



South Sudan Democratic Engagement, Monitoring and Observation Programme SSuDEMOP

South Sudan Democratic Engagement, Monitoring and Observation Programme SSuDEMOP was established as a consortium of civil society organizations drawing its membership from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs) Youth groups, Women Associations, Individual Activists and Faith Based Organization/Institutions. To date, this history has continued to shape relationship, interaction and programming pattern of the organization. SSuDEMOP was registered under the Southern Sudan NGO Act of 2008 and later the South Sudan NGO Act of 2016 and has been in operation since 2009.

SSuDEMOP can broadly be categorized as an advocacy organization that focus on human and civil rights. The organization strive to Mobilize Citizens, Empower Voices so as to meaningfully contribute in shaping the future of South Sudan. SSuDEMOP is involved in several national processes which serve as a direct contribution to state and nation building processes in the country. In the resent years, the organization has played an instrumental role in legislative reforms and shaping the legislative landscape in the country. SSuDEMOP has emerged as a leading agency and champion for rights based and participatory governance in the country.

Since the organization was launching in March 2009, SSuDEMOP has been operational in all states through coordination committees in the ten (10) states of South Sudan and selected locations in the country. SSuDEMOP's strategy is to work with existent structure hence, from among the membership of the coordination committees, an organization and a staff is identified as SSuDEMOP state coordinator for that particular state by the state coordination committee in each location. The state coordinators serve as a link between SSuDEMOP Secretariat in Juba and the wider population at the grassroots. It is important to acknowledge the unique attributes of the state coordination committees through their spirit of voluntarism.

SSuDEMOP observed and monitored the entire process of the 2010 Sudan General Elections in all the ten states and, the 2011 Southern Sudan Referendum for Self-determination in the ten (10) states and polling centers in Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia. The organization has engaged in several national processes and was among the lead civil society organizations to demand accreditation for civil society representatives as negotiators during 2014/15 peace talks and caused the national budget 2018/19 to be subjected for public hearing for the first time in the history of South Sudan. With other civil society organizations, successfully negotiated for tax drop on diapers and sanitary towels after submitting a written analysis on the same budget to the Parliamentary Committee on Finance and Economic Planning.

SSuDEMOP has been holding public consultations on specific topics of public interest. In the past the organization held several Town Hall meetings when the civic space could support, which generated recommendations to be used in enhancing national processes. SSuDEMOP currently represents civil society in the oversite committee for Public Finance Management Reform process in the country. In 2022, SSuDEMOP facilitated a five (5) member team of civil society activists as independent and international election observation team to observe the Kenyan General Elections in August 2022.