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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

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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
GALS	Gender Action Learning System
PoC	Protection of Civilians
CAHWs	Community Animal Health Workers
CAGs	Community Action Groups
RRC	Relief and Rehabilitation Commission
SSP	South Sudanese Pound
SP	Strategic Partnership





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, partners, CSOs, BoD, authorities and donors. . 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, Saferworld, War Child Canada, Norwegian People's Aid, Cordaid, and AECOM for generously supporting UNYDA programs.

More thanks to UNYDA staff who worked tirelessly in 2019 in implementing the planned activities, management, BoD, 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, food security and livelihoods, environmental protection, and other development activities.

Bol Andrew Wieu.



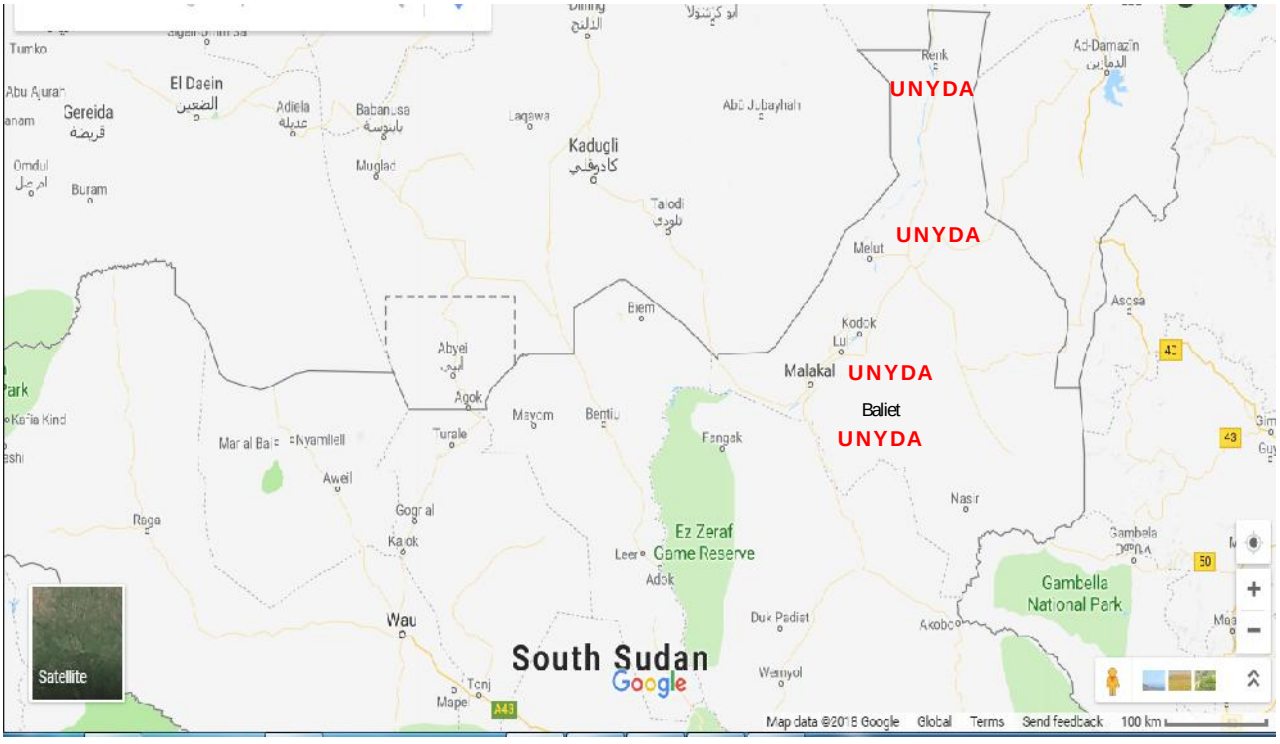


WHO WE ARE

UNYDA started as an indigenous association of young women and men in Malakal – Central Upper Nile state South Sudan in 2003. Over the last 16 years, UNYDA has grown into a leading youth association active in different areas of greater Upper Nile in the following counties: Malakal, Renk, Melut, Maiwut and Fashoda.

UNYDA focuses on young people. The organization is committed to cultivating a new type of leadership among young generation, which can help in the positive transformation of communities. UNYDA believes that the role of young people is critical in preventing, transforming and healing conflict. No group has more at stake than young people. They are often ones called to take up weapons, and they can be the ones to disown past prejudices and ills, bringing new vision of unity. Our key programs include: Peace Building, Food Security and Livelihoods, Public Health, Environment, Education, and Gender.

