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Legal Framework

September 2026 - marked an active month of field engagement under the Regional Climate Resilience Program (RCRP). Activities focused on stakeholder engagement, community awareness, environmental and social safeguards, project monitoring, and rehabilitation of priority infrastructure across Jonglei, Eastern Equatoria and Lakes States. tt

"A borehole is more than infrastructure,it is a community asset whose long-term value depends on responsible use, protection and collective ownership."



Infrastructure works pictured in the RCRP newsletter, alongside the program's community engagement and monitoring activities.

State-Level Stakeholder Engagement



RCRP stakeholders participate in an Environmental & Social Framework learning session

RCRP conducted a State-Level Stakeholder Engagement Meeting and Project Awareness activities in Torit. The engagement provided an opportunity to introduce project interventions, strengthen coordination with state actors and enhance understanding of the program's objectives and local engagement component.

Discussions highlighted community participation, environmental and social safeguards, grievance redress mechanisms, gender equality, GBV prevention, disability inclusion and community action.

Social and Behaviour Change (SBC)

Through inclusive dialogue, communities are encouraged to take an active role in protecting infrastructure, using community resources responsibly, raising concerns through appropriate channels and supporting the sustainability of project investments.

In Cueibet County, Lakes State, engagement brought together chiefs, youth, women and persons with disabilities, helping ensure that different community voices are represented in project implementation

Borehole Rehabilitation

Total boreholes reported 10
Boreholes completed 5
Additional boreholes planned 5
Physical completion 50%
Remaining works 50%
Completed : Planned 1 : 1
Final verification

Environmental & Social Framework Training



A community awareness session was conducted in Cueibet County, Lakes State, bringing together local stakeholders and community representatives. The engagement strengthened awareness of the RCRP and promoted inclusive participation in project activities.
The session provided an important platform for engaging chiefs, youth, women and persons with disabilities, ensuring diverse community voices are represented in implementation.

Community representatives engage during an RCRP awareness session in Cueibet County, Lakes State The participation of chiefs, youth, women and persons with disabilities demonstrates the programme's commitment to inclusive community decision-making.

County Awareness & Rehabilitation Monitoring

Significant progress has been made in improving access to safe water in Bor, Jonglei State, with the successful completion of five boreholes. The completed facilities represent an important milestone in strengthening community access to reliable water sources.
An additional five boreholes are expected to commence shortly through different contractors, with works anticipated to begin later this month. As part of the completion and quality-assurance process, the UNOPS team is scheduled to conduct a final verification visit to the completed boreholes. This field inspection will help confirm the status of the works and ensure that the completed facilities meet the required project standards.



Technical teams undertake works around a borehole facility in Bor, Jonglei State, as RCRP -supported interventions strengthen access to reliable community water infrastructure.

Implementation Challenges

01

Coordination across eight counties

Coordinating implementation across all eight counties of Eastern Equatoria requires sustained engagement with county authorities, community representatives and project partners. The scale of coverage increases the demands on field planning, information sharing and follow-up, making it challenging to align activities and maintain consistent oversight across all locations.

02

Insecurity and restricted movement

Insecurity remains a significant operational challenge, particularly in Lakes State, where movement between Rumbek Centre and Rumbek North is difficult. Similar concerns affect access to Akobo, Fagak and parts of Twic East and Duk in Jonglei. These conditions constrain field visits, community engagement and routine monitoring, and can disrupt activity schedules.

03

Late start and limited implementation time

The late start of the project has compressed the implementation period, leaving a substantial volume of activities to be completed within limited time. This places pressure on teams and partners to sequence fieldwork, coordinate resources and meet reporting requirements while maintaining quality, inclusive participation and adequate monitoring.