



**CTSAMVM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
FIFTH MEETING
KHARTOUM, SUDAN
NOVEMBER 27-28, 2018**

DECISIONS

ATTENDANCE

Chairman	Maj Gen Desta Abiche Ageno	CTSAMVM
Deputy Chairman	Maj Gen Tarig Abdelkarim Ibrahim	CTSAMVM
Representatives From the Parties	<p><u>Incumbent TGoNU</u> Maj Gen Rabi Mujung Emmanuel Maj Gen Akol Majok Nyigan Maj Gen John Daniel Kipa Maj Gen Thomas Gador Kic Wur Maj Gen Wuoi Mayom Deng Maj Gen Gatkuoth Duop Kuich</p> <p><u>SSOA</u> Maj Gen David Nyang Kueth Maj Gen James Gai Gatduel Chany A/Cdr Ywodo John Otor Brig Gen Peter Riiny Mabior Brig Gen Amos Amin Elia Lupe Brig Gen Peter Gatkuoth Thot Bakam</p>	<p><u>SPLM/A-IO</u> Maj Gen Martin Gama Abucha Brig Gen William Deng Buom Brig Gen/Dr. Chuol Ruey Kompuok Brig Gen Andrea Mangu Adala Kumer Col Ezekiel How Kuol Gatluak Col Juma Jackson Lasu Lemi</p> <p><u>FDs</u> Brig Gen Bior Leek Kuareng</p>
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	Mr Abui Patrick Duku Mr Maru Ayanaw Mr Evans Oguga Ms Martha Nyankiir	CTSAMVM Admin. CTSAMVM Finance CTSAMVM Sector 3 Coordinator CTSAMVM Admin
In Attendance as Observers	Brig Gen Haitham Eltawagny, Col Seif Rashid Lt Col Mark Hughes Lt Col Leen van Hijum Maj Morgan Watt	Defense Attaché to Sudan, Egypt Defense Attaché to Sudan, Kenya Defense Attaché to South Sudan, United Kingdom Defense Attaché to Ethiopia, Netherlands Defense Attaché to South Sudan, United States

The Fifth meeting of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee (CTC) was held on 27th November 2018 at the Grand Villa Hotel/Friendship Hall in Khartoum (D Day + 70 Days). All parties were represented as shown above.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Issue/Decision/Agreement</u>	<u>Action</u>
	<p><u>Opening Statement.</u></p> <p>The incoming Chairman introduced himself. He stated that he was Director for International relations in the Ethiopian Defense Ministry, and was involved in establishing CTSAMM while working with the South Sudan Ministry of Defence. He then requested the members to introduce themselves and they did.</p> <p>The Chairman commended his predecessor Maj Gen Ibrahim Abdul Jallil for creating strong links with the parties and added that he intends to continue with this approach by working closely with the parties to build and sustain the peace.</p> <p>He said implementation of R-ARCSS was continuing in a generally positive way; that there were increasing reports of meetings between parties for the purposes of reducing tension and improving relations. He stated that the important confidence building measures were both welcome and productive.</p> <p>He added that the hot spots of Yei, Wau and Bentiu still had the potential for tension but that relations were improving, as would be shared in the report of the Joint Field Visit to Wau last week.</p> <p>The Chairman said there was still a lot to be achieved but was hopeful since the long awaited strategic mechanisms had begun to emerge and that the CTC would benefit from the direction that will be given. He informed the parties that will observe later CTSAMVM continues to receive allegations and there are in some areas access denials to MVTs but the scale and severity of these problems is reducing.</p> <p>The Chairman further stated he was pleased with the reception the CTSAMVM report to RJMEC as was reflected in the response of the</p>	

stakeholders, noting that the benefit of working as a joint team was fully demonstrated. He concluded that it is his sincere wish that we continue to build on these strong foundations. He urged the members to proceed with the 5th CTC and was sure of its success.

The parties were then asked to make their opening statements:

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO: welcomed the new CTSAMVM Chairman. Commended the nature of the CTSAMVM reports as received in the RJMEC plenary. He added that the week was good as many achievements were registered such as training of National Monitors, creation of other mechanisms and a reduction in the hostilities in many areas.

The senior representative of the Former Detainees (FDs): Also welcomed the new CTSAMVM Chairman and all in attendance. He stated the progress was a good gesture and urged CTSAMVM to advise the concerned mechanism to focus on the undisclosed military training centres and share such information with the CTC.

The senior representative of the SSOA: Observed all protocol, said they were happy to be back to the CTC. He welcomed the new chairman and assured him of the support of SSOA. Said the reception of the CTSAMVM report in the RJMEC plenary was a good achievement since it was praised in both format and content. He urged CTSAMVM to continue on the same path. He however lamented the continued detention of their officers by IO adding that all attempts have been made but IO continues to give conditions.

