Kupera County Peace and Reconciliation communiqué

The people and government of Kupera County represented by the Paramount Chief, chiefs, elders, government representatives, community leaders gathered at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) premises in Yei on March 19th to 21st 2019 at the invitation of Hon. Emmanuel Khamis Richard, Commissioner of Kupera County under the guidance of Arch – Bishop Elias Taban Parangi to attend a peace and reconciliation conference. After two (2) days of deliberations, the conference resolved that:

1. Peace and reconciliation conference be held in Kupera led by EPC Peace Desk in partnership with ECSS Mundu Diocese and other churches that bring all the people of Kupera together;

2. A reconciliation and healing conference be held that bring the counties of Lainya, Kupera and Mukaya together led by the respective commissioners;

3. Government to establish a stable security in Kupera County

4. Freedom of worship be allowed in Kupera County

5. Government to engage partners in provisions of agricultural tools like tractors, hoes and seeds

6. Government to engage partners in training of community leaders and community policing (capacity building)
Signed by:
1. Ismail Taban Kango, Paramount Chief Kupera County
2. James Ila Charles, Head Chief of Wuji “B” Court
3. Luka Lasu Philmona, Head Chief of Mundu “B” court
4. Thomas Nyobulo, Head Chief Kupera “B” court
5. Charles Tabu Dema, Head Chief Korobe “B” court
6. Mikaya Wani, Head Chief Koyoki “B” Court
7. Tito Lemude Manase, Head Chief Dongoro “B” Court

WITNESSED BY:

Arch – Bishop Elias Taban Parangi
Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Head of EPC Peace Desk
Yei River State

Mary Tumalu - Chair Lady, Kupera County

Tumalu expressed happiness and called on the participants to give a round of applause as a sign of thanks to Arch Bishop Elias Taban for all the support and for organizing the peace and reconciliation conference. Tumalu also encouraged participants to speak the truth and to open hearts for forgiveness. And finally, Tumalu attributed the survivors of the elders of Kupera with the help of Hon. Emmanuel Khamis Richard, the Commissioner of Kupera. Lastly, Tumalu thanked the ENAF team for abandoning rebellion and choosing peace, and then asked for forgiveness from God and the ENAF representatives.