

# INCLUSION OF THE SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES IN THE PEACE PROCESS & R-TGONU

peacebuilding and reconciliation:

inclusion of South Sudanese refugees, internally displaced persons and returnees in the implementation of the revitalized agreement on the resolution of the conflict in South Sudan

Webinar

# Current Status

With over 2.3 million South Sudanese refugees in the neighboring Countries of Uganda, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Central African Republic and Ethiopia, the representation of South Sudanese refugees in all national and local level decision-making is not only vital but a necessity if the Revitalized peace agreement is to address the root causes of the displacement in South Sudan.

The refugees need to be involved meaningfully and throughout every stage of the implementation process of the Agreement. This will increase the chances of having the refugees Repatriate voluntarily to SOUTH SUDAN.

South Sudanese refugees were represented twice at the Peace Mediation Process in Ethiopia and in Sudan. But their participation was not so effective since they were relegated to observer's status at the peace talks. This need to change NOW.

The mode of participation of the Refugees at the recent National Dialogue Conference was effective and engaging. It should be adopted as the model to engage the refugees in the implementation of the revitalized agreement.

# Recommendations to the Partners and the government of South Sudan

- ▶ Address the underlying issues of injustice, oppression/exploitation, threats to identity and security, and people's sense of victimization throughout the country.
- ▶ Make sure there is a social and structural change at all levels of governments in South Sudan.
- ▶ Engage active and influential Refugee leaders, host community leaders in favor of peace.
- ▶ Make series of dialogues among groups in conflict notably SPLM-IG and SPLM-IO. These dialogues and exchange of peaceful and progressive ideas should be live to the citizens throughout the country.
- ▶ The concentrated powers in the hands of leaders from local to national levels should be change and equitable engagement with others prioritize
- ▶ Ensure that return and reintegration programmes are inclusive, and in consultation with Refugees, IDPS, returnees and the host communities.

# Recommendation Continued....

- ▶ Encourage national reconciliation through the establishment of the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing(CTRH),
- ▶ Compensate the properties of refugees and IDPS through the Compensation and Reparation Authority(CRA)
- ▶ Massive awareness about the peace agreements in the Refugee and IDP camps, in the country and among the hosting communities.
- ▶ Ensure respect of Women and girls' rights during the return and reintegration
- ▶ Accountability to refugees. Include refugees in the Taskforce to monitor the process of repatriation, reintegration and rehabilitation.
- ▶ Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management (MHADM) should develop another framework stating clearly how they are going to handle the returns and repatriation of Refugees.

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