WHERE WE WORK



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND RESILIENCE IN SOUTH SUDAN (HARISS)

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 2016-2019, was implemented in partnership with Oxfam GB South Sudan.

UNYDA expanded and enhanced existing fishing and farming practices to increase local food production in ways that are more adaptive to climate and environmental risks.

Goat Restocking

1,572 goats were distributed to 786 households (HH) in Akoka county, Upper Nile. Each household received 2 female goats. Beneficiaries were trained on goat rearing. 8 CAHWs were trained in 4 payams of Akoka. Out of 786 HH that received 2 goats each, 597 households reported increase from 2 to 7 goats by September 2019.



In 2017, Ms. Nyanbit received 2 goats. By September 2019, her goats had increased to 8. "I am grateful to UNYDA and Oxfam. Now I am benefiting from goat milk, and I can sell one goat and buy household necessities. More families in my village who received 2 goats now have at least 7 goats". she said

Fisheries

2,143 (81 women, 2,062 men) HH or 12,858 beneficiaries in Malakal town, Malakal PoC, and Baliet received fishing kits. They were trained on fishing techniques, fish preservation, hygiene, and saving. 100 locally made fish preservation ovens were distributed to their groups. 12 fishermen groups received fibre canoes and Kimawi nets from AECOM under VISTAS project supported by USAID.



Fishermen "testing" their fibre canoes in Malakal, Upper Nile.

Farming

We supported solarised irrigation farming in Malakal PoC (250HH), staple food production in Akoka (695HH) and kitchen garden (1700HH). Farmers were trained on good agronomic practices, vegetable production, and supported with seeds including maize, sorghum, ground nuts, cow peas, 7 types of vegetables, farming tools, and solar water pumps for Irrigation Farming.



Solar water pumps for irrigation being assembled for testing in Malakal PoC. 250HH received complete solar irrigation system.

Income Generating Activities (IGAs)

Income generation can help to overcome food insecurity in South Sudan. Under HARISS, we initiated and supported several IGAs in both Malakal PoC and Malakal town. Bread making (baking), Grinding Mill, Carpentry, Blacksmith, Fish & Vegetable sellers IGAs were supported.

Bread making: Eight groups (3 Malakal town and 5 PoC) each consisting of 8 women were trained in bread making, group governance, and gender. They were supported with ovens and bread making ingredients. Groups sustained their projects and by September 2019, each group was earning approximately USD 400 per month. Their breads were unique, sweet, and had high demand.



15 Blacksmiths, and 15 Carpenters were supported with tools, and trained on Metal Welding and Carpentry respectively. Individuals were earning USD 300 in September 2019.



75 individual Vegetable and Fish sellers each received 100 USD Conditional Cash Grants in Malakal town and PoC. This is one of the most profitable IGAs supported under HARISS. By September 2019, an individual was making USD 350 net profit.

Grinding Mills: 75HH (5 groups of 15 members each) were supported with 5 Grinding Mills, spare parts, tool boxes, and fuel for 3 months. We further constructed Grinding Mills shelters for the groups. They were trained on Business Management and group governance.



Gender and Governance

In South Sudan, majority of women and girls lack decision-making power at household and community levels. Using Gender Action Learning System (GALS) methodology, we increased gender awareness and cooperation, encouraged life planning to improve gender relations, cooperation, and livelihoods within the household and community. 688 Households participated in GALS conversations, and gender was mainstreamed in all HARISS activities. UNYDA further supported other HARISS implementing partners by capacitating their staff on GALS methodology.

Under Governance, Resilience Committees were formed & supported at Payam and County levels .



UNYDA Governance officer and GALS trainer - Mr. Odong Mayik Kur, with Oxfam team (partnership Coordinator and Governance Coordinator) and Nile Hope staff after rolling out Gender Action Learning System (GALS) in Jonglei - Upper Nile.

P PEACE BUILDING

Reconnecting Youth to Promote Peace in Upper Nile, South Sudan

Reconnecting Youth to promote Peace in Upper Nile project was funded by Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) youth development program. The project targeted youth in Malakal town and PoC from different communities (i.e. Dinka, Shilluk, Nuer and Maban) – to come together through Sports for Peace and IGA as tools to learn from each other, reconnect, reconcile and build trust. Several activities were done including:

- *Trained youth on Advocacy, Conflict Resolution and Nonviolence, and Micro-business skills;*
- *Supported 40 youth (20 female, 20 male) with start-up capital of 250 USD each to enhance their IGAs in Malakal town and PoC;*
- *Established youth dialogue forums on peace, reconciliation, healing and reparation;*
- *Conducted youth-led radio-talk shows on transitional justice issues in Malakal;*
- *Conducted 2 campaigns through art and cultural events on transitional justice issue, targeting 5,000 people in Malakal in March and November*



Youth marching during the Beledna Awel (Our Country First) campaign's Sport for Peace Final Tournament in Malakal PoC



The Deputy Governor of Central Upper Nile state, dancing with participants during Cultural Event in Malakal on 9th March 2019.



