



Home Grown Peace Initiative for South Sudan (HGPI-SS)

Status/Progress Update February 2026

“Come let ’ s join hands and work together in unity to restore peace and stability in our beloved Country South Sudan ”

Introduction

The HGPI-SS was launched in August 2025. This status update is a build up to similar updates produced for the previous months. This particular update only covers progress made in February 2026. During this month, the HGPI-SS peace volunteers engaged in discussions that offered clarity and exchanged knowledge and information on possibility of enhancing peoples’ efforts for peace. The Technical Secretariat also made initial contacts with partners and friends of the HGPI-SS to seek possibility of stronger partnership and support where necessary. Therefore, few recurrent questions kept arising and the TS hope these questions could further be addressed in March 2026. The TS is glad to announce that so far there are Forty Three (43) Peace Volunteers who have accepted to volunteer extra time to contribute to the HGPI-SS through the following teams.

1. The High Level Coordination Team
2. Publicity, Media and Advocacy Team (TS)
3. Programme and Process Design Team (TS)
4. Report Writing, Monitoring and Evaluation Team (TS)
5. Research, Documentation and Analysis (TS)
6. Technical Team for the proposed Citizens’ Early Warning and Response System (CEWRS)
7. Team of Peace Champions who have been engaged in the previous peace processes that were assessed by the peace volunteers - Kuron Peace Model, Ma’ di-Acholi Peace Process and Wunlit People to People Peace process

The Technical Secretariat wish to appreciate all the peace volunteers and friends/partners of the HGPI-SS for their efforts, contributions and encouragement. The TS wish to urge them to continue making those extra efforts for peace in the Republic of South Sudan. The TS will also reach out to other volunteers to support where there is a need for more specific contribution and also making efforts to engage partners and market the idea and concept of the HGPI-SS to mobilize more volunteers, friends/partners to support different aspect of the initiative including in-kind support.

Key Milestones

1. Formation of the High-Level Coordination Team (HLCT)

The process of constituting the High-Level Coordination Team (HLCT) has successfully taken off and the Team have been provided with an introductory note that outlines structural and programmatic progress and focus to facilitate easy start of the HLCT. This is intended to usher them into their specific role and engagement in the next steps of the initiative to play their designated role. Because this team is expected to work closely with the TS, the documents developed thus far by different teams of TS regarding Programmatic Focus, Comprehensive Proposal for possible areas of intervention and partnership have been shared with the team. There are efforts being made to convene a face to face meeting of the HLCT, Team leads within the TS, representatives from the CEWRS Technical Team and the identified Peace Champions. This has been a long standing request and the TS hopes to make this happen. The idea is to mitigate challenges of online engagement and facilitate robust discussion on strategic and moral trajectory of the HGPI-SS. This is a very important meeting that needed to happen as soon as possible. However, due to financial implication, the TS is yet to determine how soon the meeting will be convened. The TS is appealing to partners and members to contribute towards this important meeting. Those who are able to make a contribution towards this meeting are encouraged to contact the TS for a comprehensive concept note.

2. Engagement with Peace Champions from the previous three Peace Processes

The identification process is still on going. The Technical Secretariat is requesting those who have already been identified to have engaged in those processes to share names and contacts of fellow South Sudanese who were also involved in those three peace processes. These individuals will also be requested to join the team of Peace Champions. The three (3) peace processes which were assessed - The model used by Late Bishop Paride Taban in Kuron Peace Village as well as the model used in Ma' di - Acholi and Wunlit peace processes. Some of these individuals have been identified and the TS is still appealing for identification of other South Sudanese who were instrumental in the design and implementation of these processes. This will help in informing the process of developing HGPI-SS Peace Model and Concept for nurturing new peace builders among South Sudanese communities based on the experience from the three processes.

3. Proposed Citizen' s Early Warning and Response System (CEWRS)

The Technical Team have so far developed a draft concept note for the CEWRS as well as a draft Implementation Road-map for the CEWRS. These are among the documents that awaits review and validation process before developing a final plan. Hopefully representatives of the CEWRS will present these drafts during the in-person meeting in the near future once support is available for the proposed meeting.

4. Initiation of Peace Actions - Nationwide Ecumenical Prayers and Translation of the Principles

Peace Volunteers have been calling for the commencement of visible Peace Actions under the HGPI- SS campaign. Several ideas were proposed beside media campaigns and the volunteers settled for commencing a Nationwide Ecumenical Prayers for Peace. This could also extend to the diaspora communities. The Technical Secretariat is urging peace volunteers and faith-based leaders to take up the initiative and the TS will be able to mobilize more volunteers to support where necessary. So far, the Eleven Principles have been translated into Arabic and shared widely. The TS has received good feedback and thanks to the peace volunteers and the team from King Media for offering to translate all the eleven (11) Principles from English into

Arabic. Other members are encouraged to translate the same into different languages and embed the principles into their communication to the communities. Considering high level of illiteracy among South Sudanese communities, hopefully in the future, audio versions of the principles will be provided for wider dissemination.

5. Media Engagement and Public Outreach

In the month of February, the Publicity, Media and Advocacy Team of HGPI-SS have continued to enjoy support of media partners and develop possible strategies to enhance media engagement and advocacy for further mobilization of peace volunteers. The Team therefore, have specifically focused more on internal planning to amplify voices for peace and mobilize more peace volunteers.

6. Conflict Profiling Initiative

The Peace Volunteers in previous discussions identified absence of comprehensive knowledge and picture of the conflict profile in the country is a major obstacle to finding comprehensive solutions. Therefore, the TS with support of peace volunteers initiated the Conflict Profiling process. This is ongoing though making slow progress. Many South Sudanese seem coy to engage in the process due to fear. Others have expressed scepticism regarding use of the information that will be provided. However, it is also important to mention that data received so far provides clarity on the conflict in those particular locations. Thanks to those who gathered the courage and spared time to fill the online Conflict Profiling form. Due to the slow paced response, the TS will be processing the data in phases and inform on future strategies to enhance the process. The TS wish to inform all South Sudanese that the Conflict Profiling process is anonymous and the facts will not be attributed to any individual. The process will remain ongoing and the same online link will maintained to receive feedback from the South Sudanese who are willing to participate in this important process of Conflict Profiling. Hopefully, with the already received data, the TS will soon start developing the Comprehensive Conflict Profile.

Conclusion

The Home-Grown Peace Initiative for South Sudan (HGPI-SS) in February 2026 demonstrates a strong commitment to building a citizen-led, inclusive, and sustainable peace architecture for the country. The formation of key coordination structures, engagement with experienced peace champions, advancement of the Citizen's Early Warning and Response System, call for initiation of nationwide peace actions, strengthened media outreach and progress in engagement with partners reflect a growing momentum. While these achievements mark important milestones, they also lay the foundation for deeper collaboration, broader community participation and more coordinated action of different actors and sectors for peace in the months ahead. HGPI-SS remains committed to translating these initiatives into tangible impact among the citizens of South Sudan who are yearning for peace and stability. HGPI-SS continues to welcome and build partnership with like-minded friends and partners of the initiative and the people of South Sudan. Thanks to all for solidarity, encouragement and efforts.

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