

A JOINT CIVIL SOCIETY ADVOCACY ON THE BUDGET PROCESS IN SOUTH SUDAN

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

Preamble:

We, the members of Civil Society from Agricultural Youth Action for Development Agency; Peace and Capacity Building Organization; Serve Children, Orphans & Disabled Organization South Sudan; Aid Community Health Organization for Relief; Women Empowerment for Development Organization South Sudan; People's Aid Relief Agency; Mbili Community for Development and Empowerment; African Health Committee for Research and Development; Volunteers South Sudan; Community Empowerment for Progress Organization; and The People with Disability Society sat in a CSOs training workshop at ATM Hotel Wau from 11th – 13th September 2023 and discussed the role of civil society in enhancing citizen participation for a transparent and accountable budget with support from the Institute of Social Policy and Research (ISPR). The workshop was under the theme: building the capacity of CSOs to cultivate partnerships and enhance cooperation to exchange knowledge, evidence, and best practices to advance collective advocacy for citizens' needs and aspirations in national and state budgets.

Recognizing the engagement of Civil Society in Wau by the State Ministry of Finance and Planning in the budget process in the fiscal year 2023 – 2024.

Building on the public demand for accountability and equitable, timely service delivery in this fiscal year 2023 – 2024.

Cognizant of the responsibilities that lie with the government in prioritizing and allocating resources to meet the public demands and provide much-needed services to the citizens.

Determined to continue our engagement with the government and its implementing agencies to ensure transparency and accountability during the budget implementation process.

Concerned with the limited publication of financial expenditure reports by the spending agencies as provided in the law.

Encourage the Ministry of Finance and Planning and National Revenue Authority to provide periodic information on oil and non-oil revenues realized within a specified period.

Recognizes the budget allocation for the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) in the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget and calls for grassroots priorities to inform its implementation.







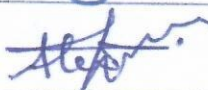
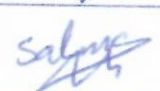

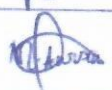
Noting with concerns the lack of budget on climate change due to top-bottom budget making which does not consider the priority areas of the citizens and ask the government to budget for climate change in the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year supplementary budget and change this (top-down budget) approach to bottom-up approach in 2024 – 2025 budget making process.

Strongly recommending a budget for Elections in the Supplementary budget in the fiscal year 2023 – 2024 to enable the revitalized government to hold elections as stipulated in the roadmap.

Reinforcing on the recommendations of the National Economic Conference for parliament to pass the Youth Enterprise Development Fund Bill urgently, Women Enterprise Development Fund Bill, and the Students' Support Fund Bill to enable line ministries to budget for these in the next fiscal year budget.

Calling upon the partners/donors to support civil society to conduct annual surveys on citizens' budget priorities and educate the public on their rights and roles in the budget-making process.

Hereby Append our signatures as delegated by our organizations.

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