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KENYAN CIVIL SOCIETY STRENGTHENING PROGRAM

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY

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A. Introduction:

1. The Targets of Opportunity (TOO) is a flexible grant mechanism being implemented under the Peacebuilding and Conflict Management component of the Kenya Civil Society Strengthening Program (KCSSP). It is aimed at facilitating and strengthening the capacity of peace actors to enable them respond to emerging situations of conflict in the following scope of activities **SoA 1: Adhoc dialogues and/forums** to prevent and manage conflict to be facilitated by pact or through a consultant or sub-grantee **SoA 2: Procurement of services or commodities** to facilitate stabilization and conflict prevention activities **SoA 3: Support for media and outreach activities** that will reduce escalation of tension and political instability **SoA 4: Activities that will rapidly assess and monitor** potentially de-stabilizing events **SoA 5: Any Activities that will effectively address and help reduce a crisis related to social unrest and political instability** and **SOA 6: Activities that contribute to the successful conduct or implementation of the constitution, the run up to the 2012 General Elections and the reform agenda in general.**

B. Activities and Notable project Developments

1. **Two-third Principle on gender representation project:** FIDA Kenya conducted strategic meetings with Kenya Women Parliamentarians (KEWOPA) as part of lobbying women parliamentarians to support its proposed mixed member proportion (MMP) mechanism to ensure the implementation of the two-third principle.

2. **Garissa Mediation Council:** The mediation process between the Aulihan and Abduwak clans in Garissa County by GMC is in progress. During the month, the GMC members met to evaluate the progress of the fulfillment of compensation agreements. 40% of the two million Shillings blood compensation money has been paid to the victims and the remaining 60% is still being raised. Hostiles and tensions have ceased as a result of the dialogue meetings conducted by GMC and a further joint inter-clan meeting has been planned for February 2012.

3. **Development of guidelines for the police vetting process:** The Independent Medico-Legal Unit (IMLU) together with members of the police reforms groups reviewed the draft police vetting guidelines and police vetting tool. The critique provided by the stakeholders was used to enrich the draft document. A validation forum to invite public engagement with the draft tool has been planned for February 2012.

4. **ICC:** the International Center for Policy and Legal Research (CILPRA) in collaboration with the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) and the Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) conducted five public forums on the International Criminal Court (ICC) process, to sensitize Kenyans and manage expectations before and after the decision date on the verdict of the pre-trial chambers. These were held in Nairobi, Nakuru, Naivasha, Eldoret and Kisumu and attracted huge participation from the public. In addition,

CILPRA conducted a media analysis for key journalists from four mainstream media houses covering the ICC process. The result of this was that CILPRA was invited to provide technical advice on the possible scenarios relating to the ICC pre-trial chamber decision on Citizen TV, British Broadcasting international (BBC), Capital FM and the Daily Nation newspaper. These scenarios were later picked up and used in news analysis by a host of media houses.

5. Pokot-Turkana study: Two KCSSP consultants conducted a validation forum in Kitale to review and critique the preliminary findings and enrich the report. A resultant draft report is being reviewed by KCSSP. The finding of the study is that the current resource conflict unfolds from the pursuit of specific political goals. Specifically, the ongoing conflict is due to the fight to own land especially that on which lies the Turkwel Multipurpose project (with potential mining, irrigation and oil extraction). The study recommends joint advocacy initiatives in the short term and support to conflict transformation activities (strengthening role of women, infusing modern and traditional peace practices and coordinating development) in the long term.

6. TJRC: Kituo Cha Sheria (KCS) worked with community representatives and conducted four radio talk shows (in Pwani, Baraka, Radio Rahma and Radio Kaya) to mobilize the community to participate in the Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) hearings held in Coast region during the month. They equally facilitated select community representatives to attend the hearings in Tana Delta, Kilifi, Kwale, Taita, Taveta, Malindi, and Mombasa. The mobilization enable key community leaders to participate in the TJRC process and additional support provided by KCS led to the development of memoranda in Kilifi that was presented to the Commission.

7. Conflict Mitigation: the National Steering Committee on Peace Building and Conflict Management (NSC) has received an approval to support dialogue forums in Moyale and Marsabit Districts between the feuding Borana and Gabra ethnic communities.

8. Land Reforms: Haki Jamii has received approval to conduct research and generate a policy brief to spur enactment of land legislations that operationalize the provisions on land in the Constitution and the National Land Policy.

9. Devolution: Bare Care has received approval to conduct public forums on devolved governance legislation in Baringo County with the aim of feeding the recommendations that come into the draft devolution bills.

C. Projections for February

10. Identification Cards (ID) survey: Do2012 is proposing to conduct a survey in Nairobi to identify challenges and prohibitive conditions imposed in the issuance of national identity cards

11. Peace Building empowerment Project is proposing to conduct county conversations in Migori County.