

THE HOLY TRINITY PEACE VILLAGE IN KURON SEM-ANNUAL REPORT



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A Semi-Annual Report for the Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron, Kapoeta East County,
Eastern Equatorial State South Sudan

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Executive summary

The report covers the performance of projects under the Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron. These areas of concern by the centre consist of peace, coexistence, education, health, agriculture, water, advocacy and others. The Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron conducts its activities basing on the set budget. For the year 2021, the proposed budget is 1,201,569 USD as approved by the funders who include CRS, PAX, FOSE, PHCC-NF, CSO, BONGA, ECCE, TVET, Stromme Foundation, NCA/Norwegian Embassy, Caritas Austria, Initiative Pater Stephen, NCA, EU. Various supports are obtained from donors, partners and friends. Since January 2021, various projects have been handled consisting of finished and on-going ones. Among the projects are: Rehabilitation of Matara facilities, Kuron Telecommunication boosters, HTPVK foot bridge, Multipurpose Hall/Church, St. John Paul II nursery school in Matara , Cooperative compound, The rehabilitation in St. Thomas primary school and Pastoral services in Holy trinity peace village Kuron among others.

For now the peace village has been spared by the COVID 19. We attribute all this to God's protection and HTPVK interventions that were instituted as early as April 2020 under the task force for COVID 19 awareness. Despite the successes, HTPVK has faced challenges. The organisation is increasingly experiencing theft in its facilities almost on a weekly basis. Cases have been reported in Matara and Kuron facilities. The poor road condition between Kapoeta and Boma is a very tough challenge for HTPVK operations. It continues to damage our mobile machines. We are waiting for some spare parts of JCB to come all the way from Europe. The alternator for JCB is expected to come from UK. COVID-19 global impacts on education program in South Sudan are also a tough challenge for HTPVK schools.

It is thus recommended that construction of a concrete wall/ fence in the HTPVK strategic areas around the facilities be made. The Board ought to discuss the possibility of a police station in Kuron. There is need for funding to rise for the furniture and more classrooms in St. Thomas secondary school. And WFP should be consulted about the rehabilitation of Kapoeta-Kuron road.

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INTRODUCTION

The report covers the general performance of projects under the centre such as; peace, coexistence, education, health, agriculture, water, advocacy and others. This report is an official communication to the board about the current situation as from March to date. It focused on the key areas that included; introduction and background, achievements realised by the Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron since march, 2020, general updates from the Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron, the board decisions made in November, 2019, activities according to the master plan, finance over view ,challenges and recommendations and the events and achievements in pictorial form.

1:0 The General Situation in Kuron peace village.

In general, the Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron is peaceful and dynamic. The people around the centre continue conducting their activities. However, in the early months of January and February, 2021 the area witnessed cattle raids leading to many cattle keepers losing their animals. There was also looting tracks to Boma and child abductions by the Murle in Toposa communities. It is worth noting that it took the intervention of HTPVK peace team to change the situation on the ground. Hence, since then, the situation has been transformed. The HTPVK peace team adopted the mechanisms of monthly community dialogue and reconciliation which has a positive effect. There is now prevailing peace, free movements and trade amongst the three communities: Murle, Jie and Toposa. Through this initiative, the Toposa and Murle met to discuss conflict early warning signs. This is intended to assist them to deal with the conflict before it escalates further into killing and destruction of property. On the 18th June, 2021, Hon. Titus Lokwachoma recovered 4 Toposa boys who were abducted. He brought them to Kuron Peace Village. Only one boy was identified and later reunited with his family in Katanya village. Last month, the Toposa returned 15 cows to the Jie community. Sixty three (63) Toposa delegates stayed with the Jie for four days celebrating. On their way back, in a spirit of friendship created, forty three (43) Jie accompanied the Toposa back up to Morkokom, where they stayed for 3 days celebrating. On 23rd June 2021 the HTPVK peace team was invited to lead the discussion about the issues related to peace and child abduction in the two communities. It is important to note that the Murle community is the one abducting children from the Toposa and the Jie.

