances has built a strong network of groups in the Upper Nile region that enable us advance youth transformation and development in the region. We are further determined to continue this amazing journey having formed a firm footing upon which to scale up the peace building, humanitarian assistance and resilience activities, youth transformation and development, and other activities.

Bol Andrew Wieu
Chairman Board of Directors





WHO WE ARE

Upper Nile Youth Development Association (UNYDA) is a network of youth associations with a membership of 970 groups in South Sudan – Upper Nile state counties of Malakal, Melut, Akoka, Baliet, Renk, Maiwut, Panyikang, Nasir and Fashoda with Head office in Juba and a fully-fledged field office in Malakal UNMISS Humanitarian Hub . UNYDA was founded in 2003 with a purpose of engaging young women and men in a multi-year development process, which will foster their capacity to progressively transform their circumstances by accepting new challenges and taking advantage of opportunities generated by a changing context in South Sudan.

The following are some of the member organizations of this network:

MYA: Malut Youth Association for Peace and Development.

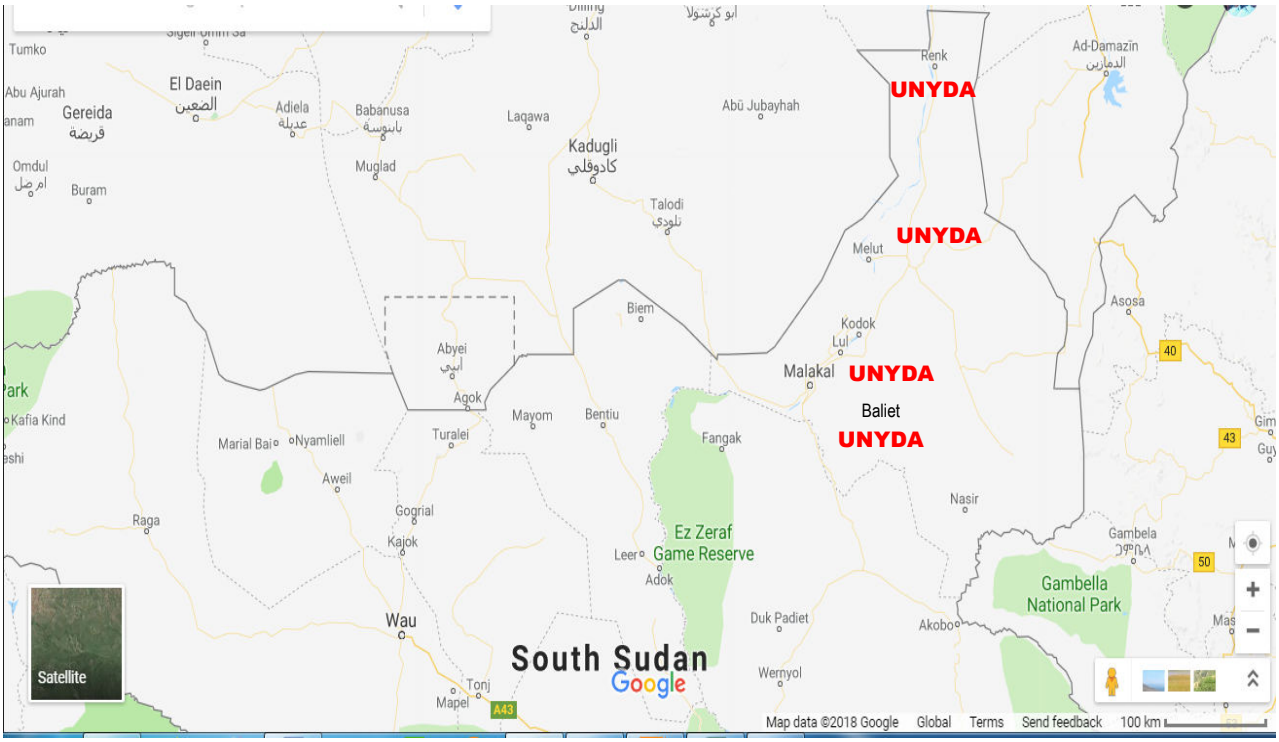
KCSC: Kodok Cultural and Social Club

BYDA: Baleit Youth Development association

WYA: Pagak Youth Association

KSA: Kaka Student Association

WHERE WE WORK



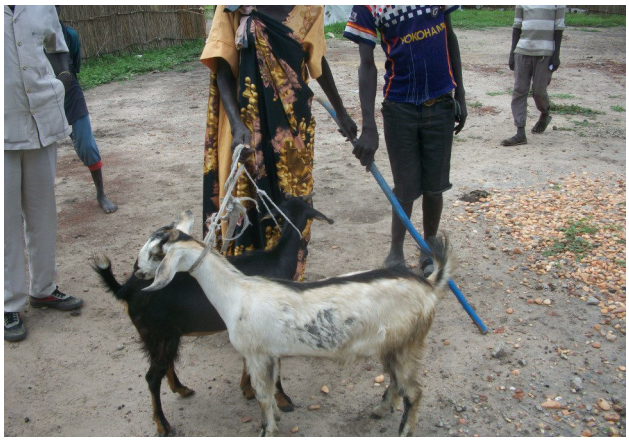
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND RESILIENCE IN SOUTH SUDAN

Building the resilience of women, men, and youth in Upper Nile - South Sudan by protecting and strengthening their ability to withstand environmental and conflict related disasters and shocks. This HARRIS project 2017-2020 is being implemented in partnership with Oxfam South Sudan.

UNYDA is expanding and enhancing existing fishing and farming practices to increase local food production in ways that are more adaptive to climate and environmental risks

Goat Restocking

UNYDA distributed 778 goats to 389 households in Akoka county, Upper Nile state The objective was for households to engage in goat rearing which is climate adaptive and drought tolerant and promotes household asset base and most importantly food security and nutrition.



