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Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation and UNOPS sign \$9.9 Million Climate Resilience Project in South Sudan

The project seeks to deliver a set of critical infrastructure rehabilitation and climate resilience interventions under the RCRP. The interventions are designed to mitigate flood risks, restore essential water services, and enhance the adaptive capacity of affected communities across four (4) states in South Sudan: Upper Nile, Jonglei, Eastern Equatoria, and Lakes. The scope encompasses civil works, equipment supply and installation, as well as community engagement activities, with strict adherence to environmental and social safeguards.

- The program aims to enhance climate resilience and improve the well-being of flood-affected and refugee-hosting communities in South Sudan.
- The program will target four states Upper Nile, Jonglei, Eastern Equatoria, and Lakes States where recurrent floods and water insecurity continue to threaten lives and livelihoods.

Juba, South Sudan. - The Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) have signed a partnership to implement the Regional Climate Resilience Program for Eastern and Southern Africa Project (RCRP) in South Sudan.

With \$9.9 million in funding, the one-year project will strengthen resilience against climate change by rehabilitating water infrastructure, reducing flood risks, and supporting livelihoods in Upper Nile, Jonglei, Eastern Equatoria, and Lakes States.



Hon. Achier John Manyuat, Undersecretary, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation highlighted the importance of the project. *"This project represents a timely intervention to address the devastating impacts of climate change in South Sudan, through this partnership with UNOPS, we are not only protecting communities from recurrent flooding but also ensuring reliable access to safe water and improving livelihoods in some of the most vulnerable communities."* he said.

Under the agreement, UNOPS will lead technical assessments, procurement, construction works, and community engagement, ensuring environmental and social safeguards are fully respected.

The project will deliver repaired dikes, drainage systems, rehabilitated handpumps and wateryards, and distribute fishing nets to support local livelihoods. It will also create short-term jobs for local workers while strengthening long-term resilience.

Mrs. Petronella Halwiindi Kasaka, UNOPS Country Manager in South Sudan, reaffirmed UNOPS commitment to advancing the country's development agenda, highlighting the organization's strong partnership with the Ministry in ensuring successful and timely implementation of the project. *"UNOPS is proud to partner with the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation to strengthen South Sudan's resilience to climate change. This project reflects our commitment to delivering sustainable infrastructure solutions that protect lives, restore essential services, and empower communities to adapt to a changing climate."* She said

Through this partnership, the Government of South Sudan and UNOPS reaffirm their shared commitment to building resilient communities that can withstand the impacts of a changing climate.

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