1:1 Summary Budget 2021 of Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron

The Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron conducts its activities basing on the set budget. For the year 2021, the proposed budget is **1,201,569 USD**. This projection was based

on the following details illustrated in the table showing different donors with corresponding figures.

As per now, what is demonstrated in the table below is the approved budget by the donors of Holy trinity peace village in Kuron.

HTPVK SUMMARY DONOR BUDGET 2021

	SUMMARY DONOR BUDGET 2021	Approved Budgets	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Expenditure	Balance	% of Budget Used
project codes	& Project Activities	YEAR 2021	Jan-March	April-June	July - Sept	Oct-Dec	Budget Used		
1	Administration-CRS	42,000.00	10,500.00	3,500.00	-	-	14,000.00	28,000.00	33.33%
2	Power of Voice- PAX	30,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	30,000.00	0.00%
3	Education Program Nursery & Primary - FOSE	115,060.00	31,594.13	8,380.00	-	-	39,974.13	75,085.87	34.74%
4	PHCC- NF	25,200.00	4,800.00	1,600.00	-	-	6,400.00	18,800.00	25.40%
5	CSO, BONGA, ECCE, TVET, AD- Stromme Foundation	65,853.00	10,013.04	13,166.19	-	-	23,179.23	42,673.77	35.20%
6	Bridge Rehabilitation – NCA/Norwegian Embassy	21,278.00	3,084.00	1,028.00	-	-	4,112.00	17,166.00	80.67%
7	Floods Victims Emergency- Caritas Austria	14,575	17,433.00	-	-	-	17,433.00	10,663.67	62.05%
8	Agriculture project- Caritas Austria	30,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	30,000.00	0.00%

9	Water System Restoration- Initiative Pater Stephen	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	100.00 %
10	Kuron PHCC Support- Franciscan Sisters	9,000.00	-	9,000.00	-	-	9,000.00	-	100.00 %
11	Food Security Store Project- Prosudan	22,500.00	19,500.00	-			19,500.00	3,000.00	86.67%
12	Bishop Office Support- NCA	18,000.00			-	-	-	18,000.00	0.00%
A	Total Budget in (USD)	<u>411,989.67</u>	<u>101,924.17</u>	<u>36,674.19</u>	=	=	<u>138,598.36</u>	<u>273,389.31</u>	66.35%
13	Action Plan for Peace - PAX	23,575.00	1,420.07	8,284.55	-	-	9,876.62	13,698.38	41.89%
13.1	Peace & Economic Empowerment- NCA/EU Project 18/21	141,380.00	9,940.04	56,168.91	-	-	66,108.95	75,271.05	46.76%
13.2	Peace & Economic Empowerment- NCA/EU Project 2021	120,200.00	11,995.17	7,625.46	-	-	19,620.63	100,579.37	16.32%
B	Total Budget in (EURO)	<u>285,155.00</u>	<u>23,355.28</u>	<u>72,078.92</u>	=	=	<u>95,606.20</u>	<u>189,548.80</u>	34%

Semi Annual Cash Flow Statement

Donor Contributions & Support (Income)	Currencies			
	SSP	USD	EURO	KE-SH
HTPVK- Income(Local Collections)	5,319,485.00	14,850.00	-	1,050.00

