About PROPEL

In September 2015, USAID awarded the 3-year, $22.4 million Promoting Resiliency through Ongoing Participatory Engagement and Learning (PROPEL) program to Global Communities and partner Catholic Relief Services. This program is bringing together communities and strengthening their capacity to drive their own development through harnessing their own resources, leveraging other donor-funded programs, and advocating for additional support to implement projects that address priority needs. PROPEL promotes social cohesion and resilience within South Sudanese communities while providing tangible improvements in the lives of their residents and laying the groundwork for cooperation between them and the Government of the Republic of South Sudan (GoRSS) when feasible.

PROPEL uses a flexible, locally-driven, learning-focused approach to meet USAID South Sudan’s goal of engaging a range of different types of communities in South Sudan through a process of community-driven development and associated assessments which will inform the design of future development interventions based on the revealed needs of these different types of communities.

PROPEL is targeting over 30 communities in Juba, Magwi, Awerial, Duk and Bor Counties, informed by robust community mapping including household surveys, focus group discussions, key informant interviews and thematic and conflict analysis with a special emphasis on women and youth. (See map on next page.)
Cohort One Target Communities

PACE Stages and Cycles During Life of Program

Stage 1: Setting the Foundation
- Engage Community
- Develop community leaders
- Mapping/ Prioritize Needs
- Community Action Planning

Stage 2: Taking Action
- 1. Develop Community Projects
- 4. Overseas projects and inform stakeholders

Stage 3: Taking Ownership & Sustaining Action
- 2. Mobilize Resources
- 3. Execute Community Projects
- REPEAT IN YEAR
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Participatory Action for Community Enhancement (PACE)

Participatory Action for Community Enhancement (PACE) is a process whereby communities are engaged, motivated, and empowered to drive long-term local change. The benefits of PACE come from both the actual development projects that are implemented as a result of the process but also from the process itself. The PACE process explicitly promotes inter- and intra-community dialogue and strengthens community relations, enhancing a community’s ability to reduce chronic risks as well as to adapt to problems as they arise.
Collaborating, Learning and Adapting in PROPEL

PROPEL is utilizing a critical case study approach to explore and assess a range of factors that influence CDD outcomes in South Sudan. Learning in PROPEL is mainstreamed through periodic check-ins, reflections and training, where program staff are required to grapple with MERL data and plan programming adaptations.

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Paramount chief of Aguarkuoth Boma in Awerial County, Abraham Angolic Deng, speaks during community engagement meeting.