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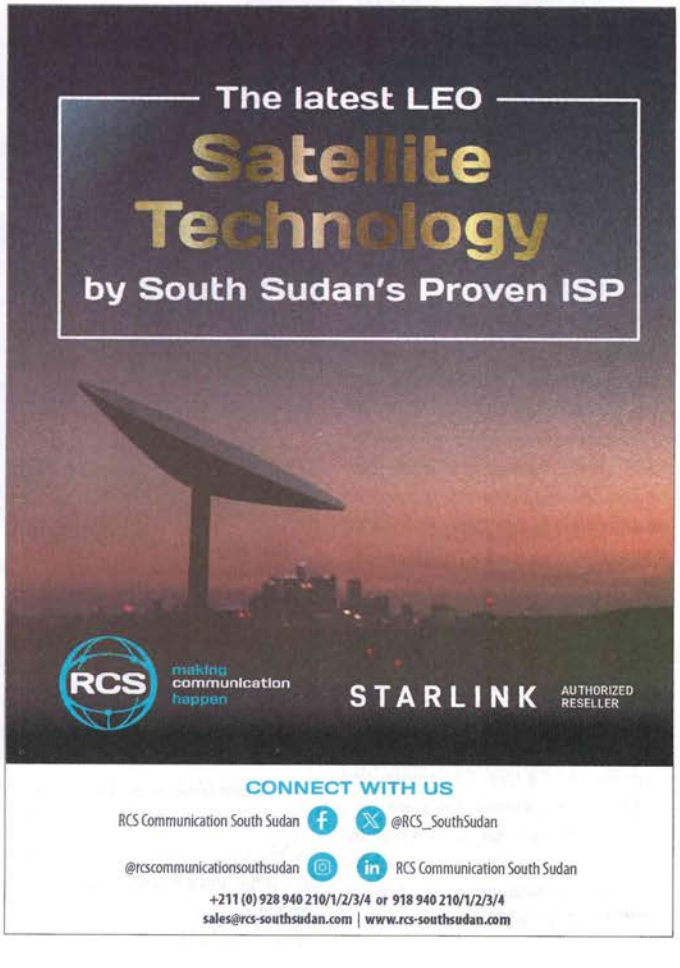

WE DEMAND 20% YOUTH REPRESENTATION IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION, THE FUTURE CANNOT WAIT

South Sudan is the youngest nation in Africa, and also the youngest in population. Over 70% of our population is under the age of 35. But when you look at the tables where decisions are made, where is the youth? When you look at the lists of political parties for the coming election, where is the youth?

This is the question we, the youth of Lainya County and South Sudan, are asking all political parties.

We are not begging for sympathy. We are DEMANDING EQUAL REPRESENTATION. We are demanding a guaranteed 20% youth representation from all political parties in the coming election.

How can 70% of the population be represented by only 2% in parliament? That is not democracy. That is exclusion.

We Must Be the Architects of Peace: We fought, we suffered, we lost education. If we are not included in leadership now, when will we be included?

Parties Use Youth During Campaigns: Every political party uses youth to sing, to dance, to put up posters, to mobilize, and to vote. After winning, you dump the youth. That politics must stop. If you need our energy to win, you must need our brains to govern.

We Bring Fresh Ideas: Service delivery has failed because the same old ideas have been recycled since 2005. The youth bring innovation, technology, and energy to deliver services to the grassroots.

Our Demand to All Political Parties, SPLM, SPLM-IO, OPP, and Others.

As we head to the upcoming elections, we demand that every political party must.

- Allocate at least 20% of all elective positions from Payam to National level to the youth (under 35).

Include youth in party decision-making organs, not just youth leagues.

- Stop using youth as tools of violence. Use youth as partners in development.

- Present a clear youth agenda on jobs, education, and sports - not empty promises.

This is not a request from Lainya County alone. This is the voice of the youth from Juba to Yei, from Wau to Malakal, from Torit to Aweil.

If a political party does not respect the 20%, the youth will not respect its ballot box.

We are not the leaders of tomorrow. We are the leaders of TODAY.

Give us the 20%. We will deliver 100% for South Sudan.

By Lainya county youth leader Emmanuel khamis Alison.

