



PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

PROJECT TITLE: Building the Resilience of Persons with Disabilities to adapt with Climate Change in Jonglei state South Sudan.



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Acknowledgment

Humanitarian & Development Consortium (HDC) would like to express its deep gratitude to the Adaptation Research Alliance (ARA) for the truth and support given to support persons with disabilities to adapt with climate change in South Sudan, Jonglei state respectively. HDC is strongly recommend this projects for more implementation for the inclusion of persons with disabilities at all level. HDC is again grateful to the support to have this learning experiences to inform the government of Jonglei state to include persons with disabilities in their programme at all cost.

About HDC

Established in 2008, the Humanitarian & Development Consortium (HDC) is a National Non-Governmental Organization (NNGO) delivering high-quality programming to persons of concern in South Sudan. The organization was Founded originally in South Sudan and currently Registered in USA and Canada, HDC works with women and girls, children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, internally displaced persons, returnees, refugees, asylum seekers, host communities, government agencies and international humanitarian partners.

Project Background

South Sudan is among the countries highest at risk to floods, droughts and climate related epidemics. In 2022, the UN estimated over 1 million people have been affected by recurrent floods across the country, disproportionately affecting women, children and people with disabilities (PwDs). Despite existence of National Plan of Action (NAP) for Climate Adaptation, its translation at local level is nonexistence, and has limitedly reflected the mechanisms of engaging vulnerable groups, particularly older people and People with Disabilities in early warning and risk awareness, including the tools and evidence necessary to advocate for their needs. This initiative will strengthen the disaster resilience of persons with disabilities and local community structures

through improving the early warning systems and enabling the design of effective adaptation options with persons with disabilities. The project will gather appropriate and disaggregated data, which can be used to drive disability inclusive actions.

Project Objectives

Humanitarian & Development Consortium is among the partners selected by Adaptation Research Alliance to implement Grassroots Action Research Micro-grants project in Jonglei State particularly in five counties of Pibor, Duk, Twic East, Uror and Bor South County.

This project aims to Build the Resilience of Person with Disabilities to adapt with Climate Change in Jonglei State South Sudan. it includes capacity building of local Disabled Persons groups/Associations (DPOs), establishing an inclusive community response capability, carryout Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) of persons with disabilities including an accessibility assessment of PwDs to critical infrastructure including disaster shelters and current climate early warning systems.

In addition, this action will address disability inclusion across DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) and CCA (Climate Change Adaptation), by accelerating sharing and dissemination of VCA findings among local, subnational and national actors through state level workshops on disability inclusion in DRR/CCA. Specific disability inclusive training manuals will be reproduced in local languages and specific tools to assist in training Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) committees, DPOs, local authorities and community leaders on the issues related to persons with disabilities

Project Achievement

During the last four months of project implementation, the project has achieved her target goals as its stipulated in the agreed document. 20 participants (18 males and 2 female) from different local Disable People Organizations received training on inclusive DRR framework and Advocacy strategies.

Twenty women with disabilities received training on financial literacy and business skills; all these women were support with starting capital for their business

Twenty most vulnerable persons with disabilities (9 males and 11 females) were support to improved their shelters for living.

Twenty (20) persons with disabilities (19 males and 1 females) received assorted disability assistive devices

Information, Education and Communication (I.E.C) materials were developed and translated of key training manuals, materials on inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction.

Mapping of the existing community DRR structures and vulnerability and capacity assessment were conducted; dissemination sessions on the VCA findings with relevant stakeholders (DPOs, line ministries, CSOs and women groups) at subnational levels was done.

