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Enhancing Community
Resilience and Local
Governance Project
Phase II (ECRP II)

INTRODUCTION

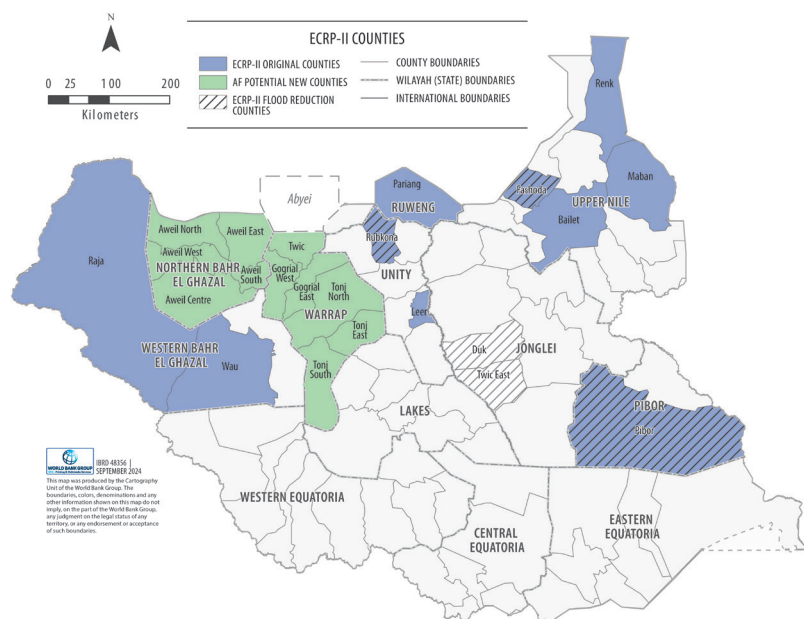
This monthly report highlights the progress and achievements of the Enhancing Community Resilience and Local Governance Project Phase II (ECRP II). ECRP II builds on the preceding and completed Local Governance and Service Delivery Project and to address immediate needs for basic services and flood risk reduction in selected vulnerable areas of the country while strengthening community institutions and local government’s capacity to better manage local development and supporting the national government to provide oversight.

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve access to services, strengthen flood resilience, and enhance institutional capacity for local service delivery and integrated disaster risk management at the national and local levels. The project is funded by the World Bank and implemented by the Government of South Sudan in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) from January 2023 to March 2027.

ECRP II comprises five project components designed to improve service delivery, flood resilience, and institutional capacity in South Sudan. The five components are as follows:

- Component 1: Infrastructure and Services for Community Resilience
- Component 2: Institutional Strengthening
- Component 3: Emergency Flood Response
- Component 4: Project Management and Learning
- Component 5: Contingency Emergency Response

Project Location



Key Highlights



62,908

people protected from flooding impacts in Rubkona County



6,400

people have gained improved access to clean water in Wau County



888

(421 males; 467 females)
PDC/BDC members trained



452

(360 males; 92 females) county officials trained



455

(362 males; 192 females)
Operation and Maintenance (O&M) committee members trained

Key Achievement

- 97 subprojects passed the eligibility criteria to implement 268 infrastructures for phase II construction in nine counties (Wau, Renk, Baliet, Pariang, Raja, Maban, Leer, Rubkona, and Fashoda)
- 132 infrastructure projects in progress under phase I construction (65 in Wau, 26 in Renk, 10 in Raja, 24 in Pariang, and 7 in Baliet county)
- Completed the construction of 16 infrastructures (12 boreholes, one central water yard, and a chain link fence) in Wau County. In addition, a classroom block and haffir in Renk County.



Rubkona County Commissioner Hon. James Clement Juol addresses community members in Rubkona county, emphasizing collaboration and local impact, Unity State © IOM South Sudan 2024

Component I: Infrastructure and Services for Community Resilience

Subcomponent 1.1: Community Infrastructure and Services (Implemented in phases)

A total of **160 subprojects** have been validated and approved for the implementation of **442 infrastructure projects** across three phases in nine counties: Wau, Renk, Baliaet, Pariang, Raja, Maban, Leer, Rubkona, and Fashoda. The achievements for each construction phase are listed below:

- **Phase I:** The construction of **12 boreholes, one central water yard, and a chain link fence**, has been completed in Wau County. In addition, the rehabilitation of a **classroom block and the construction of a Haffir** were completed in Renk County.
- An estimated **6,500 people** have gained improved access to clean drinking water in Bessilia and Bagari Payams.
- A total of **50 subprojects**, which include **156 infrastructure projects**, will be completed at the beginning of 2025 (see Figures 1 and 2).
- **Phase II:** The screening and validation of **97 subprojects** have been completed and passed the eligibility to implement **268 infrastructure projects in nine counties** (Wau, Renk, Baliaet, Pariang, Raja, Maban, Leer, Rubkona, and Fashoda) (see Figure 3). The bidding process for selecting contractors and awarding contractors is in progress.
- **Phase III:** The validation of **13 subprojects (18 infrastructure projects)** has been completed in Maban and Pibor County.
- All phases include Environmental and Social Safeguarding components and require an ESMP report that the World Bank approves.

