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USAID Launches New Health Systems Strengthening Project in Central and Western Equatoria States

May 24, 2013 – Juba, South Sudan. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Republic of South Sudan State Ministry of Health launched a five-year Health Systems Strengthening Project (HSSP) which will be implemented in Central Equatoria State and Western Equatoria State. This project was launched at a workshop hosted at the State Ministry of Health, Central Equatoria on May 14, 2013 and at a subsequent workshop hosted by the State Ministry of Health, Western Equatoria on May 23, 2013. The workshop in Juba was attended by the State Minister of Health Central Equatoria, Hon. Emmanuel Ija Baya and the Director General, Dr. Paul Tingwa and in Yambio by the State Minister of Health Western Equatoria, Hon. John Gbono and the Director General, Dr. Victor Furangi – as well as others responsible for county health departments in the states.

USAID is committed to supporting the Republic of South Sudan as it implements the National Health Strategy. The Health Systems Strengthening Project aims to strengthen the health system in South Sudan and foster an enabling environment for improved health service delivery. This project is part of an integrated set of projects funded by USAID to improve the access to health care services in Central and Western Equatoria States. The Health Systems Strengthening Project will support the development of procedures and best practices for leadership and management and will enhance the capacity of staff to perform their roles more effectively and efficiently. It will also strengthen the linkages between the State Ministry of Health's sector policy, planning, and budgeting processes and enhance the technical capacity for effective public financial management. Furthermore, the Health Systems Strengthening Project will increase strategic coordination and collaboration between the state and county levels as well as between the central Ministry of Health and the State Ministries of Health to avoid duplication of efforts.

The five-year goal of the project is the realization of a much-strengthened health system that provides improved health services to the populations of Central and Western Equatoria States.

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