The senior representative of TGoNU: Welcomed the new Chairman, and commended the efforts of the outgoing chairman for the job well done. He said they were looking forward to working with the new leadership to finish the tasks ahead for the benefit of the people of South Sudan.

He also informed the CTC that his team was complete and were looking forward to sharing information and to collectively take decisions to resolve any outstanding issues. He said he was happy to hear that the situation in the hotspot areas was improving and that other security mechanisms had begun their meetings.

He noted that the representatives of the parties at RJMEC had commended the fairness of the reports of CTSAMVM and that it reflected honesty among the parties. He emphasized teamwork moving forward. He said regardless of the time lost, real progress was being made.

The Agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes from CTC meeting No. 3

The minutes of the fourth CTC meeting were deliberated, corrected, then approved.

Status of Implementation Decisions and Issues from CTC Meeting No. 4

1. National Monitor Participation (ONGOING)

The 4th CTC decided:

- That training will take place week commencing 19 Nov in Juba with all parties making nominations.
- CTSAMVM will engage NPTC to facilitate travel documents.
- CTSAMVM will arrange pick up of monitors in S.Sudan.
- Liaison officers will be deployed immediately to ease the deployment of National Monitors.

Updates:

- CTSAMVM facilitated travel and collection of 52 National Monitors.
- Training completed in Juba on 23 Nov 18.
- Deployment delayed in some areas due to lack of access to UNMISS bases.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO: Thanked CTSAMVM for the presentation. He stated that the CTC had earlier discussed and recommended the parameters of deployment of the National Monitors including their emoluments. He urged the CTC to discuss and agree on all issues before presenting it to the board. He added that there should be no segregation between the National and International Monitors. He stated that it was important to discuss administrative issues at the CTC and agree upon what is manageable so that they prepare the nominees accordingly. He advised that the NPTC and JMEC should be consulted to help with the budgetary constraints.

The senior representative of SSOA stated that it was sad to hear that there was segregation among National Monitors. He stated that their nominees were prepared for immediate deployment after training but the response of UNMISS was very discouraging. He urged CTSAMVM to take up the matter seriously. He noted that some of their nominees are sick but no care was accorded to them and requested CTSAMVM to act.

He said CTSAMVM should ask UNMISS to help in this pre-transitional period and perhaps consider acquiring own premises in the transitional period.

Another representative of SSOA regretted the treatment of their National Monitors adding that some of the nominees had not been included for example the nominee to Torit. He warned that in the event that CTSAMVM had trained any other person other than their designated nominee, they would not cooperate with him. He noted that Maj Oturo Gregory was nominated by NSF but was never picked up.

The senior representative of TGoNU reminded members about the operations of the former VMT after signing of the CPA as a highlight on the matters raised about the National Monitors. He urged CTSAMVM to find means of addressing the concerns of the parties to avoid a repeat of the past. He stated that CTSAMVM should strive to have independent operations other than rely entirely on UNMISS. He added that since the National Monitors work in the same circumstances with the CTSAMVM staff, they should be accorded the same privileges. the parties to stay the course regardless of the challenges.

The senior representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) stated that he didn't see any difference between the National Monitors and expatriates, and why UNMISS should not be cooperating with IGAD. He advised that IGAD engages UNMISS to support the activities of CTSAMVM.

The Deputy Chairman stated that National Monitors were very important but that CTSAMVM had encountered challenges in deployment resulting from the perceptions of many of the nominees and refusal by UNMISS to accommodate them, among others. He stated that CTSAMVM was ready to pay for the accommodation, health insurance and food of the National Monitors. He however said the issue of their allowances was being looked into. He said engagements were underway with UNMISS to sort out the outstanding issues. He urged the parties to prevail on National Monitors to desist from demanding for contracts from CTSAMVM since they are not employees of CTSAMVM.

The Chairman urged members to understand the logistical constraints of CTSAMVM and consider prevailing on their nominees. He said all the matters raised will be looked into and resolved appropriately.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided that:

- **CTSAMVM to engage with UNMISS to permit National Monitor access to bases.**
- **CTSAMVM should present a proposed benefit package for the National Monitors at the next CTC.**

2.Immediate freezing of forces (ONGOING)

The 4th CTC decided that:

- Progress has been made but more needs to be done so as to avoid future clashes.
- CTSAMVM should continue efforts in monitoring and establish effective ways of communication between the parties.

