

HOLY TRINITY PEACE VILLAGE – KURON

DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS 24 – 28
JUNE 2013

1. WFP General Food Distribution in Kauto Payam takes off after 3 months of waiting.

The food distribution that was launched by the Women Leader Mama Kuron and the Emergency Coordinator for WFP Emergency Food for General Distribution kicked off this week at Matara VTS ground. The criterion for receiving the food was to be a married woman and no men were allowed to stand in the lines strictly supervised by sub chiefs led by the Paramount Chief of Kauto Payam.



Mama Kuron and Richard Ball, Emergency Coordinator, CDOT



Local Community Police assisting officials in organized food distribution in Kuron Boma



The Paramount Chief Lopon (inset) with CDOT and HTPV staff making final arrangements to launch General Food Distribution Plan.



Long queues served from 10 am to about 6 pm in the evening

A total of 1000 women received one bag of 50 kg of cereals and 1.3 litres of cooking oil.



All women looked happy after receiving the 50 kg cereals the dilemma was how to carry it by head footing for over 10 to 20 kilometres!



Above women traversing the grassland with 50 kgs of cereals on their heads to their homes



2. Administration Activities

i. Bishop arrives in Kuron

On UNIMISS Chopper below is Bishop alighting and works with us for only 3 hours on 21 June 2013. Having a director is a relief and also recipe for bigger peace missions in South Sudan



Below are some of the international Kuron Peace Village Friends from Germany witnessed the food distribution



Below Bishop in work session with staff and local chiefs



The HTPV Kuron vehicles have been hired by CDOT to transport food to Namurupus, Kolobeleng and Pongo. Funds raised will go to Logistics and Transport Account for vehicle maintenance



ii. Collection of gravels, stones and sand for construction

Much time has been devoted by Administration on collecting, producing and construction work to beat

the rainy season from interrupting business. At least brick moulding sand supported by Toposa Women is continuing quite well. A target of up to 30 trips of sand, gravels and stones are expected to be stored ready for the teachers' house.



Toposa Women off loading sand



Marko a security guard standing in front of the new Security House next to the gate. The old one will go and space used for putting containers in order.



Contractor John Ochan producing quality blocks for teachers' houses. A total of 1200 blocks have been produced. 3,800 more needed.

- iii. Security Guard House almost complete



Ben Okeng making the foundation of Security House

- iv. Yellow Office Container renovated



Fr. George enjoying the concreted floor container room today. "It is really cool now and looks like an office" Fr. George commented

- v. School Garden Fencing going on



Ochan straightening the fencing bar at agric garden allocated for Agric Club at St. Thomas

- vi. Nursery School Special created room at roofing level



Above Mason Musa working hard to beat contract deadline by 30 June! This is how it looks now in between the office and classroom prefabricated building



Below the head of Maintenance Juma Christopher is finalizing with painting of trashes for the roofing of the Nursery School



Michael (trimming the acacia tree) is back to manage the nursery school garden, orchard and kitchen gardens in Kuron



Dedicated people like Michael are needed in maintaining and introducing new seeds and crops in Kuron



Banana tree broken down - Michael blames lack of care for his bananas to break down.

- vii. Human Resources Issues



New CD&PB Department Staff recruited. Mclevis Ikai will start work with HTPV Kuron on 01.07.2013 as Project Officer. Elia who will begin on the same day as Field Officer is preparing to come from Narus.

3. Other Programme Activities

- i. Namurupus Peace Committee training brings the planned 4 weeks workshops to an end
- ii. Health Pooled Fund – USD 8,100 Bridging Fund finally transferred last week into HTPV account. Amount requested was USD 23,000.
- iii. FK Exchange Programme

The FK programme is at its advance stage of exchanging participants. Drici Charles the successful participant will be accompanied by the Director to Johannesburg and joined later by Juba Office Manager the second contact person for our Norwegian participant in Juba in August 2013. Great appreciations from us go to Lars of Stromme Foundation and many others, who behind curtains made this a success, especially JOIN. Below is Drici in the open workshop in Kuron



iv. Internship Period expires



Laura’s internship and research period came to an end this week with a one hour presentation of her work in Kuron. Laura presented an excellent overview of her work capturing the three main objectives of

- Carrying out Master Degree Field Research
- Carrying out needs assessment of how Kuron Peace Village can expand its programme base
- As an intern take on job training

Laura according to our opinion spent useful time in Kuron in spite of the stressful period when Yau Yau Rebels forced the SPLA to retreat through Kuron.



- v. UNICEF Project
Staff from UNICEF Eastern Equatoria State Office suddenly arrived Kuron on same chopper as Bishop to inform us of their commitment to funding our project. Feedback is expected next week.