

Post-Conflict Recovery: Southern Sudan Builds Stronger Leadership

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Southern Sudan required governance reforms to receive Global Fund assistance.



Schoolchildren in Liethom, Southern Sudan

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By building good governance practices based on transparency and cooperation Southern Sudan is able to receive grants totaling more than \$40 million from the Global Fund.

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After 20 years of civil war, the government of Southern Sudan is establishing a health-care system from the ground up: creating policies, building facilities, hiring physicians and nurses, coordinating the work of international donors, and creating consensus for a national-health system.

As a first step to being awarded grants from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the new nation had to establish a body the Global Fund calls a country coordinating mechanism (CCM), to lead the grant process. By November 2007, Southern Sudan's CCM had existed for two years but was not functioning. The CCM needed support from high-level government officials and new members from the private sector and civil-society organizations, elections for current members were overdue, and procedures for voting and choosing grant recipients needed to be defined. Without these processes in place, Southern Sudan could easily become ineligible to apply for future Global Fund grants.

With guidance from Grant Management Solutions (GMS), the CCM validated its constitution and governance manual, the government appointed new representatives, and the private sector and civil-society organizations became much more involved. The GMS team trained the new CCM members in their roles and helped finalize the structure and work plan of the CCM's secretariat, bringing the CCM into compliance with Global Fund requirements.

Southern Sudan is building a national health system founded on the principles of the right to health, good governance, equity and community ownership. During recent meetings, Southern Sudan's CCM has shown a renewed sense of mission and purpose. The CCM is now poised to become a model for inclusive and participatory governance that efficiently manages projects according to clear and transparent rules.

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