Updates:

- CTSAMM has continued to monitor this and reports progress in the YEI area, where a meeting between SPLM/A-IO and SSPDF was facilitated on 8 Nov 18. This will be repeated.
- CTSAMVM teams in the field report other instances of meetings between the Parties. MVTs reported that the SPLM/A-IO and SSPDF met in WAAT on 09 Nov 18 and at LEER on 16 Nov 18.
- The Parties are now invited to describe what measures they are taking to address this issue.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that SPLM/A-IO had frozen all their forces and urged CTSAMVM to notify them whenever meetings were scheduled so that their commanders and leadership comply.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that the government had issued orders to all forces to remain frozen and also said communication with the ground commanders was underway. He urged all parties to comply.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided that:

- **The Parties continue complying with the provisions of the agreement in this regard and provide notification to CTSAMVM of movements.**

3.Immediate disengagement of forces in close proximity (INCOMPLETE)

The 4th CTC decided:

- That there is need for the establishment of the JDB and JMCC to help solve the problems of movement of forces.
- CTSAMVM encourages IGAD to convene and facilitate the meetings of the JDB and JMCC.

Updates:

JDB, JTSC, SDSRB meeting convened in Khartoum from 25 Nov 18.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that the parties were not in position to report on this matter since decisions from other mechanisms are not yet known.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that since the mechanisms were meeting, the parties needed time to go back and consult with their colleagues and report back in the next CTC.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided that:

- **The CTC requests the JDB to provide information regarding disengagement of forces.**
- **CTSAMVM will continue to monitor and verify the decisions and report back to the CTC.**
- **CTSAMVM should expedite efforts to develop a ceasefire master map and continue monitoring disengagement.**

4. Ceasefire Map (ONGOING)

The 4th CTC decided:

- That Parties should give an update regarding the size of the force, GPS coordinates, contact numbers of the commanders on the ground.
- That CTSAMVM gives priority to the verification of the map and reports at the next CTC.

Updates:

- A revised version of the map is available.
- Verification is ongoing. Of 532 declared positions 30 have been verified. Verification has accelerated and last week was very productive.
- Parties were requested to submit updates on size of forces, contact numbers and GPS locations.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that the parties should have provided information earlier regarding the ceasefire map, but due to unexplainable reasons it was not done. He said it was therefore important for the parties to volunteer information to enable CTSAMVM update the map.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that it would not be proper for the parties to the CTC to provide information regarding the map. He said the role of the CTC is to verify compliance adding that the JMCC should clean up the map.

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The senior representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) stated that there should not be difficulty in verifying the map. He said the questions should be put to the party's HQs because they know all the positions of their forces.

The senior representative of SSOA recommended that the security mechanisms should accord CTSAMVM observer status to ease communication and keep them up to speed with what has so far been done regarding the ceasefire map.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided that:

- **That Parties should give an update regarding the size of the force, GPS coordinates, contact numbers of the commanders on the ground.**
- **That CTSAMVM gives priority to the verification of the map and reports at the next CTC.**
- **CTSAMVM requests the JDB, JTSC and JMCC to allow CTSAMVM observers in their meetings.**

5. Cease recruitment and training (ONGOING)

The 4th CTC decided:

- That all parties should allow MVTs to do their work without hindrances.
- That TGoNU should take action about these issues and report the progress at the next CTC.

Updates:

- CTSAMM is monitoring the integration activity in 4 Division and is in routine contact with SSPDF 4th Division Commander.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that there was improvement in communication as reported in the update of CTSAMVM. He said the leadership of SSPDF had issued orders to all the commanders to comply with the R-ARCSS and notify CTSAMVM of any child soldiers or recruitment if any.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that UNMISS had observed training in Northern Bahr El Ghazal, but wondered why it was not reflected in CTSAMVM report. He urged CTSAMVM to task MVT Aweil to take note and investigate.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided:

- **CTSAMVM continues to investigate this issue in Northern Bahr El Ghazal and report back at the next CTC.**
- **CTSAMVM is monitoring the integration activity in 4th Division and is in routine contact with SSPDF 4th Division Commander.**

6. Parties will vacate all civil buildings, CTSAMVM will provide details of ongoing problems (ONGOING)

The 4th CTC decided:

- That a more comprehensive list of occupied facilities be provided;
- The parties will clarify and act accordingly.

- The CTSAMVM should continue investigating on this requirement and to report back on the status at the next meeting.

Updates:

- Since the 4th CTC CTSAMVM was provided a copy of the SSPDF order to vacate occupied facilities.
- CTSAMVM received a list of sites alleged to be occupied by SSPDF in Pageri County Eastern Equatoria.
- Verification of occupation is ongoing, increasingly commanders on the ground are aware of the requirement but claim to be waiting to receive orders from their chain of command.

The senior representative of TGONU stated that since the JDB was already created and among its duties is to handle this matter, cases of this nature would be dealt with. He added that there is need for CTSAMVM to coordinate verification with the local population to avoid reoccupation of the civil facilities.

The senior representative of the SSOA stated that many buildings in the areas of Tonga, Panyikang, Obai, Panyidwai, Anakdiar, Dhothim, Lelo, Wau-Shiluk, Malakal town, Lul, Kodok, Kaka and Wadakona are being occupied by SSPDF and SPLM/A IO and provided a list.