Partner's Contributions	903,000.00	416,109.67	285,155.0	-
Income gains - Exchange Rates	(1,947,840.00)	(3,191.12)	-	-
Other cash received	16,204,600.00	80,000.00	-	-
Total Cash Receipts	<u>20,479,245.00</u>	<u>507,768.55</u>	<u>285,155.00</u>	<u>1,050.00</u>
Monthly operating Activities expense (Adjustments(+/-))				
Personnel Costs include. PIT	-	58,032.00	42,316.61	-
Administration Cost	11,692,681.00	9,954.13	10,212.61	-
Direct Aid Beneficiaries	1,700,000.00	70,612.23	70,200.58	-
personnel Income Tax(PIT-2020, Jan-April,2021	36,936.00	(8,463.20)	-	-
Total Operating Activities/Admin Expenses	<u>13,392,681.00</u>	<u>175,534.36</u>	<u>114,266.60</u>	<u>=</u>
Receivables				
Staff Advances	40,000.00	4,910.00		-
Other Receivables from GS, Mekeins	1,670,000.00	220	-	-
Total Acc. Receivables	<u>1,710,000.00</u>	<u>5,130.00</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>
Payables				
Account Payable-supplier	-	20,596.31	-	-
other creditors- PIT,NSF	-	1,816.00	-	-
Total Acc. Payables	<u>=</u>	<u>22,412.31</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Receipts)				
Cash in Hand B/July	(3,516,510.00)	(45,800.00)	-	(1,050.00)
Cash in Bank B/F, July	221,902.00	(57,087.90)	14,835.28	57,102.19
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u>(3,072,706.00)</u>	<u>(102,887.90)</u>	<u>14,835.28</u>	<u>56,052.19</u>
Cash Balances	5,723,858.00	212,063.98	185,723.68	58,152.19

1:2 Staff of Holy trinity peace village in 2021

This year 2021, HTPVK has 88 workers, 34 female and 54 male. These workers are in two categories of employment: incentives and full contract. There are 26 workers on full contract and 62 on incentives. Last year 2020, after consultation with Hon. Titus Lokwachoma and the Chairman of the board bishop Paride Taban our founder, the following workers were shifted to the category of incentives i.e. Teachers, nurses, watchmen, cooks and cleaners. It is not right to tax twice the same person by the government as was discovered that teachers and nurses were being taxed twice. It was discovered that a reduction made on their salary from the Government and also a reduction on their incentives at HTPVK is sent to the same Government of the Republic of South Sudan. Due to low salary of the rest of the staff under this category, after tax reduction and benefits, what remains can hardly sustain a person for one month since most of them have families with numerous needs. We appreciate Mr. Lokwachuma who helped us to ensure that both HTPK nurses and teachers are registered in the State.

Therefore, all workers under incentive will not claim for any benefits from HTPVK as from August 2020 up to today. They will only claim for their benefits as from July 2020 down wards because reductions were made for their benefits.

To avoid accumulation of debts every year and due to the fact that HTPVK has no independent financial capacity to contribute to the percentage of the workers benefits, this year 2021, no reductions were made for savings. However, some donors like Stromme foundation and EU/NCA savings for the benefit is a must. Therefore, the staffs under these donors, reductions were made for their savings. It is important to note that taxes have been deducted on all HTPVK workers who are not on incentives and taxes right from 2019 to date have been paid to the Government. It is important to remember that HTPVK is tax compliant as demanded by the State and our donors. We have the certificates issued by the central Government.

1:3 the impact of COVID 19 pandemic on education in Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron

As for now, Kuron has never had any case of COVID 19. We attribute all this to God's protection and HTPVK interventions that were instituted as early as April 2020. A task force for COVID 19 awareness was formed. Awareness was made to all the villages around Kuron. The hand washing facilities were provided in all the villages around HTPVK. The use of masks, sanitizer and hand washing were made compulsory in all HTPVK facilities. The Government COVID 19 preventive measures are strictly observed in Kuron peace village. It is worthy to remark that the people in Kuron may be more informed and serious about COVID 19 pandemic than the people in Juba town. However, the global impact of corona virus pandemic did not exclude the education program in Kuron peace village. Immediately the Government of the Republic of South Sudan ordered all schools and institutions of higher learning to be closed, HTPVK chairman with consultation of the board members advised St. Thomas primary school and vocational school to close. The next day, arrangements were made to transport the learners to their different locations.