A delegation of South Sudanese lobby with the German Embassy for more funding for Empowered Women Influence after 2026

A group photo of delegation of women advocacy group members, PAX staff and German Embassy First Secretary, Political Affairs, in group photo.

Women's advocacy groups and their male allies from across South Sudan have urged the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, through their Embassy in South Sudan for more funding so as to expand and continue the implementation of the Empowered Women Influence project by PAX in South Sudan in the fight to end gender-based violence and to advance women's leadership.

The appeal followed a lobby visit to the German Embassy on 22nd October 2026 by a delegation of members of women advocacy groups from across project implementation locations in South Sudan. The delegation was part of the participants of a three-day exchange visit in Juba, which commenced from 20 to 22 October 2026. The event was organized by the Peace Movement Netherlands Foundation (PAX) under its Empowered Women Influence (EWI) project.

The EWI project is fully funded by German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO), of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany. The groups of lobbyists and advocacy members were from Juba and Yei in Central Equatoria State, Kapoeta Town and Torit in Eastern Equatoria, Greater Tonj and Kuajok in Warrap State, Ganyliel and Bentiu in Unity State and Malakal in Upper Nile.

In his keynote speech, the Country Director for PAX in South Sudan, Emmanuel Ira, appreciated the German Embassy for according the delegation of the women advocacy groups from the different opportunity from South Sudan, to share great and interesting results of the EWI Project. Interestingly, the project has delivered impactful results which the women will share from the different locations. On behalf of PAX, Emmanuel extended his gratitude to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for funding the project since 2023.

On her, the EWI Project Officer for PAX, Martina Kani, reiterated how the project has built a mass of resilient lobbyists and advocates at the national and subnational level, contributed to provision of pro bono services by Women advocates at various locations in the project locations, built the capacities of female parliamentarians to legislate policies and laws, as well as empowered women to take on leadership roles in the subnational level, for example a female chief in Warrap state, and the former National Minister of Gender, Child and Social Welfare who was a beneficiary of the EWI project amongst the many registered results. Furthermore, Martina urged the participants to continue their activities whether further funding is secured or not.

"You are one of the sustainability seeds on the ground that we have planted," Martina said. She encouraged participants to continue raising awareness and supporting women, girls and other community members in their respective locations.

The German Ambassador, H.E. Sebastian Brökelmann, welcomed, PAX and the delegation of the women advocacy group, and he extended his gratitude to PAX for the EWI project and thus, the need to support such projects. Moreover, the Ambassador, underscored the role of women in contributing to a healthy society and every woman in the project is a hero. As the German Embassy in South Sudan, they will continue to advocate at the national level for issues like access to justice and representation of women in leadership positions e.g. female legislators.

While the first Secretary, Political Affairs of the German Embassy, Hannah Elten was keen to understand the role of the women in leadership especially in the anticipated first elections of the Republic of South Sudan which are scheduled for 22nd December 2026.

Notably, the delegation of women in light of the similar challenges women and girls face at various locations in South Sudan, for instance, issues of forced and early child marriage, gender based violence from different perpetrators, cultural barriers from customary chiefs, and gangs groups, the EWI project has delivered interesting results like, mitigated forced marriage in Juba, where the victims have been enrolled back to schools, supported and rehabilitated former gangs groups in Yei and Torit after building trust with the local authorities like the prisons and the police. In addition, some of the women advocacy groups have showed interest in participation in the forthcoming elections. Noteworthily, the delegation asks to German government to increase funding for local and women-led organizations; provide more flexible, accessible and multi-year support; and continue backing women's participation in governance and peacebuilding, civic education, human rights defenders and accountability for rights violations.

The women delegation to the German Embassy presented three recommendations to the German government: sustain and, where possible, increase funding for local and women-led organizations; provide more flexible, accessible and multi-year support; and continue backing women's participation in governance and peacebuilding, civic education, human rights defenders and accountability for rights violations.

The group said local civil society organizations are often at the forefront of efforts to address gender-based violence, improve access to justice and protect women and girls, but frequently operate with limited financial and institutional resources. "Investing in local organizations is not simply funding activities, but rather investing in sustainable solutions, community ownership and the future of South Sudan," a representative said. The EWI exchange visit workshop was facilitated by Counsel Joseph Amanya who urged participants to continue empowering communities across the country.