The senior representative of the SPLM/A IO stated that since the agreement demands immediate vacation from all civil buildings, it was incumbent upon all parties to comply. He urged the CTC to dispose of the earlier report of violation and then handle any new or emerging ones.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided:

- **That the vacation of civilian facilities is conducted as a priority.**
- **CTSAMVM MVTs continue to verify and report to the CTC so that the parties can report back for action.**

7. CTSAMVM will facilitate better relations among Party representatives and commanders in Yei, Wau, and Bentiu (ONGOING)

The 4th CTC decided:

- To immediately deploy liaison officers with CTSAMVM as focal points between the parties and CTSAMVM.
- CTSAMVM will provide desktops, offices, transport, accommodation and food security.
- That the liaison officers be equipped with all the necessary information from their parties.

Updates:

Deployed in CTSAMVM:

- Maj Gen Gador Kic Wur, SSPDF Liaison Officer
- Brig Gen Peter Gatkuoth Thot, SSOA Liaison Officer
- Brig Gen William Deng Buom, SPLM/A IO Liaison Officer

All the Liaison Officers are fully supported as required.

The senior representative of the SPLM/A IO stated as a reminder of what was discussed earlier that Liaison Officers be allowed one support staff and asked for clarification as to whether that offer was still available.

The senior representative of the SSOA reminded the CTC about the unresolved issues surrounding the appointment of the SSOA liaison officer. Later, SSOA representatives agreed to allow the current Liaison officer to continue his duties however the issue of the national monitor for Torit is still pending.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided:

That due to differences among SSOA representatives to the CTC regarding the National monitor nominee for Torit, the CTC requests the leadership of SSOA to resolve the issue and report back before the next CTC.

Allegations from 4th CTC

8. Clashes in Mir Oct 18.

The 4th CTC decided:

- That SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO are requested to investigate the clashes in Mir and report back to the next CTC.
- That SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO work together to prevent such incidents in the future.

Updates:

- Parties are requested to update CTC.

The senior representative of TGONU stated that according to the report, CTSAMVM had failed to investigate and ascertain the aggressor. He said he was briefed by the SSPDF area commander about the numerous attacks his troops had endured in Mir and that it was not in order for him to investigate himself. He urged CTSAMVM to drop the matter if it could not carry out independent investigations.

The senior representative of the SPLM/A IO stated that since a visit is scheduled for this area, the facts about the incidents of Mir would be discovered.

The senior representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) stated that it would be wrong to dismiss the task regarding Mir. That in case there were lives lost or property destroyed, it was important that the matter is concluded well.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided:

- **That a JFV be arranged to Bentiu, Communication should be sent to the commanders in the area to avoid any future clashes.**

9. The issue of Detainees

The 4th CTC decided:

- The SPLM/A-IO was requested to provide details of refusal to release of PoWs, abductees and political detainees and did so.

- The Government and SSOA are also requested to provide details of alleged refusal to release of PoWs, abductees and political detainees.

Updates:

- The release and evacuation of the FDP/SSOA four detainees at Mandeng did not occur on Mon 26 Nov 18 as expected. The detainees were instead interviewed by the ICRC on 26 Nov and are expected to be evacuated on 27 Nov.
- Parties are requested to update CTC.

The senior representative of the SPLM/A IO stated that they were grateful that ICRC visited Mandeng and that the release of the remaining officers was underway. Another representative of SPLM/A IO defended the delay, saying they were afraid of releasing the detainees to the communities where they were recruiting or to Kuotkea where there was no SSOA base. Regarding the list from TGoNU, he said the leadership was handling the matter.

The senior representative of the SSOA confirmed that ICRC had actually visited Mandeng and interviewed the detainees but that SPLM/A-IO had reneged on the earlier agreement and opted to have the detainees sent to Juba. He added that members of the community from which the detainees come, were vowing to break them out of captivity by use of force. He requested for facilitation to Mandeng to defuse the impending clash.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that TGoNU was committed to releasing all the detainees in their custody. He said he had shared two lists of PoWs and detainees with CTSAMVM and ICRC but there was no response yet.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided:

- **That ICRC be allowed to handle the issue of release of PoWs and detainees and the CTC awaits their feedback in the next meeting.**

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Conflict in the Wau Area

The 4th CTC decided:

- That CTC requests SSPDF HQ to address this matter of Maj Gen Keer Kiir Keer as a matter of urgency.
- That a joint field visit be conducted to the Wau area on 15th November 2018.

Updates:

- Update from SSPDF on Maj Gen Keer Kiir Keer.
- Successful JFV conducted 22 Nov 18 (Rescheduled from 15 Nov)

JFV Wau 22 Nov 2018.

- Joint team comprising 3 warring parties' LNOs, CTSAMVM and UNMISS.
- Key Meetings with MG Kiir Keer, LTG Khamis, Governor Taban.

