Challenges ahead for the Agreement on the Resolution of Conflict in South Sudan: Japan's Contribution

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Challenges of Peacebuilding in South Sudan

- Ensuring <u>peace and security</u> first and foremost
- Consolidating <u>political leadership</u> and strengthening governance
- Addressing <u>humanitarian challenges</u> and enhancing community resilience
- Addressing <u>economic difficulties</u> and promoting development



<u>Peace and development</u> are <u>closely interlinked</u>











Japan's strength in peacebuilding support

- Successful experiences of <u>nation-,</u> <u>state- and institution-building</u> to share
- Commitment to respecting <u>ownership</u> and promoting <u>partnership</u>
- Strong determination in making "Proactive Contribution to Peace"
- Distinct approaches such as (i) <u>human</u> security, (ii) <u>seamless assistance from humanitarian to development phase</u>, (iii) <u>human resource development</u>, and (iv) <u>regional economic integration</u>











Four pillars of Japan's support for South Sudan

- Improvement of Basic Social and Economic Infrastructure
 - ✓ Bridges, river port, water supply
- > Development of <u>Alternative Industries</u>
 - ✓ Agriculture, irrigation
- Improvement of Basic Living and Livelihood
 - ✓ Maternal and child health, blood bank, teacher training, vocational training, disaster reduction
- Strengthening Governance and Security
 - Media (SSTV), border control and customs, police











Japan's actors to make a difference on the ground

- Self-Defense Force (in UNMISS)
- JICA
- International Organizations& Japanese Staff
- NGOs

Coordinate & cooperate











(1) Self-Defense Force (in UNMISS)

- Engineering Contingent (350 personnel)& Staff Officers (4 personnel)
- Maintaining <u>Protection of Civilian (PoC)</u> <u>sites</u>
- Improving Infrastructures, including major roads in and around Juba
- Improving <u>facilities</u> and providing <u>support</u> (e.g. water supply) <u>in the UN</u>
- > Cooperating with <u>JICA and NGOs</u>
- Supporting <u>local communities and the vulnerable</u>











(2) **JICA**

- On-going grant aid and technical cooperation projects based on 4 pillars
- African Business Education (ABE) Initiative for Youth (selection process from Autumn 2015)
- Sports for peacebuilding (toward Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics in 2020) to start
- Resolution of traditional conflicts (cattle raiding) to start











(3) International Organizations & Japanese Staff

- Humanitarian and other assistance through international organization amounting to USD 80 million in 2015
 - ✓ UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, UNHCR, IOM, UNFPA, WHO, UNHABITAT, UNMAS, UNOPS, UNITAR, ICRC
- Infrastructure for humanitarian and development assistance: UNOPS (river port)
- Police: UNDP (capacity building)
- Human resource development and institution building: UNITAR Hiroshima Fellowship Programme (Workshop in Juba and Hiroshima, 20 participants)
- About <u>20 Japanese staff</u> are active in various international organizations in South Sudan











(4) NGOs

- > Four NGOs in South Sudan and one NGO in neighboring countries
- Funding from <u>Japan Platform</u> (Public-Private Partnership to support NGO's humanitarian assistance): USD 13 million in 2015
- Operate in collaboration with local NGOs and provide capacity building assistance
- Major areas: water, sanitation and hygiene, peace and reconciliation, education











Next steps

- Responding to the <u>immediate need</u> for the <u>implementation of Agreement</u>
 - ✓ Police, etc.
- Forming a <u>sound economic basis to</u> <u>ensure peace</u>
 - ✓ Infrastructure, agriculture, etc.
- Building <u>institutions</u> and enhancing <u>resilience</u> through <u>capacity building</u>
 - ✓ Education, health, governance in general



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