There was a serious concern for the candidate class of primary 8. Therefore the plans were made to prepare the candidates for final examination. Out of the 20 candidates 3 were female and 17 male. It has started with 4 teachers, 3 male and 1 female. The candidate classes started on 11/01/2021 and the examinations for primary leaving certificate started on 15/02/2021 and ended on 19/02/2021. The reality in question, delayed the learning process in Kuron. The academic year commenced two months ago on 10/05/2021. The total number of registered pupils is 314, 246 boys and 68 girls. The first term will close for two weeks on 29th July 2021. However St. Thomas secondary

school in Matara started last month with 20 students, 3 girls and 17 boys. Our appreciation goes to Dr. Margaret Ito for donating materials of secondary school uniforms. The VTS has also started with 21 students and they are all boys with aged between 14 and 37 years old. We are blessed with two religious from St. Martin De pores brothers with their first community in Matara. The two religious are Ugandan by nationality. Bro. Francis Xavier Guloba who is in his early 30s, is the head master/principal of the secondary school and Bro. John Ogenda who is in his early 60s is the assistant of the VTS. Fr. Matthew Health Centre is undergoing renovation process. The facility has 11 staff members, 1 cleaner and 1 watchman.

Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron has got three nursery schools as indicated in the table below. The academic year started on 3/5/2021 and first term ends on 30/7/2021.

S/N	NAME	LOCATION	BOYS	GIRLS	MALE TEACHERS	FEMALE TEACHERS
1.	St. John Paul II Nursery school	Kuron	45	39	1	2
2.	St. John Paul II Nursery school	Matara	75	45	2	1
3.	St. John Paul II Nursery school	Nakubuse	50	25	2	0
4.	Total	In all the 3 schools	170	109	5	3

1: The four projects of HTPVK in 2021

Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron, this year, is blessed with a number of projects. We have on going and finished projects. These projects have attracted both international and local support. It is important to understand that the international support is majorly from HTPVK donors, partners and friends. However some of these projects are part of last year's that were not implemented due to the delays caused by threatening COVID 19 pandemic which continues to terrorise humanity globally.

1:4:0 On-going projects:

1:4:1 Rehabilitation of Matara facilities

The rehabilitation of health centre, VTS, former Carter centre compound and the former Sisters compound currently the community for the brothers of St. Martin De Pores, has started. It is being funded by the extended three years project of EU. This project ended last year but due to delays caused by COVID 19, it was extended and it will finally be concluded in October this year 2021. The former compound of Carter centre has been handed over to HTPVK management and that is why it is being rehabilitated to accommodate the VTS staff and the teachers of St. Thomas secondary school. At the moment VTS staff and the male teachers are sharing the same house with the brothers. The female teachers are sharing with female students one house outside the health centre compound.

1:4:2 Kuron Telecommunication boosters

This is the initiative of Bishop Paride Taban founder of Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron. It is therefore located on the same land allocated to Bishop Paride Taban by the State Government of Eastern Equatorial in the Republic of South Sudan. The idea of communication is an essential element in peace building processes. At the moment HTPVK has been limited with mainly two types of communication channels: radio call and internet services. The latter is very expensive and unstable due to our geographical location. Therefore, the MTN services will be a good communication complement and will also connect communities around the outside world.

1:4:3 St. John Paul II nursery school in Matara

This nursery school has a total population of 120 registered children. It was shifted to a new location. The new location is adjacent to the brothers' fence. The old site was isolated and amidst the fears of child abduction. It is also low and water lodged area. Some materials have been delivered at the construction site. The construction is about to start with a structure of three rooms. Two class rooms and one staff room. One empty container has been identified which will be put at the site for storage services and next to it will be a school Kitchen.

1:4:4 HTPVK foot bridge

The bridge was entirely destroyed by devastating floods of last year 2020. An appeal was made for this project and HTPVK is waiting for support. All the received funds were spent on the motor bridge. It is now difficult to cross to the peace academy on foot and might be impossible during months of heavy rain in Kuron. Therefore our call for support to reconstruct the foot bridge continues.