Figure 1 Present the number of Persons with disability trained and Supported

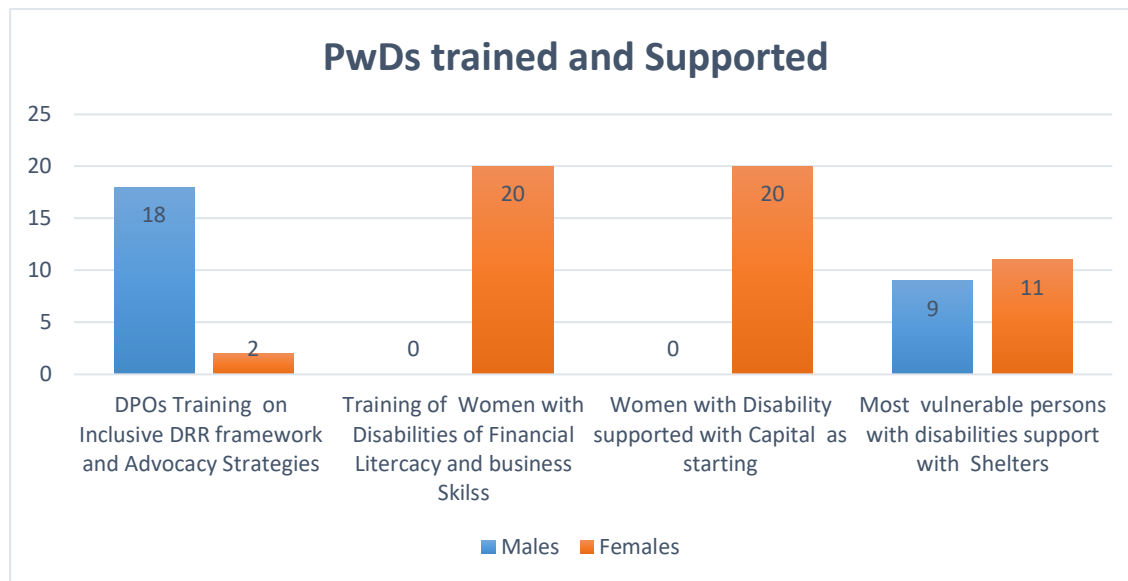
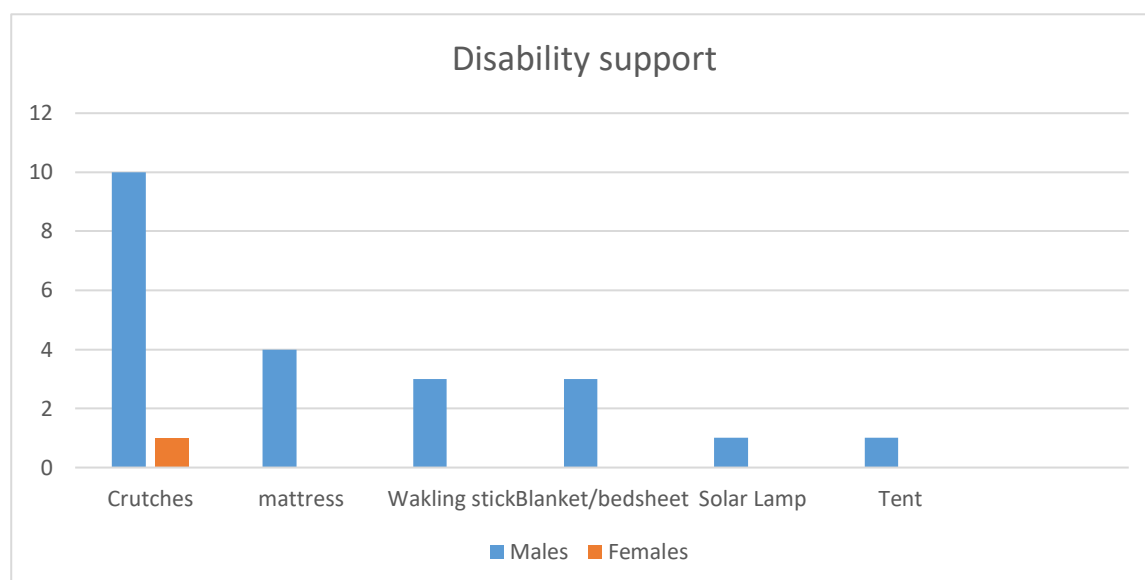