Subcomponent 1.2: Flood Risk Reduction Investments

- Conducted a desk review and technical assessment in Rubkona, Pibor, Fashoda, Duk, and Twic East counties. The results include a draft inventory of potential interventions, desk studies, a climate modeling report, exposure and vulnerability classifications, and an analysis of historic flood events.
- The Immediate Flood Mitigation Measures (IFMM) in Rubkona County are in progress with an **81% completion rate**. These measures include rehabilitating and constructing dikes, a drainage system, and soft intervention components to protect an estimated **62,908 people** from flooding impacts in Rubkona County. The long list of interventions will be implemented based on the feasibility assessment.

Table1: Status (IFMM)_November

No	Project	Proposed dikes (km)	Progress (%)	No of Beneficiaries
1	Rehabilitation of the existing Dikes in Rubkona and Panihany Payams	37 km	97%	31,652
2	Construction of a New Dike from Rubkona/Makuach to Pakur	7.7km	100%	21,934
3	Construction of drainage system in Nyuenpiu and Dera areas.	2.5 km	86%	9,322
Total				

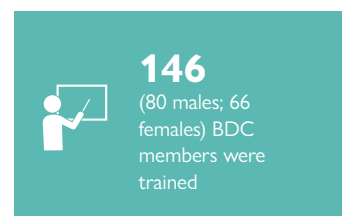
Subcomponent 1.3: Operations and Maintenance (O&M)

- Trained **455 (263 males: 192 females)** O&M committee members in Baliet, Pariang, Wau, Raja and Renk Counties. The training contributed to increased knowledge and skills of O&M members to maintain and sustain the infrastructure built under the project.
- Validated the O&M guidance document in coordination with key government counterparts. The document is expected to enhance the sustainability of infrastructure in South Sudan.

Component 2. Institution Strengthening

Subcomponent 2.1. Community Institution Strengthening

- Conducted **16 ECRP II Community Inception Meetings** in Pibor, Maban, Duk, and Twic East counties. In addition, **16 Boma Development Committees (BDCs)** were formed, and 251 (142 males: 109 females) BDC members were trained on how to determine, lead, and sustain community development projects.
- Trained **86 (70 males: 16 females)** Payam Disaster Risk Management Committees (PDRMCs) members and supported the development of Disaster Risk Management Plans during training in Panhiany and Rubkona Payams in Rubkona County. Trained **397 (199 males: 198 females)** Payam Development Committees (PDC) members on participatory planning.
- Formed **seven BDCs** in Maban and Pariang and trained **146 (80 males: 66 females) (73 refugees and 73 host communities)** under the refugee inclusion component.



Subcomponent 2.2. County Government Strengthening



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- Conducted **12 out of 12** county-kick-off workshops to sensitize county officials and other stakeholders on ECRP II objectives, components, county budget allocation, performance-based indicators, and operation and maintenance. In addition, BDCs and PDCs were sensitized on performance-based indicators to determine county grant disbursement.
- Trained **452 (360 males: 92 females)** county officials on participatory planning and procurement in **10 counties** (Wau, Renk, Baliet, Pariang, Raja, Maban, Pibor, Leer, Rubkona, and Fashoda).
- Developed and submitted the **Institutional Maturity Index (IMI) tools** for review and approval by the Project Management Unit.

Subcomponent 2.3. National and State Government Strengthening

- Launched ECRP II in all project locations to sensitize the state and county governments on the project. Six launch meetings were conducted by the PMU and IOM in Unity, Upper Nile, Western Barh-El-Ghazal, and Jonglei states. Rolled out the orientation of Disaster Risk Management Committees (DRMCs) and advocacy at the state level in Unity and Upper Nile States and formed three Payam Disaster Risk Management Committees (PDRMC) and two County Disaster Risk Management Committees (CDRMC) in Rubkona and Fashoda counties in the same states.
- Validated the State DRM Advocacy Manual and the County/ Payam DRM manuals in coordination with Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management (MHADM) and the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources (MWRI).
- Conducted the Technical Capacity Assessment Workshop on 12 December 2024. The purpose of this workshop was to present the findings of the TCA assessment, to gather feedback on the reports from ministry officials and to discuss potential solutions for key challenges identified by the assessment. The workshop brought together representatives from both National and State Ministries, as well as partner organizations