Elderly woman receiving two goats in Akoka County - Upper Nile state. Goats have a shorter reproduction cycle, so it will be easier to rebuild population numbers in Akoka to benefit more people especially vulnerable women and youth.

Distribution of Fishing Kits

A total of 1000 Households benefited from the distribution of fishing kits, - 500 Households in Malakal town (31 women and 469 men) and 500 HH in Baliet (50 women and 450 men). The beneficiaries were trained on different fishing techniques, and organised into groups of 20 members with selected leadership of 3 for each group i.e. chairperson, secretary and treasurer.



Fishing kits distribution in Malakal town- Upper Nile, South Sudan.

Income Generating Activities (IGAs)

Under IGA component, UNYDA was actively involved in **Bread making** and **Soap making**.

Bread making: 56 HH were trained in bread making. There are 7 groups (4 in PoC and 3 in Malakal). These groups were also provided with bread making starter packs. Shop for selling breads was opened in the humanitarian hub and handed over to women groups thus enabling them sell their breads daily from Monday to Friday.



Bread-making group preparing breads in PoC Malakal

Soap making: 100 HH were trained in liquid and bar soap and provided with soap making starter packs. Current recordings, excluding sales of liquid soap in PoC amount to 34,000 SSP and 20,000 SSP for Malakal Town.





Liquid and Bar soap ready for sale. Bar and Liquid soap making has proved to be a very lucrative venture owing to its high demand in PoC and Malakal town.



Craft-making: Necklaces and wristbands made by PoC women



Carpentry and joinery group in PoC Malakal

Gender Mainstreaming

In South Soudan, majority of women and girls lack decision-making power at household and community levels. Through Gender Action Learning System (GALS), we strive to increase gender awareness and cooperation, encourage life planning to improve gender relations, cooperation, and livelihoods within the household and community. In 2017, UNYDA staff received GALS training in Juba conducted by Oxfam. Thereafter, they trained 16 GALS facilitators who will conduct GALS conversations in households in PoC and Malakal targeting 571 HH.



