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Project Highlights SUDAN

"Livelihood recovery for returnees, IDPs and vulnerable households through access to land for production and settlement"

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Target areas: Southern Sudan

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Objective: To contribute to the improved wellbeing and better household food security of

conflict-affected people in Southern Sudan.

Key partners: Southern Sudan Land Commission, state and local governments, UN agencies, and

NGOs.

Beneficiaries reached: 4 120 households.

Activities implemented:

- An assessment was conducted from January to April 2008 on the situation and challenges of land access faced by returnees, IDPs and host populations.
- Information dissemination workshops on land rights were held.
- A UN Return, Reintegration and Recovery Working Group workshop was held in April 2008 to present the results of the assessment.
- A three-day training session on land and natural resource policy development was held in September 2008.
- Four alternative dispute resolution (ADR) workshops were organized.
- Community dialogues on land and property rights and resolving resource-based conflict were held in Nimule and Bor counties.
- Four officials from government institutions attended a training course on land tenure and natural resource governance in Nairobi, Kenya.

Impact:

- The findings of the assessment and recommendations were disseminated to UN agencies, NGOs, policy-makers and institutions responsible for land administration and have been included in government guidelines.
- Through the ADR workshops, traditional and civil administrators developed a practical understanding of land and resource conflict management.
- Key issues and recommendations from the land and property rights workshops fed into the policy and law development processes for Southern Sudan.