**Resilience Network Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting**

**Date:** Friday, 25 May 2018

**Venue:** NGO Forum Meeting Room

**Time:** 09h00 - 10.10pm

# Present:

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Position** |
| Semalegn Belay Abdissa | Goal | Recover Project Director |
| Girma Yadete | CRS | Project Director CRS Livelihoods Programme |
| Eschete Gezahegn | Save the Children | FSL Advisor |
| Nellie Kingston | Concern Worldwide | BRACED Director |

# Attachments

* Final terms or reference of South Sudan Resilience Network.
* Launch Event Minutes.

# Overview and Agenda

The main agenda items were as follows:

* Updates
* Establishment of Resilience Exchange Network Portal
* Final terms of reference for the Resilience Exchange Network
* Election of the TWG members
* Proposal for resilience-themed events in 2018

# Key points generated from the meeting

## Updates

* The launch event was revisited. It was deemed to be a successful event with much positive feedback from NGOs, donors and other participants.
* TWG members requested that the NGO Forum Secretariat continue to ensure that the Resilience Exchange Network is advertised among members of the NGO Forum as confusions are continuing among some NGOs as to its purpose; and to avoid duplication of attempts to coordinate on resilience.
* Updates were provided following the last meeting held in April. The points in the last meeting were followed up on. See notes below.

## Establishment of Resilience Exchange Network Portal

* Kenneth Muturi, Information Advisor of the NGO Forum [infomgr@southsudanngoforum.org](mailto:infomgr@southsudanngoforum.org) was present at the meeting to discuss the use of the NGO Forum website as a portal for the network to centralise information for sharing among the network members. The following actions arose from his participation:
  + The portal will be prepared for population by Tuesday 29 May **(Responsibility: Kenneth)**.
  + Nellie will provide all meeting minutes and the events to date as well as some documents for uploading on the resource section, including the GAC Donor Dialogue; and UN/USAID Recovery and Resilience conference. **(Responsibility: Nellie)**
  + Network members will be informed of the launch of the portal following initial population of the site and will be invited to submit resources for uploading through an email to be set up: [resilience@southsudanngoforum.org](mailto:resilience@southsudanngoforum.org) **(Responsibility: Nellie)**
  + All members of the TWG will be provided with access to the email account. **(Responsibility: Kenneth)**
  + Emails can also be copied to TWG members to ensure that information flows are not disrupted.
  + The meeting minutes will be held in a folder with permissions attached. As with the email address the TWG will hold the password for this. **(Responsibility: Kenneth)**
  + An introduction to the Resilience Exchange Network will developed for the webpage. **(Responsibility: Nellie)**

## Finalisation of terms of reference for the Resilience Exchange Network

* The terms of referenced were altered to name a technical working group (TWG) rather than a steering committee, to ensure that the role of the group as part of the NGO Forum is understood by all. The revised version are attached to the minutes of this meeting. **(Responsibility: Nellie)**

## Election of the TWG members

* As per the ToR, the Technical Working Group (TWG) selected on 22 February 2018 will be reconfirmed or replaced at the end of June 2018. A decision was taken for Nellie to draft an email to all members notifying them of the decision of Concern Worldwide as founder member of the Resilience Exchange Network to withdraw to allow for another member to join the group. **(Responsibility: Nellie)**
* Through the email, all NNGOs/INGOs will be requested to respond to reconfirm the other four members, and to express their interest in joining the TWG.
* Following the admission of the new member, the chair will be elected by the TWG.
* All members requested that any newcomers have the capacity and willingness to participate meaningfully in the group.
* It was further decided that the number of members of the TWG should remain at 5 representatives as a larger number becomes unworkable in terms of coordination and meeting as a group.

## Proposal for resilience-themed events in 2018

* BRACED South Sudan will be pleased to host an additional event before the end of June 2018. There was a unanimous call to have an event on **Resilience Measurement**. This event would be for technical experts within organisations rather than being at a high level of representation as for the launch event.
* The week of 18 June was proposed for the event subject to confirmation by key speakers.
* Organisations such as FAO, Goal, CRS, Save the Children, USAID, WFP, ACTED and World Vision were suggested as potential speakers at the event however that the invitation would be sent widely to discuss resilience measurement. All TWG members will follow up with their key networks. As part of BRACED for example, Nellie will contact FAO who are the owners of the SHARP and RIMA II tools.
* Additional events could be proposed however the number of events should recognise that the TWG will called on to represent the NGOs at various events during the year so the number of events should be limited to ensure that the members, who are voluntary, are not overburdened and unable to participate meaningfully as a result.
* Proposed additional events:
  + **Conflict and Resilience**: inviting CSRF, BRACED (Concern Worldwide or ACTED), FAO, UNDP and UNMISS (NGO Liaison) to present; as well as identifying other actors or stakeholders with information to share on conflict sensitive or peacebuilding initiatives.
  + **Resilience: Land and Natural Resources:** inviting organisations engaged in land and natural resources to present (this event needs further discussion).

## Next meeting

Following confirmation of FAO representative for the next event planned so that practical preparations can commence. **Nellie to advise.**