Youth cultural dancers entertaining guests during the cultural and transitional justice event in Malakal stadium, South Sudan. Cultural dancers from Dinka, Shilluk, Nuer & Maban in Malakal town, Malakal PoC and other parts of Upper Nile participated.



Central Upper Nile Government delegation led by Acting Governor and Minister of Local Government and Law Enforcement H.E Andreas Mayom. Cultural event in Malakal on 16th November 2019 attracted over 5,000 participants from different Upper Nile ethnic groups, development partners &CSOs.

In Beneficiaries' Words

Ms. Christina Nyalong, 22 years old from Malakal town speaking about Cultural Festival Event and Training on Conflict Resolution and Nonviolence skills :
"Now we see peace in Malakal because we have exchange visits between ourselves and our brothers and sisters in PoC. In peace building, I do meet a lot of people including in the PoC; we are now working together in group of 19 youth. Before we created this dialogue platform there were challenges; the PoC would feel more important calling us "Guondo" Arabic word for "villager" but now the gap has been bridged and they're friends and working together with us harmoniously"

Mr. Changkos Yien, 28 years old from Malakal PoC speaking about Cultural Festival Event and Training on Conflict Resolution and Nonviolence skills:
"When people are talking about peace implementation, peace needs to start from within - at home level, at tribe level. When you're doing this it will create cooperation amongst people. When you see this cultural festival it' is the only time they [PoC residents] go to Malakal. When we are engaged with the people, we feel very happy".

Contributing to Poverty Reduction through Community Security and Peacebuilding

Contributing to Poverty Reduction through Community Security and Peacebuilding is a 3 years project we implemented in partnership with Saferworld, funded by DfID /UKaid.

In South Sudan, communities experience widespread localised conflict and insecurity, interlinked with the national conflict. Women and youth are vulnerable due to gender norms that cause conflict and lack of positive opportunities. Under this project, we used community security and peacebuilding approaches to strengthen capacities of communities, civil society, and local authorities to jointly address peace and security concerns and support community (particularly women and youth) participation in decision-making processes. We advocated for national/external actors to adopt conflict-/gender-sensitive interventions to build resilient communities and contribute to stable conditions for socio-economic development.

Under this project, we:

- Conducted Community Security Assessment (CSA) in Malakal - Upper Nile, and disseminated findings in June 2019;
- Established three new Community Action Groups (CAGs) in Malakal town and PoC based on CSA findings. Each group consists of 30 members;
- Facilitated 19 CAGs' meetings to discuss the security concerns with wider community in their respective residential areas;
- Capacitated CAGs to build their own partnerships with organisations providing livelihood support (including the private sector).



Dissemination of Community Security Assessment (CSA) findings in Malakal - Upper Nile, June 2019.

From Input To Impact (FITI)

We piloted **"*From Input to Impact (FITI)"*** M&E Toolkit for Monitoring and Evaluating GBV Programming in Restrictive Environments. This small project was supported by Warchild Canada with funding from Women's Refugee Commission.

This step-by-step toolkit was created to increase the quality of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) practice for GBV programs in restricted environments. It aimed at supporting local actors to better understand the needs of all those affected by GBV, and their communities that are affected by GBV, ensure ethical approaches are used in their M&E activities, and contribute to the improvement in the quality of GBV prevention and response programming.

Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) were conducted with Gender Action Learning System beneficiaries (of HARISS program) on using FITI M&E tools to track the outcome of GALS intervention and as result of that, there were positive behavior changes realized on alleviation of misunderstandings and physical violence at household level.

We documented beneficiaries' success stories.







Ms. Nyanthon Abiel with her husband & workmates (Top), Mr. Miabiel Deng and Nyanyok the wife (Bottom Left), and Mr. *John Kuol Yuol and his wife Apol Meijak (Bottom Right) all participated in GALS conversations, and FITI focus group discussions. GALS increased gender awareness and cooperation, encouraged life planning to improve gender relations, cooperation, and livelihoods within their households and community.*

Designing Pathway to Peace and Prosperity through Market base Resilience in South Sudan (Malakal Township and PoC) - Bridge Builder project.

UNYDA implemented Bridge-Builder project in partnership with Warchild Canada with funding from GHR - Italy.