Joint Report Recommendations.

- The Joint visits to continue as they built Trust and Confidence amongst the Parties and the Populace in general.

- The media should always be engaged to propagate the outcomes and gains made by these meetings.
- The process of setting up the AJMC be hastened so that more and more meetings can be held at the Sector levels.

The Parties to be encouraged to disseminate the R-ARCSS and the strides being made towards implementation of the R-ARCSS.

The senior representative of TGONU stated that it was important to note that Div 5 commander who was earlier accused of violations was now responsive. He requested that copies of the R-ARCSS to be availed to SSPDF Division 4 as well as Yei area and Wau.

He concluded by requesting CTSAMVM to verify the ongoing recruitment in Eastern Wau.

The senior representative of the SPLM/A IO commended the visit and said it was encouraging to know that Keer Kiir Keer was complying. He urged that the visits should include a wider area occupied by other parties. He added that these visits should also be initiated by the MVTs and not only the CTC.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided:

- **That any planned field visits should cover areas controlled by both government and opposition.**
- **That at every visit, the teams should carry along copies of the R-ARCSS to be distributed to the field commanders.**

Clashes and Abduction of Civilians in the Yei Area

The 4th CTC decided:

- That CTSAMVM investigates the status of MG Khamis Nange, Kenyi Loburon, Cons Lemi Michael, MG Paloko Saki and Col Gadi.
- That the parties conduct independent investigations about the activities of the commanders mentioned above.
- That SSOA and SPLM/A-IO provide available information to CTSAMVM regarding these elements.

Updates:

- CTSAMVM has reports that Khamis Nange and Lemi Michael remain SSNMC , Col Emmanuel Gadi is reportedly dead, the status of Kenyi Loburon is unclear and there is no information concerning Paloko Saki.
- Parties are requested to present updates.

The senior representative of the SSOA stated that all the officers mentioned above were under the command of Kenyi Loburon except Col. Gadi whose status is still unknown. He said Yei area is relatively calm and that a meeting has been called in Kampala between the youth from the different parties to help resolve the clashes.

The senior representative of the SPLM/A-IO commended the effort of the elders to bring peace in Yei area. Regarding Col. Emmanuel Gadi, he said there has been no communication from him since October 2018.

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Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided:

- **That SSOA and SPLM/A-IO provide available information to the CTC regarding the ongoing issues.**

Continuing denial of access to CTSAMVM teams

The 4th CTC decided:

- All the parties should publish explicit orders to all their formations to comply with the articles of the R-ARCSS that guarantee CTSAMVM freedom of movement and access.
- CTC requested that these orders are copied to CTSAMVM in order that they can be used by MVTs in the field.

Updates:

- Copy of Orders received.
- There continue to be violations but the situation is improving. There have been frequent delays in the 4 Div SSPDF area but there are encouraging indications that verification visits will soon commence.

Positive areas:

- On 08 Nov 18 UNMISS was given access to Angisa in Baggari Area South West of Wau by SSPDF Div.5. **CTSAMVM DSR 20181109**
- On 19 Nov 18 MVT Pibor reported that they successfully conducted verification exercise to 3rd Battalion of 23 Brigade and 23rd Infantry Brigade of 8 Division SSPDF. **Pibor MVT verification report submitted on 21 Nov18**

Instances of Denial

- MVT Torit reported that the LDP to Magwi on 13 Nov 18 failed due to Protection Force denial of access by a checkpoint from SSPDF Div.7. **CTSAMVM DSR 20181113**

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided:

- **CTC requests SSPDF HQ to take action concerning the denial of access by Division 7 check-point between Magwi and Torit and report back at the next CTC.**

Dissemination of the Agreement

The 4th CTC decided that:

- Copies of the PCTSA, the matrix and appendices (Chapter 2) and the preamble of the R-ARCSS will be provided by CTSAMVM.

- That the Parties re-double their efforts to disseminate the agreement, using all means at their disposal.
- The publicity associated with the 31 Oct Peace Celebrations provides an ideal opportunity to push forward with dissemination

Updates:

- Printing of the R-ARCSS by CTSAMVM has continued.
- Request parties to update the CTC on dissemination.

CTSAMVM Recommendation:

- There should be more focus on developing plans for dissemination using all means and methods through the chain of command.

