

Country/entity	South Sudan
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	The Resolutions of the Civilian-Military Dialogue in Otogo Payam Yei River County-CES
Date	2 Feb 2023
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/local conflict

Sudan Conflicts (1955 -)

Agreements relate to several distinct dyads, and also the negotiated independence of South Sudan, and subsequent internal conflict in South Sudan. Sudan-South Sudan. The long-standing conflict between the north and the south of the country dates back to colonial times, where the British introduced a so-called 'Southern Policy', severely hampering population movements between these big regions. Immediately after gaining independence in 1956, southern movements started to fight for independence; this fight became professionalised in 1983 with the foundation of the soon internationally supported Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). When the Islamic Front government introduced strict sharia laws in the south after it took over power in 1988 the war intensified. A decade later, the military situation reached a stalemate, enabling internationally facilitated peace negotiations to begin in 1997. After more fighting, a final negotiation push began in 2002, leading to the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in January 2005.

Sudan-South Sudan post referendum. South Sudan became independent in July 2011; since then, relations between the two countries are complicated and violent conflict led by the SPLM (North) in the Sudanese Nuba mountains region has since intensified.

Darfur. Other long-standing violent conflicts are in the east and the west of the country. In the east, the Beja Congress, established in 1957, is the spearhead of a currently 'peaceful' opposition movement. In the west, the violent conflict in Darfur intensified in the early 2000s and rapidly gained international attention, even resulting in genocide charges against leading figures of the Sudanese government. The situation on the ground is complex, with over a dozen organisations (most notably the Sudanese Liberation Movement and the Justice and Equality Movement) fighting the Sudanese government and allied groups like the Janjaweed – although all parties have switched sides on numerous occasions. Several mediation attempts have not been successful, due to the shaky commitment of the Sudanese central government and the distrust among the armed opposition.

South Sudan - internal

In December 2013, after president Salva Kiir accused opposition leader Riek Machar of attempting a coup, violent conflict broke out between government forces of the SPLM/A and anti-governmental groups. In addition, several other political militias as well as communal militias have joined the conflict. In 2015 the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (ARCSS) was signed. Due to unsuccessful implementation the agreement was revitalized in 2018. In September 2019, Kiir and Machar agreed to establish a power-sharing government after struggles on forming a unity transitional government.

Close

Sudan Conflicts (1955 -)

Stage Pre-negotiation/process

Conflict nature Inter-group

Peace process	South Sudan: Post-secession Local agreements
Parties	The signatories of the civil-military dialogue in Otego Payam of YRC: Hon. Aggrey Cyrus - Commissioner, YRC Brig. John Lual - SSPDF, commander kogo Manase Levi - Finn Church Aid, coordinator Yei office Alex Kenyi Lokosang - Chairperson, peace committee Bishop Alex Lodiong Sakor - Catholic diocese of Yei Rt. Rev. Levi Maradulu Yepete - ECSS diocese of Yei
Third parties	Malish John Scopas - CEPO, field Coordinator-Yei James Mugo - UNMISS-CAD, Team leader-Yei base
Description	A local civil-military dialogue which is part of structured local approaches to managing cycles of violence, improving trust and social cohesion between communities and the military. This agreement mainly addresses civil-military relations in Otego payam in Yei river county between the armed forces and communities, setting out a list of grievances covering all sides before setting out resolutions. Broadly the agreement aims to encourage this through ongoing reconciliatory meetings between the army and local leaders, with improved communication mechanisms and better reporting mechanisms for dealing with crime, as well as a restructuring of how soldiers are deployed in the community. Substantively the agreement makes provisions for mechanisms to deal with crime and calls for respect for the law and human rights, calling on local authorities and the armed forces to reinforce this. It also calls for the deployment of police to reinforce the law, in addressing crimes, killing and sexual violence. Traditional leaders and the military are to implement the agreement within the community by continuing meetings and more generally, by encouraging community reconciliation, fair handling of crimes and management of soldiers.

