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

**Date:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018

**Venue:** NGO Forum Meeting Room

**Time:** 13h30 - 14.15pm

# Present:

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Position** |
| Semalegn Belay Abdissa | Goal | Recover Project Director |
| Girma Yadete | CRS | Project Director CRS Livelihoods Programme |
| Eshete Gezahegn | Save the Children | FSL Advisor |
| Nellie Kingston | Concern Worldwide | BRACED Director |
| Romano Kuot | South Sudan Grassroots Initiative for Development | Executive Director |

Pius Ojara attended the meeting to make a point regarding the TWG selection process.

# Overview and Agenda

The main agenda items were as follows:

1. Establishment of Resilience Exchange Network Portal – passwords for minutes and email
2. Election of the TWG members - update
3. Proposal for resilience-themed events in 2018

# Key points generated from the meeting

## Establishment of Resilience Exchange Network Portal

1. Notes from the Resilience Exchange Network events are online. The link is now active and also contains folders for events and minutes of meetings of the TWG. The meeting minutes folder is password protected. [http://docs.southsudanngoforum.org/page/resilience-exchange-network](http://click.southsudanngoforum.org/wf/click?upn=t2ImnP4EORaj6fugnCH8vuDRu-2BHNmBjcjY6agFXh4d2pn1FtimPmbInvCDBd-2B5RkRNj5I1gdpds6lLLnT52osL-2BjM0TBmePo8UH8xduSYT8-3D_v-2BwzoaQ0ZA48ytAx3aT7xyekcxAdbUGlujZIVUbzPdPK50OZI1kwCW1l5HzODApvsHsyl-2BZU6XydBmXDpoYYVE-2Bo5FjdoOCeb5ub6pSJiibzu-2BcsNvQeGxMb-2Bm6WRXxSDJ975-2FuJYnEn1z2cu2Ya6fFKd7Gg56Hk3-2BSODAPChqG-2Bd0zA5k-2FywjyBHiv7gPpNr-2BuHkaZzRrLXo6AXd1E7sTCpUQ9sz6Giir7scZVZ3Fk-3D) The email address is also active [resilience@southsudanngoforum.org](mailto:resilience@southsudanngoforum.org) for the TWG. Kenneth Muturi, the Information Advisor of the NGO Forum [infomgr@southsudanngoforum.org](mailto:infomgr@southsudanngoforum.org) will maintain the webpage and upload documents. Nelie has shared all minutes of meetings and sample documents. Events are also uploaded in folders, including some events external to the network.

***Action: Kenneth to provide passwords to the TWG and upload documents sent through since the webpage establishment. Responsible: Kenneth***

***A system to manage the email address should be adopted. Currently, emails are copied to the TWG. Responsible: TWG Chair when selected***

## Resilience Exchange Network Events

1. **Resilience Exchange Network** events (July-September 2018) have been updated by Gezahegn. The proposed events are:
   1. **Conflict and Resilience**:
      * Current Initiatives / experiences:
      * South Sudan,
      * East Africa/Regional, or even
      * Globally so to adapt to SSD context
      * How to build resilience in contexts with complex crisis / conflict
      * Food Insecurity, Resilience and Conflict
      * Causes & Consequences
      * Promising works or evidences
   2. **Land and Resilience**
      * Increased agricultural productions contributing to resilience building
      * But, how in a context constrained by access to farming lands
      * Land Act 2009
        + Enforcement or other issues
        + Roles of customary institutions
        + Power relationship
      * Pastoralism including Cross border
2. A number of organisations have expressed interest in being part of the events including CSRF and Warchild Holland for the Resilience and Conflict event.

***Action: Next event to be planned for August 2018. Responsible: TWG***

***Note that communications through the NGO Forum and the FSL cluster is the most effective information sharing mechanism. The SC of the NGO Forum should be alerted to the need to share the communications regarding the Resilience Exchange Network internally in their organisations to ensure effective communications and participation at the meetings.***

## Confirmation of the Resilience Exchange Network Technical Working Group members

1. An update on the TWG members was provided. The current members have expressed an interest in remaining on the TWG. Concern Worldwide is to be replaced. Once the new TWG is confirmed, they will elect a chair from their members.
2. Only two organisations have expressed an interest to join the forum, these are ACTED and World Vision.
3. Pius then addressed the meeting and stated that he would again invite additional candidates to propose themselves as members of the TWG.
4. All members requested that any newcomers have the capacity and willingness to participate meaningfully in the group.
5. 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.
6. The Steering Committee of the NGO Forum will discuss the Resilience Exchange Network and the selection of the new member to the TWG. The network is to be a main point of contact for work on resilience.  Pius will coordinate with the Steering Committee of the NGO Forum to confirm the current members of the TWG and ensure that a credible actor replaces Concern.

***Action: New TWG member needs to be selected. This is an issue for the NGO Forum Steering Committee. Existing TWG members also represented through their organisations on the Steering Committee to brief their Country Directors.***

## USAID/UN Recovery and Resilience

* Jeff Hill of USAID contacted the Resilience Exchange Network TWG to confirm that it is a coordination point for the Recovery and Resilience event being planned for mid-July. He was informed that the intention of the network is to be the coordination point as the experience to date is that organisations known as actors represent the wider NGO group and that this representation and subsequent communications to others is not as representative. The network being hosted in the NGO Forum and on the agenda of the Steering Committee meetings is the correct point of coordination.

***Action: TWG to follow up on the details of the July event and to ensure representation of NGOs at the event. A mechanism to feedback to the wider NGO community following such events needs to be clarified – briefings, email plus uploading of presentations, etc. as for the other events currently uploaded on the portal.***

## TWG Changes

* This is the last meeting and event that Nellie will attend. Nellie thanked the TWG for establishing the Resilience Exchange Network so successfully and firmly establishing it as a coordination point for resilience in South Sudan. Communications and requests from donors, embassies and the UN, in addition to NGOs since its establishment clearly demonstrates the need for such a forum in South Sudan. As Concern Worldwide is now withdrawing from the forum, this is an opportunity to ensure sustainability of the forum and wider ownership within the NGO Forum.

## Next meeting

* To be advised.