Positive developments:

- MVT Bor reported that Kongor County, Jonglei State and Brig Gen Lual Malok commander of SSPDF 22rd Infantry Brigade, 8th Infantry Division are aware of and following provisions agreed upon in the R-ARCSS. **CTSAMVM DSR 20181110**
- MVT Bentiu reported that a commendable effort has been made on the dissemination of the R-ARCSS among populace in MANKIEN and SSPDF Special Forces while the team conducting SDP to Mankien. **MVT Bentiu SDP to Mankien report submitted on 12 Nov 2018**
- MVT Bor reported that SSPDF chief of staff, on 10 Nov 18 visited 8th infantry Division and 10th Mechanized Division HQs at Malualchaat in Bor Jonglei state and on 11 Nov 18 he visited Ayod, HQ of Fangak state. The purpose of the visit was to disseminate information about R-ARCSS. **CTSAMVM DSR 20181113**
- On 13 Nov 18, MVT Bentiu reported that KUERGENG County has a good plan in the dissemination of the R-ARCSS, which was kicked off by Northern Liech State Governor, and the dissemination process utilizes the available community structures. **Bentiu MVT SDP to Kuergeng and Nimni report**

The following are instances of progress in dissemination:

- On 07 Nov 18 the commander of SSPDF 22. infantry brigade of 8th Infantry Division Brig Gen Lual Malok informed MVT Bor that on the issue of verification of their forces, they had not yet received instructions from their superiors. However, the team was allowed to visit the 22rd Infantry Brigade Headquarter barracks at Panyagor, where the MVT met the brigade commander and his staff, this was a positive gesture. **Bor MVT DAP to Panyagor report**
- On 09 Nov 18 MVT Pibor reported during DAP to Waat, the MVT participated in a meeting with the SSPDF in Waat and SPLM/A-IO from Lankien to discuss the modalities of implementing R-ARCSS within the AOR. However, about verification of forces, both parties said that they are awaiting directives from their commanders. **Pibor DAP Report**

The following are instances of failure to disseminate

- On 09 Nov 18 MVT Bor called the deputy commander of SSPDF 10th Mechanized Division Brig. Gen. John Daniel. He told the team that there are no instructions for verification to Mechanized 10th Division and 8th infantry Division. **CTSAMVM DSR 20181109**
- On 09 Nov 18 MVT Leer met the Commander of SSPDF in Leer, Brig Peter Goal, for a follow up assignment on verification of forces. Brig Goal, who is now 11Bde commander informed MVT Leer that Div.4 Cdr should be the one to give CTSAMVM details in regard to the forces under his command. He added that the signed peace agreement has not been well explained to lower commanders for implementation. **CTSAMVM DSR 20181109**
- On 09 Nov 18 MVT Wau called IO (RM) Sector 3 Commander. He told the team that they have started preparation for the verification but still they had no instructions from their higher command. **CTSAMVM DSR 20181109**
- MVT Torit reported on 10 Nov 18 that SSPDF Div 7 has not started dissemination of Provisions of R-ARCSS among their sub-units. **CTSAMVM DSR 20181110**
- MVT Bunj reported that SPLM/A-IO Sector 4 had not yet received orders for Forces' Verification. **CTSAMVM DSR 20181112**
- MVT Wau observed during talks with the Deputy Commander of Special Force Brigade on 13 Nov 18 that SSPDF Div.5 has not disseminated the recently signed R-ARCSS to forces under their command. **CTSAMVM DSR 20181115**
- MVT Bunj reported on 19 Nov 18 that SSPDF 18 Brigade at Pagak portrayed reluctance to verification of forces and it is now one month since they the first time declined the exercise due to the lack of orders from their Superior HQ. **CTSAMVM DSR 20181119**

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided:

- **The SSPDF, SPLM/A-IO headquarters and SSOA leadership are requested to focus on developing plans for dissemination using all means and methods through their respective chains of command.**

Child Soldiers

The 4th CTC decided:

- That CTSAMVM liaise with SSPDF 4th Division in order to verify the Child Soldier demobilisation programme.
- CTSAMVM independently verify the issue of child soldiers in Unity State as reported in the 3rd CTC.
- That all MVTs continue to look for evidence of Child Soldiers in all parties as they carry out their monitoring and verification activities.

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Updates:

- CTSAMVM stands ready to verify demobilisation of child soldiers in Unity State contact having been made with UN Agencies and Comd 4 Div SSPDF.
- CTSAMVM while investigating troop movement of SPLM/A-IO forces heading to Payak on 15 Nov 18, observed that a number of the SPLM/A-IO Leer Commissioner's guards were child soldiers under 18yrs of age.
- CTSAMVM while conducting LDP to Tambura, interviewed a 14 yrs old child soldier who defected from the SPLM/A-IO on 9th November 2018, and found out that the boy was abducted on 6th June 2018 at Yangiri, together with his brother. At Marangu, he received military training alongside about 300 boys and 200 girls.
- On 14 Nov 2018, CTSAMVM while conducting SDP to James Diko-Kasia, observed a number of child soldiers, some of them carrying assault rifles in the rank of 3 BDE under 9 B DIV of Sector 6 of SPLM/A-IO.
- On 15 Nov 2018, CTSAMVM while conducting DAP to Nadiangere, found out that there are child soldiers in DIV 9 B of Sector 6 of SPLM/A-IO.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO thanked the CTC for the report, requested for copies of the pictures, promised to investigate the matter, notify the leadership and follow up. He said it was not in the interest of the IO to keep child soldiers and that any that would be found would be demobilized immediately.