Project Achievements:

- One hundred (100) youths in both Malakal Town and Malakal PoC (**52** females, **48** males) were trained on Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation.
- Five peace building outreach and awareness rising programs aired out by youth peace groups to affect Upper Nile Communities to promote peace, unity, trust and better relationship among themselves.
- One hundred (100) youth peace builders received seven months' unconditional cash transfer, 50 United States Dollars each month to enable them meet their house hold basic needs.





Pictures: *Youth peace builders showing optimism after receiving unconditional cash transfer (Top), Youth peace builders during peace building training at ministry of youth hall – Malakal town (Bottom).*

Strategic Partnership for Lobby and Advocacy Development in Northern Upper Nile.

This Strategic Partnership project was implemented in Melut, Northern Upper Nile, and supported by Cordaid. We sensitized oil producing communities in Melut about environmental problems and effects on human, animal, and plant health resulting from oil business. We further capacitated communities on: Grievance handling mechanisms, HIV/AIDS prevention and Sexual Reproductive Health issues, and Sharing of 2% and 3% oil revenue allocated to petroleum producing communities

Key achievements include:

- The Minister of petroleum agreed to conduct a comprehensive environmental audit in the affected areas. A body to conduct the audit was formed.
- The Minister of petroleum accepted to form a body to formalise both the 3% and 2% share revenue to the oil producing communities.
- Governors from oil producing states formed Community Development Committees (CDCs) which are required to manage the 3% of the net petroleum revenues allocated to petroleum producing communities.

UNYDA's Program on Environment

UNYDA's Environment program focuses on Natural Resource Management (NRM); a broad category of activities focused on improving how people interact with and use their natural environment. UNYDA provided leadership to Civil Society Coalition on Natural Resources (CSCNR); a formation of 43 civil society organizations including the trade union of petroleum and mine workers in South Sudan. CCCNR aims to influence sustainable development, exploration and utilization of revenues from natural resources to benefit the citizens.



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, utilizing 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.

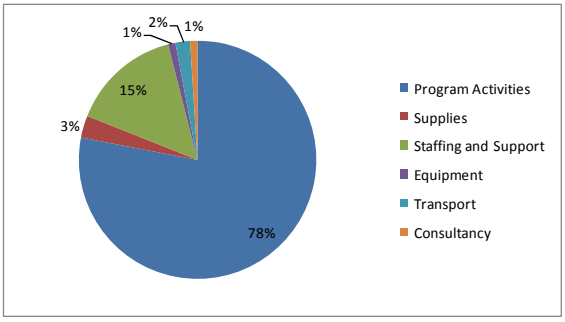
During the year, UNYDA received donor funding amounting to USD 861,280 as detailed below:

Donor Agency	Amount
1 Oxfam GB	USD 444,758
2 Cord Aid	USD 144,292
3 War Child Canada	USD 54,546
4 Norwegian Peoples Aid	USD 138,030
5. Saferworld	USD 79,654

Expenditure

During the year we incurred total expenditure amounting to USD 845,340.

Chart showing Annual Expenses in Percentages



Audit

UNYDA Internal Audit (IA) continued to support the BOD's over sight function. In 2019 IA carried out a risk identification and assessment exercise and developed the Annual Risk-Based Audit Plan 2019. External Auditors were also contracted to audit several projects . Reports are available on request.

Special Donor Recognitions

Norwegian People's Aid (NPA): Through NPA youth development program, we reached out to over 10,000 people with peace building campaigns in Malakal. NPA further supported environmental protection advocacy activities for Civil Society Coalition on Natural Resources (CSCNR) that UNYDA leads.

Oxfam Great Britain: Oxfam GB with funding from DfID / UKaid, supported Humanitarian Assistance and Resilience activities. Oxfam GB sustained more than 60% of the programs and activities at UNYDA. In 2019, UNYDA in partnership with Oxfam GB supported more than 57,000 beneficiaries in Upper Nile.

War Child Canada: Through Warchild Canada funding, we supported 100 youths, and also FITI GBV project supported by Women's Refugee Commission, supplemented Gender and M&E.

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.

Saferworld: Saferworld with funding from DfID / UKaid, supported Community Security and Peacebuilding activities in Malakal .

AECOM: AECOM under VISTAS project with funding from USAID supported Malakal fishermen with fibre canoes and durable "Kimawi" fishing nets.

Thank you to all our partners and 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 in-kind donations

Thank you and God bless you.

Governance, Management and Staffing

UNYDA governance and oversight was provided by 7 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. Programme Manager oversees the Admin/Finance and Project department. The field office is managed by Program Field Coordinator. UNYDA had a total of 25 staff.

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