Group discussion on challenges and solutions TCA workshop © IOM South Sudan 2024



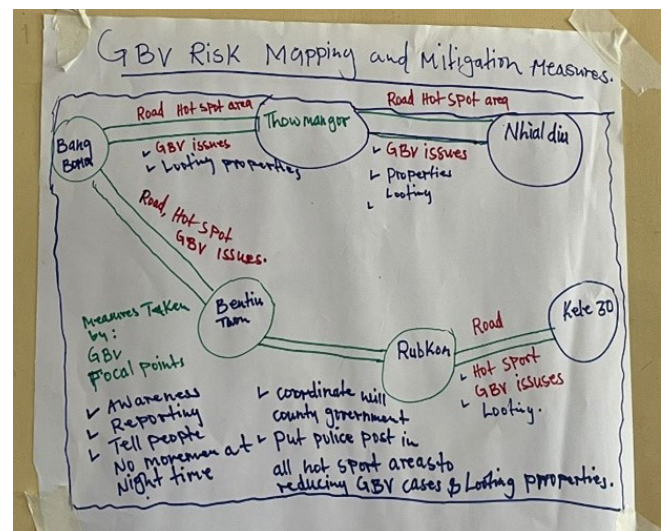
Presentation of findings by Mary Langan TCA workshop © IOM South Sudan 2024

Environmental and Social Risk Management

- Conducted Environmental Screening (E&S) for 200 subprojects resulting in the approval of 160 subprojects.
- Implemented the Labor Management Plan (LMP) provisions by recruiting 720 (275 skilled: 452 unskilled) local labor including women. 26% of the workers were females, while 74% were males.
- Reported (7) incidents which include (6) Road Traffic Accidents (RTAs) and (1) Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) incident.
- Trained 823 project workers (103 direct workers, 70 contracted workers, and 650 community workers) on Occupation Health and Safety (OHS) requirements, including identifying and managing OHS risk. In addition, 16 (32 employees) companies were trained in key (E&S) focus areas.
- Conducted 135 inspections for all active subproject sites.
- Engaged 4,387 (2472 males: 1915 females) key stakeholders and beneficiaries during the E&S screening process involving stakeholder engagement.
- Received 26 grievances, of which 50% were resolved and closed, 34.62% are under investigation, and 15.38% require follow-up. Most of the incidents are related to labor and working conditions. Moreover, stakeholders and beneficiaries still need more information about the project. In addition, 23.8% of the recorded cases were related to requests for increased donor support.



Typical ES signange on ECRP II sites in Wau



Exercise on GBV risk mapping during GBV_PSEA and incidence disclosure training in Rubkona

4,387
stakeholders engaged in E&S screening process

823
project workers were trained on Occupation Health and Safety

7
reported incidents which include 6 road traffic accidents and 1 sexual exploitation and abuse incident

135
inspections for all active subproject sites were conducted



Component 4: Project Management and Learning

- Conducted two National Technical Working Group (NTWG) meetings with key resolutions and timelines.
- Initiated and formed the procurement Technical Evaluation Committee comprising staff from the PMU, the Ministry of Finance and Planning (MoFP), MWRI, and the Local Government Board (LGB).
- Conducted monitoring visits to Wau County with key findings and recommendations for the project. In addition, a joint monitoring visit with the PMU, IOM, and MHADM to Upper Nile state to roll out DRM-related activities and to monitor the ongoing construction of infrastructure projects in Baliet County. Representatives from the LGB, the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA), and MWRI also joined the mission.
- Disclosed key project documents to the MoFP website to ensure access to information about the project to partners, stakeholders, beneficiaries, and government officials.
- Conducted regular internal and external project meetings which include the PMU-ECRP II weekly staff meetings, World Bank-PMU-IOM weekly meetings, and PMU-IOM weekly meetings.



Hon. Maxwell Mellingsuk Loboka, commemorates the successful completion of the dyke in Rubkona county, Unity State © IOM South Sudan 2024



Community members highlight the dyke construction as a success story and a source of relief for the area, Unity State © IOM South Sudan 2024



Communications

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Construction of a Water Yard Lokoloko Secondary School, Wau County, Western Bahr el Ghazal State © IOM South Sudan 2024



Progress construction of school block Mukhtar Primary School, Wau County, Western Bahr el Ghazal State © IOM South Sudan 2024

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