1:4:5 Multipurpose Hall/Church

Although we do not know the precise total population of the communities around HTPVK, the fact remains that many people continue to migrate to areas close to the peace village. The peaceful environment, health, education and social economic empowerment continue to attract more settlements. It is important to remember that at the time of crisis in Nyangachor, Matara health centre was ever overcrowded on daily basis. There are some people who decided to settle around for better services and they are now busy cultivating. Therefore, it is true the more the communities increase the more the needs multiply such as medicines, food and shelter. This realistic background has prompted HTPVK to plan for a bigger Church or Multipurpose Hall. The site identification and clearance has been done. The agreement with a contractor is in process and soon the construction will start. The approved site is on a near the MTN booster.

2: 0 Finished Projects:

The rehabilitation of Kuron Peace motor bridge attracted sympathy and some funders responded with financial support that enabled us to rehabilitate the bridge. We have a well rehabilitated bridge made of metals. The financial support was received from Norwegian Embassy and personal contribution from His Excellence Salva Kiir Mayardit president of the Republic of South Sudan. Great contribution from WFP with materials and technicians. The rehabilitation work has been done by GS Company after assessment by Eng. Matia sent by NCA head office in Juba. However, reinforcement of river bank protection continues with gabions due to the weak sand soil texture. We are now back filling the space behind gabions. In April this year, the Norwegian Ambassador came and visited the motor bridge in Kuron peace village and they are happy with the work.

2:1 Cooperative compound

The Food security store has been built in the compound. There is a concrete Wall fence supported by chain link wire. This multipurpose hall will be used for storage during the harvest season. Seeds for the next season will be kept in the same facility. Since the compound is big enough it will be utilized with recreation services and accommodation facilities. Therefore, it will be an income generating project for Holy trinity peace village in Kuron. At the cooperative, goods will be bought in Kapoeta or Juba from wholesale dealers. In Kuron the members will purchase at Kapoeta price not Napil price which is more than double due to transport cost between Kapoeta and Kuron. It will also help to bring services nearer to HTPVK staff and reduce movements to Kapoeta and Juba.

2:2 The rehabilitation in St. Thomas primary school

We are grateful to AVIS/ACROSS for the support of the rehabilitation of one school block in St. Thomas primary School. This structure now looks new after the

rehabilitation. It has been painted, new windows and shutters. The entire structure was rough casted and painted. The damaged class room floors have been replaced with new ones. We are also grateful to **FOSE** who financed the rehabilitation of the boy's dormitory at the extreme end in a school compound. The whole building was in a very bad shape both inside and outside. It is now strong and with a complete new appearance.

2:3 Pastoral services in Holy trinity peace village Kuron

The pastoral activities are not only confined to Kuron peace village but to all areas/communities around the Holy trinity peace village. All our pastoral outreach is mainly carried out during the dry season because of poor infrastructure. Between January and May 2021, HTPVK pastoral committee managed to reach to Kangiriba, Leroboi, Nabukuse, and Mataral chapels. Total catechumen both infants and adults baptised in all these centres is 670 people. Since the schools reopened, we have mass in the school compound every Tuesday at 6 am. On Sunday we have mass at 9:00 am and every day at 6:30 am local time. The use of sanitizer and hand washing is at the door at the entrance places of worship. We observe social distancing but the space is not enough for Sunday worshippers. On weekend the distance is well kept in HTPVK chapel because of the small manageable group.

3:0 Challenges

3:1 several challenges have emerged over time. HTPVK is increasingly experiencing theft in its facilities almost on a weekly basis. Cases have been reported in Matara and Kuron facilities. All our compounds apart from the cooperative are protected by the fence of local materials. The frequent renewal of these fences with local materials has not solved these cases of theft in our compounds.

3:2 The poor road condition between Kapoeta and Boma is a very tough challenge for HTPVK operations. It continues to damage our mobile machines. After one year, our newly purchased vehicles depreciate very rapidly. It becomes worse during the rainy season. The repairs are very costly and sometimes some spare parts have to be ordered from outside South Sudan. We are waiting for some spare parts of JCB to come all the way from Europe. The alternator for JCB is expected to come from UK.