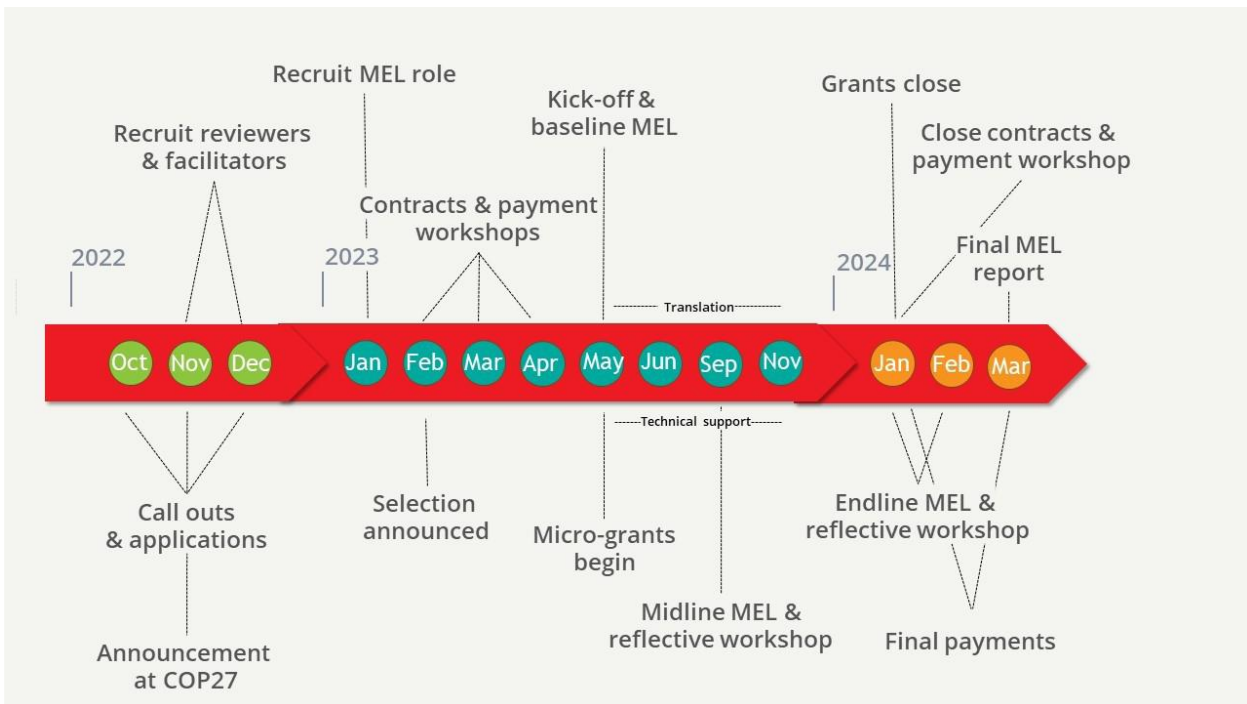
Figure 2 Present the number of Persons with disabilities support with Assistive devices and Items



Project Participants.

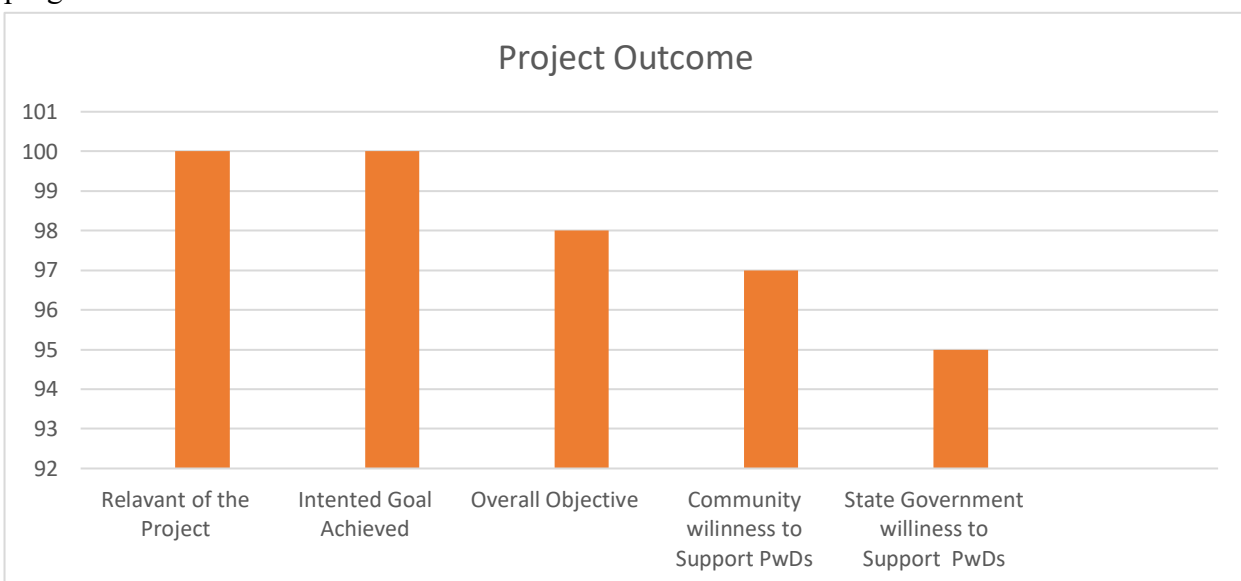
The project strictly targeted persons with disabilities in the five locations of Uror, Duk, Twic East, Pibor and Bor South County. From the onset of the project and throughout the implementations phase. Ministry of gender, child and social welfare, community leadership, county authority, Payam and Boma were involved during the selection of the beneficiaries and also during the training and distribution of the items. Voice of Disable organization (VoDO) played a crucial role to facilitate and mobilized the community during the distribution of the items to the targeted beneficiaries.