Session on rolling out GALS to the community

P PEACE BUILDING

Reconnecting Youth to Promote Peace in Upper Nile, South Sudan

This project of *"Reconnecting Youth to promote Peace in Upper Nile"* was funded by Norwegian People`s Aid (NPA) youth development program. The project targeted sixty (60) youth in Malakal PoC and Renk, and 24 (70% males & 30% females) youth from different communities in Renk (i.e. Dinka, Shilluk, Nuer and Maban) – to come together through IGA as a tool to learn from each other, reconnect, reconcile and build trust for period of one year. Several activities were done including:

- *Training youth on Advocacy, Conflict sensitivity, and Micro-business skills;*
- *Provision of youth groups with start-up capital;*
- *Establishing youth dialogue forums on peace, reconciliation, healing and reparation;*
- *Organizing youth-led radio-talk shows on transitional justice issues in Malakal;*
- *Conducting campaigns through art and cultural events on transitional justice issue, targeting 5,000 people in Malakal and Renk.*



UNYDA Executive Director (in grey T-shirt) discussing transitional justice issues during a live radio talk show in Malakal.



Dialogue on prevention of suicide among the youth



Youth cultural dancers entertaining guests during the cultural and transitional justice event in PoC - Malakal, South Sudan.



UNYDA Project Officer training youth on Advocacy and Conflict Sensitivity in Malakal PoC.

In Beneficiaries' Words

Ms. Nyayul Kuol Yol, 18 years old: *"Before training, I knew only one concept about violence against women which was direct violence such as assault, riot and war. After training, I found out that there is also indirect violence against the women which includes injustice and discrimination against women. Training of youth on advocacy and conflict sensitivity enabled me deal with gender equality, and how to reduce harm."*

Mr. Buthros Aban Wohn, 28 years old: *"I hoped to be a leader in future but how to be effective leader was an unanswerable question. Training provided me what I had been dreaming about for so long. I gained knowledge and skills on leadership development, and learned that leadership doesn`t stop- it is a life-long journey and I am making progress"*

Suluhu promoting cross border peace building through youth engagement project

Suluhu is a Kiswahili word meaning solutions which emphasizes via a local language the importance of local solutions owned and implemented by local communities. The program targeted directly 200 youth leaders and 35,000 refugees and hosts in South Sudan and Uganda with a special focus on females. Suluhu engaged vulnerable South Sudanese youth on both sides of the border (Uganda and South Sudan) as well as host community youth (Uganda) to make a lasting and positive impact in conflict prevention and peace building.

Suluhu was implemented in partnership with Warchild Canada in South Sudan and Children/ Youth as Peace Builders (CAP Uganda). UNYDA ensured local capacity building and sustainability.

During the year,

- Youth Peace Committees (YPCs) established and 60 youths trained on P2P and life skills;
- Organised 2 open cultural day events attended by 9500 people;
- Facilitated 6 community peace dialogues attended by 588 (226 F, 362M)
- Conducted 8 Radio outreaches aired to approximately 25,000 listeners;
- Organized peace sports tournament .



YPC on a live radio talk show at Nile FM in PoC



PoC youth that participated in Peace Tournament



Youth peace committee/peace ambassadors in Kabong Uganda



60 members of YPCs (20 F and 40 M) awarded certificates after training on P2P methodology and life skills which includes conflict management, peace building and group management.



Youth participating in cultural dance and drama during an open cultural day that attracted approximately 9500 people. The open cultural day included traditional dances, local music and songs, drama shows, games, words of encouragement and speeches from community stakeholders.

Quality of Education for Children and Youth in South Sudan (Life Skills) project supported by Warchild Canada

UNYDA in partnership with Warchild Canada implemented Life Skills Programme for out-of-school and/or vulnerable learners. This Life Skills Project targeted 2,383 (1085 female, 1298 male) in Malakal PoC and Malakal Town. In 2017, 2,383 youth were reached. Project sought to address barriers and issues affecting education. Youth were trained on five components of Life Skills Programme including strong emphasis on Gender Based Violence (GBV). Training covered the following: Communication, Reproductive Health, Conflict Management, Gender Based Violence (GBV), Protection and Human right, and Leadership advancement.



Youth participants during the life skills training





Building Peace Through Sports and Engaging Youth in sports as a tool for Psychosocial Support.

