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SUDAN PEOPLES' LIBERATION MOVEMENT (SPLM)
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

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The purpose of this flyer is to update on the following

1. Target of Registration
2. Progress of registration
3. Progress of civic education
4. Response by radio callers
5. Reporting system
6. The way forward
7. Public Information

1. Targets of Registration

- In Southern Sudan it is projected that a total of =2623 centers x 2000 eligible voters= 5,246,000 according to the following table

State	Registration Centers	Totals	%
Upper Nile	238	476,000	9
Jonglei	311	622,000	12
Unity	285	570,000	11
Warrap	339	678,000	13
Northern Bahr El Ghazal	264	528,000	10
Western Bahr El Ghazal	118	236,000	4
Lakes	206	412,000	8
Western Equatoria	187	374,000	7
Central Equatoria	314	628,000	12
Eastern Equatoria	361	722,000	14
Grand Total	2623	5,246,000	100

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- In north Sudan it is projected that a total of = 900 centers x 2000 eligible voters = 1,800,000. During 2010 General Elections South Sudanese voters were est. 0.5 million.
- In diasporas it is projected that a total of = 9 centers x 2000 eligible voters = 18,000. However, due to logistical challenges some additional numbers of centers have been agreed.

2. Progress of registration

- ✓ An un-official figure is over 1.5 million registered in the ten states of Southern Sudan **Too Low.** There is a need for additional efforts and facilitation to increase registration.
- ✓ Throughout Southern Sudan women response to call for registration is very low. Women interviewed complained that they do not have time to queue because of household chores and their roles to attending to children. Women complained that men in registration centers do not give them an opportunity to register and return as needed by their commitments in the houses.
- ✓ In Central Equatoria State few women interviewed stated that they have no interest in registering as a protest. Their reason is that their votes were rigged during 2010 General Elections in favor of another candidate who was not their choice.
- ✓ In Northern Sudan there is slow response to registration by South Sudanese IDPs. South Sudanese IDPs have difficulty in deciding to register. This is because NCP has scared them. Some NCP Leaders are quoted to be against the Secular United Sudan. Others are quoted to be threatening against voting for separation of the South. Other NCP leaders have declared jihad war should South separates. Others threaten to deny all rights for South Sudanese should they vote for separation.
- ✓ It is reported that NCP is coercing prisoners in Northern Sudan to register so that they could vote for unity as a condition to release them in general amnesty.
- ✓ In USA and Australia some additional registration centers have been approved by the SSRC and IOM in collaboration with South Sudanese communities. Some students in Kampala crossed the Sudan-Uganda borders to register in Nimule.
- ✓ South Sudanese Refugees in Uganda have refused to register with IOM claiming that IOM did not engage them.
- ✓ Registration is described to be peaceful and transparent in all Referendum Centers throughout the ten states of Southern Sudan.
- ✓ Employees working with international companies and specially those employed in company security sector do not have off days during Saturdays and Sundays.
- ✓ In villages there are complaints of long walking distant to reach Referendum Centers.
- ✓ Some few registration centers reported having use the 10 registration books sent to them.
- ✓ There is a general reluctancy because some people view the registration period to be more than enough for them to register at later dates.
- ✓ In some circles, people are reluctant to registration because they still carry in them grievances from the last elections. In Upper Nile State, women turn is low because women are said to be unhappy with their representation in state government.
- ✓ NCP is intensifying door to door campaign in Khartoum and forcefully dragging the Southerners to register. In Khartoum Southern Sudanese seeking medical services are being asked of proof of registration before being attended to.

- ✓ NCP is doing everything in their ability to stop Southerners from moving to South Sudan to their places of origin to register.

3. Progress of Civic Education

- ✓ There is delay in providing accreditation to domestic observers.
- ✓ Civil Society Organizations have not been effectively supported with funds to conduct effective civic education.
- ✓ Leaders of political parties and members of parliament by constituencies should explore the chance of public occasions to educate their supporters.
- ✓ Projected funds to support political parties have not been availed.
- ✓ Funds for printing and delivering ballot papers have not been received by Southern Sudan Referendum Commission (SSRC).