Project TimeLine



Summary of outcome

The outcomes of the ARA project were measured by a post-Programme field survey, submitted within one week after the training and distribution of assorted disability assistive devices, support to women with disability to start their small scale business and lastly support to most vulnerable persons with disabilities to improved their shelters. The response rate was 100%. The survey assessed five areas, including standard programme evaluation indicators (Relevant of the Project beneficiaries, Intended Goal Achieved, Overall Objective, Community wiliness to support persons with disability and State Government wiliness to support persons with disabilities in their programme).



Lesson Learn

Working closely with government counterparts and community leaders helped in term of timely coordination, building experience and complementarily during the project implementation. Involvement of Community Based Organization(CBO) like Voice of Disable Organization improved community mobilization and dissemination of some messages to the communities. their capacity in term of project implementation is also improved. e.g. project monitoring, financial records and coordination.

The Project showed that **building person with disabilities in disaster risk reduction continues to be relevant** and Adaptation Research Alliance (ARA) should continue its work in this area. While many barriers still exist to PwDs in disaster risk reduction, there are also opportunities to be exploited. The Programme can also bring attention to good role models – such as empowering Social workers – to inspire communities and state government to set higher goals and challenge existing norms toward persons with disabilities.

Community-based disaster risk reduction and social inclusion concepts were particularly well received, as most of the participants' communities live in villages and settlements. The participants expressed their eagerness to put inclusive cooperation ideas into action.

Recommendations

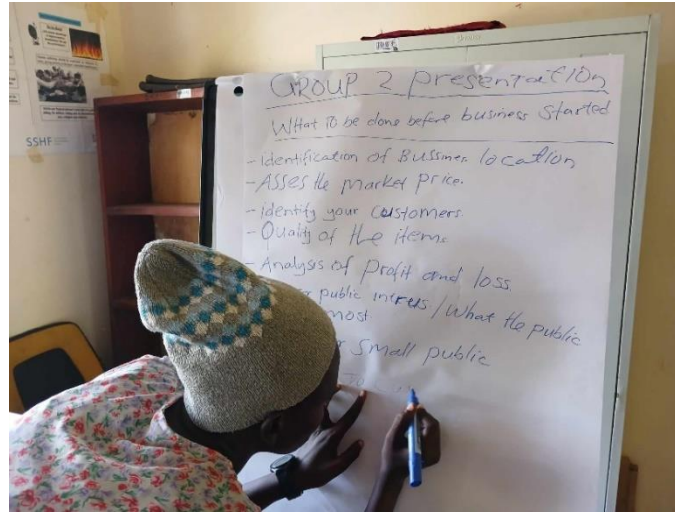
ARA project is a tools to balance and fill the gap existing in the community towards the persons with disabilities. ARA can exacerbate and address issues facing by PwDs. Many communities and government units are not well informing about the important of inclusive disaster risk reduction framework and advocacy strategies.

Appendix (Pictorial part)

Distribution disability assorted devices and Items, Support to women with disabilities with starting capitals for their micro business and support to most vulnerable person with disabilities with shelter materials to improved their house









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ⁱ These photos were taken from different locations during the implementation of Adaptation Research Alliance project (ARA). These were from the training on financial Literacy and Business Skill to Women with Disabilities. Training of local Disable People organizations on Inclusive DRR framework and Advocacy Strategies. Distribution of Assorted Disability Assistive Devices and items. Support / starting capital given to Women with disabilities to support their small scale business and provision of shelter materials to most vulnerable person with disabilities.