

Press Release

South Sudanese National NGOs take a bold position at the IGAD/OCHA high-level pledging event on the humanitarian crisis in South Sudan

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The Chair of the National NGO Steering Committee, of the South Sudan NGO forum, *Mr Elijah Manyok*, stated today that not only has the current war in South Sudan robbed the South Sudanese people of the human right of peace but has rendered over 6.4 million South Sudanese food insecure with nearly 2.5 million at risk of acute hunger and an estimated 2 million displaced from their homes.

The humanitarian response in 2014 managed to avert a potential famine, curtailed cholera and other disease outbreaks and reduced death rates; protected over 100,000 people in UNMISS bases; and gave a generation of children a chance. However, as we move into the next phase of the response it is paramount that four key milestones are met if we aim to achieve the goals stated in the country strategic response plan;

1. Engage the full potential of the over 200 South Sudanese National NGOs in over 90 operational locations who experience the conflict both as victims and first responders and are uniquely placed to better understand and respond to humanitarian needs.
2. Respect of both National and International humanitarian workers and apparatus which is a humanitarian principle that has been violated by forces of both parties to the conflict throughout 2014.
3. Respond to the emergencies not only in the 3 states directly affected by the armed conflict but also the 7 states that are indirectly affected.
4. Cessation of violence, observation of the cease fire agreements and the release of African Union Peace and Security Council Commission of Inquiry report which are all key elements of the roadmap to justice, accountability, closure and reconciliation

Mr Elijah Manyok remarked that it is unfortunate once again there is a need for humanitarian fundraising for South Sudan but someday soon the happy giggling of children and the enchanting ululation of women will be a reality to all South Sudanese people and never again shall the people of South Sudan die of hunger, disease and war.

About the South Sudan NGO forum

The South Sudan NGO Forum is a membership based platform comprised of both National and International NGOs operating in South Sudan. It is an avenue through which NGOs in South Sudan can collectively advocate, share information, engage in policy and capacity support.

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