The senior representative of the Former Detainees (FDs) stated that the matter be treated as an allegation and verification be carried out.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided:

- **That the SPLM/A-IO leadership investigates this matter, take appropriate action to demobilise child soldiers, in accordance with the agreement, if allegations are verified and report back at the next CTC.**
- **CTSAMVM will follow up on this matter and report at the next CTC.**

Gender Issues

4th CTC decisions Concerning the abduction of 4 women:

- That SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO ensure that the cases mentioned are properly investigated and give feedback to the CTC.
- That all parties ensure that action is taken against any of their personnel accused of any form of SGBV.
- That all parties ensure that survivors of rape are given access to justice mechanisms and receive the justice and support they need.

Updates:

- Parties requested to update CTC on the actions they have taken in response to the violations.

The senior representative of TGoNU stated that they would follow up cases of SGBV with the leadership and report back at the next CTC.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that in CTC 4 there was an allegation raised against the SPLM/A-IO in Yei area and that investigations were still ongoing and a report would be presented at the next CTC.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided that :

- That the parties give a report about the actions taken to address the SGBV at the next CTC.

Inconsistency with Implementation Matrix

Update

It is not within the mandate of CTC to address the political level issue pertinent to Provision 2.4.6 in the RARCSS. Where relevant CTSAMV will engage IGAD and JMEC to seek clarification.

Allegations presented at the 4th CTC

The 4th CTC decided that:

- The Parties should take immediate steps to resolve the outstanding violations discussed at the 3rd CTC.
- CTSAMVM would present a report on the Lainya road ambush at the 5th CTC meeting.

Updates:

- CTSAMVM investigated the Lainya road ambush, and completed its report on 7 Nov. The report concluded that the ambush was carried out by unknown gunmen, most probably criminals. The abductees were released after a ransom was paid by family members.

Humanitarian Access

The 4th CTC decided:

- That the Parties ensure unrestricted Humanitarian Access as guaranteed by the R-ARCSS.
- CTSAMVM would endeavour to report incidents of denial of Humanitarian Access to the CTC when they are known so the Parties can take the appropriate action.

Updates:

MVTs are reporting improvements to Humanitarian Access.

Positive developments:

- Within MVT Pibor AOR, Akobo (IO) Commissioner Jamuth Yuof, has implemented freedom of movement and humanitarian access along the Akobo River for access from Ethiopia to Pibor. CTSAMVM DSR 20181109
- MVT Wau attended the security meeting in what is known as Wau State Governor's office. The governor informed that they had opened dialogue with the opposition and that his government was ready to work together with them. He further stated that all the checkpoints on the road from Wau to Raja have been opened for UNMISS, humanitarians and CTSAMVM. **DSR 20181113**
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- MVT Pibor reported that within the AOR, the parties have implemented freedom of movement and humanitarian access along the Akobo River for access from Ethiopia to Pibor. Waat SSPDF Brigade Commander and SPLM/A-IO Lankien Deputy Sector commander held a meeting on 09 Nov 18 and agreed to have free movement of civilians within Bieh state. **DSR 20181114**
- MVT Wau attended the Senior Management Meeting with UNMISS where the representative of UNOCHA informed that following the lifting of restriction of movements by SSPDF Div.5 the humanitarian actors have resumed their operations in the Baggari area and will set base in Faradjalla for the next 05 days and that other teams from UNOCHA and WFP have deployed to Raja to distribute food to the displaced civilian population. **DSR 20181119**

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided that:

- **Parties continue to honour their commitments to allow Humanitarian access.**

Implementation Status Key provisions of Chapter 2

Ceasefire Status

CTSAMVM has received **04** allegations since the 4th CTC meeting.

New Allegations

1. **Wundukeri Attack.** 15 November 2018: CTSAMVM received an allegation from SPLM/A-IO that on 15 Oct SPLM/A-IO 2B Division were attacked by unknown forces in Wundukeri and SPLM/A-IO forces managed to repulse the attackers. During the attack, SPLM/A-IO lost 02 Soldiers and 03 were injured. SPLM/A-IO calls upon CTSAMVM to investigate this attack on SPLM/A-IO forces.

2. **Lobonok Ambush.** 19 November 2018: CTSAMVM received a Press Release from Col. Lam Paul Gabriel, SPLM/A-IO Deputy Military Spokesperson, alleging that on 18 Nov 18, elements of NAS TC in Lobonok ambushed the Commissioner of Lobonok's leading to civilian injuries.

