

**-Press Statement-**

**South Sudan NGO Forum condemns the killing of an aid worker in GPAA and appeals to the authorities for an investigation**

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The South Sudan NGO Forum is deeply saddened by the killing of an aid worker in the Greater Pibor Administrative Area in the course of his duties. We stand in solidarity with the affected international non-governmental organization and the family of the deceased in this tragic moment.

We strongly condemn this act of targeted killing of a humanitarian worker and appeal to the relevant government organs at all levels to investigate and hold accountable the perpetrators of this brutal act. The occurrence of such an incident jeopardizes the delivery of critical life-saving assistance to the people of the Greater Pibor Administrative Area.

The killing of a South Sudanese national on Monday, 06 November 2023, working for an international non-governmental organization, while on a field trip to respond to a suspected measles outbreak, is a bitter reminder of the insecurity facing humanitarian workers delivering aid in South Sudan.

We call upon GPAA and national authorities for a robust, thorough, and expedited investigation of this incident. Perpetrators must be held accountable.

NGO Forum reiterates its calls for all actors, to STOP targeting humanitarian workers and assets.

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