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“One Stop Youth Center for Peace and Development” in Gureii, Juba officially launched with the support of Japan

28 September 2017, JUBA—“One Stop Youth Center for Peace and Development in South Sudan” project implementing by United Nations Human Settlements Programme with funded by the Government of Japan was officially launched at the project site, Gureii in Juba on 28 September 2017.

High level representative from the Government of South Sudan, namely Hon. Nadia Arop Dudi, Minister, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Hon. Lt general Alfred Ladu Gore, Minister, Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Hon. Capt. Emmanuel.P. Jurkin, Luri County Commissioner, Pitya Nathaniel, Chief of Rombur Community- Gureii participated in the event along with H.E Shigeru Hamano, Charge d’ Affaires of the Embassy of Japan in South Sudan.

“One Stop Youth Center for Peace and Development” is based on cooperation among youth and youth groups to effectively maintain the centres, providing a space for conflict resolution forums as well as opportunities for training, job placement and entrepreneurial skills development, said by Thomas Chiramba-Country Director UN-Habitat. He also added, it delivers, responding to the needs of the local youth population.

The main goal of the project is to establish and operationalize a model OSYC in Juba and lay the ground work for additional OSYCs in Wau and Malakal that will contribute to conflict mitigation and consolidation of the peace process through economic growth and technical skills for rehabilitation and reconstruction of key social and economic infrastructure in South Sudan. The project will also strengthen employment opportunities for unskilled, under-skilled, unemployed and underemployed youth through revitalized vocational training capacities and technical skills training in centres of excellence. It will further provide leadership and life skills training to foster youth contributions to conflict mitigation and nation building. The OSYC – and other OSYCs to be developed in subsequent scaling up - will help to ensure that some of the estimated 1.5 million IDPs, members of armed groups; host communities and returnees have access to livelihoods, are integrated into the host communities and are able to support the consolidation of peace in urban and rural areas.

“Our mission is empowering the youth, I am looking forward to the impacts that will bring peace in the community by creating livelihood opportunities for the youth in Gureii. We would like to thanks people and government of Japan for their generous support and we request for

further assistance so that we could scale it up in other state' Said, Hon. Nadia Arop Dudi, Minister, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports

Addressing participants at the launch event H.E Shigeru Hamano, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of Japan in South Sudan said, "People and Government of Japan is always with South Sudan and supporting in Peace building, Youth population must work hard to keep peace in their society that will accelerate sustainable development" He expressed that the OSYC model is very exciting, it is a center where youth will gain skills to find employment opportunity beside cultural activities and looking forward to the youth empowerment in Gureiiw which would an example and replicable.

One of the youth member of OSYC, Malish Alex said in his remark, "One Stop Youth Center will improve our livelihoods through income generated from skills we get from the trainings like, tailoring, computer education, literacy, driving and Agri-business. It will prevent us to engage further conflict in our community"

MoU has been signed off by the key partners, Traditional dance displayed in the occasion, Football has been given to the youths to encourage for organizing sports events. OSYC recently organized two days long workshop on Peace building and 50 participants received the certificate in the occasion.

The event was ended by press briefings and photo session with participants.

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