3. **Kpongo Killing.** On 23 November 2018: MVT Wau received an allegation from Comd 5 Div SSPDF that on 15 Nov 2 SSPDF soldiers were killed while hunting 100 kms West of Wau near Kpongo. Perpetrators reported to be from Lt Gen Khamis forces.

4. **Abduction at Rupchak.** 25 November 2018: MVT Leer. Disappearance of two SSPDF soldiers suspected to have been abducted by SPLA IO. The Bde 4 commander (SPLA IO) denied knowledge of the two but promised to make some follow up with his sub-units. The MVT further met with SSPDF intel officer who

reports the latest information indicates the soldiers are suspected to be held by SPLA IO in RUPCHAK, border with Mayandit. The SPLA IO Division 4B [Gen Samuel] had received information about the missing soldiers and said he sent out messages to all his units to cooperate when they receive the soldiers and inform SSPDF in Leer.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided that:

- **CTSAMVM carries out investigations on this issue and report back at the next CTC.**
- **That the JFV to Bentiu on 6th December should inquire and report on allegation 4 above as well as other issues.**

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Community Engagement – Community mobilization

The feedback from the Civilian Freedom of Movement

Civilians are reportedly glad to see CTSAMVM disseminating the R/ARCSS to the citizens however, the following questions keep coming up:

- That there is Increased presence of civilians putting on military uniforms, who is controlling movement with night check points in the city?
- Riek Machar went back to Khartoum yet peace has been signed and freedom of movement is there. Why does he not return?
- Peace is signed so why are people being killed in Yei, Wau & Leer?
- How can South Sudan achieve peace with many armed forces everywhere on major roads?
- When are the warring parties going to separate political and military wings that always cause messes here?
- What makes this agreement better than the previous one which was signed but violated shortly afterwards?
- What effort is being made to persuade refugees to come back home in the name of freedom of movement as mentioned in the Peace Agreement despite ongoing hostilities?
- How will the politics of tribalism change in the country?
- Why if there is peace was a Mitsubishi Canter with Ugandan registration attacked at 9 miles along Yei-Kaya road on 14 Nov. 7 civilians are alleged to have been killed? Will CTSAMMVM react on it?

Peace Implementation success shared with Civilians

- MVT Juba informed about the meeting on 06th November 2018, IO and SSPDF met and was a good gesture towards confidence building, which had a direct impact on free movement of military personnel within Juba.
- MVT Yei representative pointed out that the joint visits by party representatives signal real commitment by parties to the Peace Agreement. It was noted that MVT Yei is experiencing remarkable numbers of refugees returning from Uganda due to the general calmness.
- It was reported that at border with DRS there is a good collaboration among the warring parties to ensure freedom of movement for humanitarian workers (national and international actors) to intensify a preparedness in view of the Ebola prevention as response to the outbreak in Congo.

The senior representative of SSOA commended the effort of the mobilisers in disseminating the agreement, but said the R-ARCSS was still unpopular among many

in the population and therefore it is the responsibility of all parties to build confidence and hope in the public.

The senior representative of SPLM/A-IO stated that it was encouraging that there was a way of getting feedback from the public regarding the R-ARCSS. He urged TGoNU to help build confidence in the public by reviewing many of the check points and control the use of military uniform within the communities.

The senior representative of Former Detainees (FDs) commended the report but asked whether efforts were being made to reach out to those communities that were still registering unnecessary killings.

The senior representative of TGoNU also commended the report and requested that this effort be extended to the Internally Displaced persons and that the findings be shared with the other mechanisms so that they appreciate the real situation on the ground.

Decisions:

The 5th CTC decided that:

- **CTSAMVM continues with efforts in this regard and also expand to other unreached areas like refugee and IDP camps.**

Activities Due in the Next 2 Weeks, through D + 70 Days (per the Implementation Matrix)

CTSAMVM presented only as a reminder in terms of forward planning that the following tasks are due within the next two weeks:

Article 2.1.7 Ensuring the departure of all non-South Sudanese armed groups from the territory of South Sudan.

Article 2.2.3.2 Collection of long and medium range heavy weapons.

Article 2.2.3.3 Cantonment of all forces, Supervision by monitoring bodies.

Article 2.2.3.5 Screening for recruitment into army, police, national security, other services and demobilisation.

D+60 Days:

Article 2.2.9 Commencement of joint training of the necessary unified forces of the military, police and other security services.

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Any Other Business

- That plans for travel and arrival of parties should take into consideration the fact that members get some time to rest before the start of the meeting.
- That the agenda for the meetings be shared at least three days before the meeting to save time.
- That ID cards be given to members of the CTC.
- That passports be issued to all parties since everyone is now implementing the R-ARCSS.

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9	<p>The date of the next preparatory meeting of CTSAMVM shall be on 10th and 11th December 2018 in Juba.</p> <p>The next CTC shall be held on 18-19 December 2018, venue shall be confirmed later.</p>	
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