Nurturing seeds for local communities for inclusive and sustainable development in Melut - Project supported by Cordaid

During the year, UNYDA sensitized communities about environmental problems and effects on human, animal, and plant health resulting from oil business related overspill activities.

Other achievements include:

- Training of 40 women groups on women rights, lobby and advocacy approaches.
- Training of 40 women groups on conflict sensitivity, conflict resolution, grievances mechanism, and mitigation measures.
- Training of the women groups on dialogue initiative approaches and natural resources management.
- Conducting Survey in collaboration with Cordaid on the reaction by local government to address the complaints related to environmental pollution.



Sensitization meeting on environmental problems and effects on human, animal and plant health resulting from oil overspill.

PE SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

Our Finances

UNYDA has a financial management system in line with the organization polices, national and international financial management standards.

UNYDA remains committed to documenting all incomes, utilized funds and all other financial procedures according to the approved work plans and budget and in line with the project(s) budget(s) and accounts for all the funds in line with financial management regulations and the donor requirements.

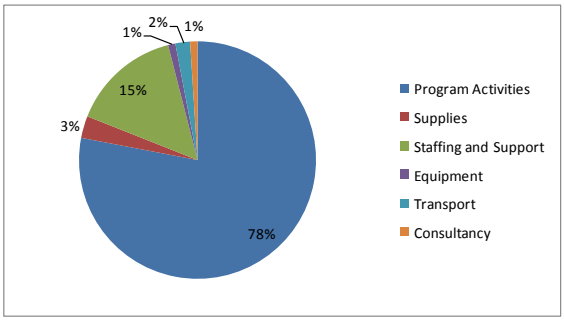
During the year, UNYDA received donor funding amounting to 676,293 USD as detailed below:

Donor Agency	Amount
1 Oxfam GB	356,798 USD
2 Cord Aid	83,108 USD
3 War Child Canada	141,007 USD
4 Norwegian Peoples Aid	95,380 USD

Expenditure

During the year we incurred total expenditure amounting to 654,559 USD.

Chart showing Annual Expenses in Percentages



Internal Audit

UNYDA Internal Audit (IA) continued to support the BOD's over sight function. In 2017 IA carried out a risk identification and assessment exercise and developed the Annual Risk-Based Audit Plan 2017. Besides the planned audits, IA also reviewed the draft Procurement Manual and made recommendations yet to be approved by BOD.

Special Donor Recognitions

Norwegian People`s Aid (NPA): Through NPA youth development program, we reached out to over 5000 people with peace building campaigns. NPA further supported project under "Enabling informed citizens on natural resource management in Melut County", Northern Upper Nile State.

Oxfam Great Britain: Supports Humanitarian Assistance and Resilience activities. Oxfam GB sustains more than 60% of the programs and activities at UNYDA. In 2017, Oxfam GB supported more than 1800 farmers in Upper Nile (800 received goats and 1000 fisherfolk received fishing kits).

War Child Canada: Through War Child Canada funding, we provided Life Skills training to 2,383 out-of-school and/or vulnerable young people

Cordaid: Cordaid supported sensitization of communities in Melut about environmental problems and effects on human, animal, and plant health resulting from oil business related overspill activities.

Thank you to all our donors

Make a Donation

UNYDA sincerely appreciates all donations, big or small, which will be used to support our activities in a cost-effective and transparent manner. Financial contributions can be made by visiting our website, www.unydasouthsudan.org, and clicking "Donate."

You can also contact info@unydasouthsudan.org for more information.

We also accept donations of equipment, bread baking ingredients, soap making chemicals, seeds, and other material that can be used by our beneficiaries or in our programs.

Thank you and God bless you.

Governance, Management and Staffing

UNYDA governance and oversight was provided by 5 Board of Directors (BOD) including the chairperson. The Executive Director, with support from the Management Team, ensured the day-to-day running of the program activities. The Program Field Coordinator oversaw all UNYDA activities in the field. At the end of the reporting period, UNYDA had a total of 16 staff.

M Management Team / Head Office Staff



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