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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical RESOLUTIONS. ... 5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam? ... 14. Good relationship between the youth and the military
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/ national group	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical RESOLUTIONS. ... 5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam? ... 17. Avoid tribalism
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	RESOLUTIONS. ... 5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam? ... 4. Let there be no killing of civilians and looting of their properties, raping must also be abolished
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	RESOLUTIONS. ... 5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam? ... 9. Soldiers must be allowed to visit their families

State definition

Nature of state (general)	No specific mention.
State configuration	No specific mention.
Self determination	No specific mention.
Referendum	No specific mention.
State symbols	No specific mention.
Independence/secession	No specific mention.
Accession/unification	No specific mention.
Border delimitation	No specific mention.
Cross-border provision	No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders **RESOLUTIONS.**
...
5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam?
...
5. There must be a rule imposed by community leaders and military leaders to ban alcohol drinking during working hours
6. Meetings with community leaders and military leaders on regular basis
...
19. In case a civilian breaks a rule or law, the community leader should be aware before she/he is handed and imprisoned by the authorities (military)

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general

RESOLUTIONS.

...

5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam?

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13. Respect for human rights.

...

19. In case a civilian breaks a rule or law, the community leader should be aware before she/he is handed and imprisoned by the authorities (military)

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation

No specific mention.

Civil and political rights

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Thought, opinion, conscience and religion

RESOLUTIONS.

...

5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam?

...

16. Freedom of expression to all.

Socio-economic rights

No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship

No specific mention.

Democracy

No specific mention.

Detention procedures

No specific mention.

Media and communication

Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other

RESOLUTIONS.

...

5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam?

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25. Setting of communication mechanisms

Mobility/access

No specific mention.

Protection measures	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians RESOLUTIONS. ... 5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Otago Payam? ... 4. Let there be no killing of civilians and looting of their properties, raping must also be abolished ... 15. Avoid false accusations, harassment and detention of civilians
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
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Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.
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Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
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State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
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Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
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Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
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Traditional Laws	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance RESOLUTIONS. ... 5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam? ... 20. Services should be provided by Government and humanitarian NGOs to the people of Ootogo Payam Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction RESOLUTIONS. ... 5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam? ... 3. Government should construct and renovate schools, health centers and good roads
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	No specific mention.
International funds	No specific mention.
Business	No specific mention.
Taxation	Socio-economic reconstruction→Taxation→Other RESOLUTIONS. ... 5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam? ... 2. The military should stop illegal taxes at the checkpoints
Banks	No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights	No specific mention.
Pastoralist/nomadism rights	No specific mention.

Cultural heritage Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Intangible
RESOLUTIONS.
 ...
5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam?
 ...
 21. Promotion of cultural activities and sports to enhance peace
 Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Promotion
RESOLUTIONS.
 ...
5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam?
 ...
 21. Promotion of cultural activities and sports to enhance peace

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees **RESOLUTIONS.**
 ...
5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam?
 ...
 18. Provide good security to civilians

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police **RESOLUTIONS.**
 ...
5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam?
 ...
 10. Deployment of police in Ootogo Payam

Armed forces	RESOLUTIONS. ... 5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam? 1. The military and civilians should unite as one people (cooperate) 2. The military should stop illegal taxes at the checkpoints ... 5. There must be a rule imposed by community leaders and military leaders to ban alcohol drinking during working hours 6. Meetings with community leaders and military leaders on regular basis ... 9. Soldiers must be allowed to visit their families ... 12. The government should provide enough food to soldiers and their salaries should be increased and paid on time. ... 14. Good relationship between the youth and the military ... 23. Soldiers should not be deployed in community social centers like schools, hospitals, churches and markets 24. Soldiers should be rotated on periodic basis ... 27. Unification and deployment of the unified forces.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	RESOLUTIONS. ... 5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam? ... 2. The military should stop illegal taxes at the checkpoints ... 26. There should be no ransom payment for release of civilians after imprisonment

**Crime/organised
crime**

RESOLUTIONS.

...

5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Otago Payam?

...

4. Let there be no killing of civilians and looting of their properties, raping must also be abolished

...

19. In case a civilian breaks a rule or law, the community leader should be aware before she/he is handed and imprisoned by the authorities (military)

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22. Avoid generalization in case one person commits a crime

...

26. There should be no ransom payment for release of civilians after imprisonment

Drugs

No specific mention.

Terrorism

No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release **RESOLUTIONS.**
...
5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam?
...
26. There should be no ransom payment for release of civilians after imprisonment

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory **5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam?**
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The signatories of the civil-military dialogue in Ootogo Payam of YRC:
...
James Mugo
UNMISS-CAD, Team leader-Yei base

Other international signatory **5. What are the solutions to the problems (issues) affecting civilians and military relationship in Ootogo Payam?**
...
The signatories of the civil-military dialogue in Ootogo Payam of YRC:
...
kogo Manase Levi
FCA, coordinator Yei office

Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