4. Response by radio callers/Initiative by State Coordinators.

- ✓ Through Miraya FM 101 and Voice of the People FM 97 monitored here in Referendum Operations Room; it is noted that citizens are calling for off-work days starting from Thursdays so that they could go for registration. This shall give them 4 days.
- ✓ Callers are asking GOSS Ministry of Labor to send out a circular ordering the security guards companies to allow their security guards days to go and register.
- ✓ Local State Coordinators should be encouraged to contact local FM radio stations/reporters for talk shows and/or brief statements on the registration process.

5. SPLM Observation and Reporting System

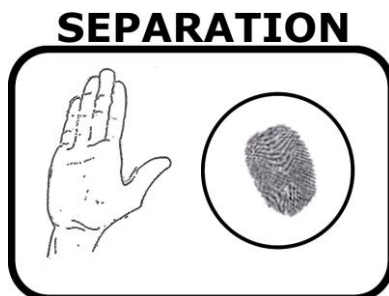
- ✓ The designed Domestic Observer Toolkit is not being used effectively.
- ✓ SPLM Domestic Observers should be timely accredited by SSRB in Juba and all the states so that they could help observe the following:
 - (a) December 6th 2010 when preliminary registration results are declared. These shall be reported by RCs to County then to State and finally to ROR at SPLM Southern Sector.
 - (b) December 7th to 13th, 2010 start and end of submission of complains in each centre.
 - (c) December 13th, to 18th, 2010 start and end of disposal of the objections against the preliminary registration results.
 - (d) December 18th, to 25th, 2010 start and end of appeal to court to adjudicate against the objections.
 - (e) December 25th, to 30th, 2010 start and end of adjudication and results announced by the special court.
 - (f) December 30th to January 4th, 2011 start and end of publication of the final rectified registered voters in each centre.
 - (g) November 7th, 2010 to January 7th, 2010 start and ends of media campaign.
 - (h) January 9th, 2011 start of voting.
 - (i) Sorting of ballot paper and counting of votes.
 - (j) Results declared by Referendum Centre that should be reported to County and through to State level.
 - (k) Referendum Operations Room (RoR) to receive final results from states.

6. The Way Forward

- ✓ Authorities to address the challenges of delayed support to Civil Society Organizations.
- ✓ Address the challenges of delayed support to political parties.
- ✓ South Sudanese political parties in each of the constituencies to be united in one mobilization team to urge the eligible voters to timely register irrespective of their political affiliation. **South Sudan First! Bye-Bye to Slavery, Marginalization, Exploitation and Colonialization! Our Martyrs did not die in vain!**; should be the slogans by all irrespective of their political affiliation.
- ✓ SPLM Referendum Operations Room (ROR) to liaise with SPLM Southern Sector Team in states to ensure that observation and reporting system is timely set in place so that the remaining stages are effectively monitored and timely reported.
- ✓ Each community around a training centre to raise money and food to feed the domestic observers in each Referendum Centre.
- ✓ Given the fact that this phase of mobilization is not solely an SPLM event; State Coordinators should be encouraged to involve local leaders of all political parties (with the same view) during rallies to get the message through.

7. Public Information

- ✓ Other than reporting just figures of people registered, events that make good stories should also be reported to the ROR through ror.referendum@splmtoday.com
- ✓ Please visit www.SPLMtoday.com for more information or use below contacts.
- ✓ Keep in mind that the symbol for separation is as shown below:



8. Remember

- ✓ Since Juba Conference 1947 Traditional Authority Leaders requested that South Sudan should not be annexed to Khartoum but should be an independent state. When this was rejected they asked for a chance and time to return to consult with their people to decide on federal or unity arrangement. This was rejected. Federal arrangement was given but was dishonored by Khartoum.
- ✓ By August 17th, 1955 liberation started. By January 2005 the cost of liberation was 4 million martyrs.
- ✓ By July 1983 SPLM's Manifesto call for United Democratic Secular New Sudan
- ✓ By 2003 SPLM's solution modalities suggested unity or separation
- ✓ By January 2005 right to self determination was granted to be exercised in referenda on January 9th, 2011.
- ✓ This is very valuable chance now to register. A gift in golden plate. **Decide Now! Be Free!**