3:3 Global impacts on education program in South Sudan is a tough challenge for HTPVK secondary school. In some countries 2020 has been declared dead years as far as learning programs are concern. Before 18th March 2022 we need a third classroom at St. Thomas secondary school. This year, first term is at the same time a full academic year 2021. The first term and academic year will run from **03.05.2021 to 30.07. 2021**. Then from **08.08.2021** senior one student will be promoted to senior two which end on **18.03.2021** Currently St. Thomas secondary school has got only two

classrooms and one staff room. The school has no furniture, kitchen and a fence. We have made a temporary structure to serve as a kitchen for the school.



3:4 the payments of benefits to the former staff of HTPVK. The former finance manager Mr. Iranya did not deposit all the money for the benefit of the staff. We are being flooded with demanding messages for benefits. However we have paid some with little available funds.

4:0 Recommendations

- Construction of a concrete Wall fence in the HTPVK strategic areas around the facilities
- Construction of another classroom before March 2022
- Board to discuss the possibility of a police station in Kuron
- Possibility of funding raising for the furniture for St. Thomas secondary school
- To clear the payment of benefits to the former HTPVK staff
- To consult WFP about the rehabilitation of Kapoeta-Kuron road.
- Providing a chain link wire fence for St. Thomas secondary school
- Board to improve on communication with HTPVK top management.

5:0 PART OF THE REPORT IN PICTORIAL FORM

8:1 Events

	
Motor bridge after the floods	motor bridge after rehabilitation-all metals



Foot bridge before floods

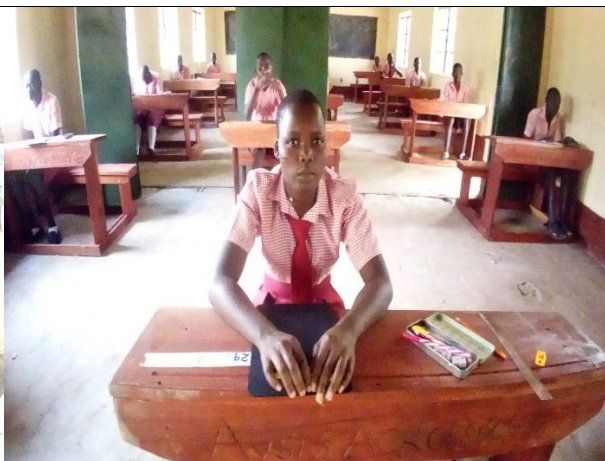


Foot bridge after flood destruction

8:1 Events



Class 8 ready to start examinations



Class final examinations



Pastoral outreach-Fr. Henry baptizing



Gabions at the river bank



Renovated dormitory



Renovation of health centre



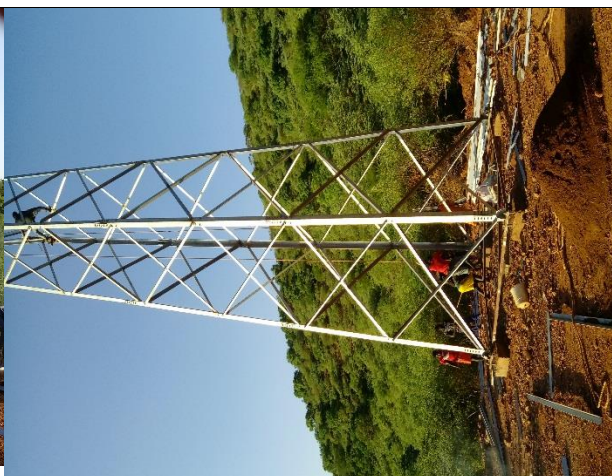
Students hoisting the flag



Toposa-Murle Meeting in the cattle camp



Telecom tower



Telecom tower



food security store multi cooperative



Toilets for food security store



Main gate for multi cooperative compound