

context in conflict zones.

Secondly, future EU support needs to be timely targeted depending on evolving developments. The EU Delegation needs therefore complementary support in identification and formulation of new projects given the complexities at stake.

Thirdly, strong and timely strategic diplomacy and (political, policy) advocacy need to address all challenges in South Sudan for transformational impact. EU support joined with EU MS support (Team Europe Initiatives) need to leverage such diplomacy and advocacy and therefore requires sound visibility.

Identification of main stakeholders and corresponding institutional and/or organisational issues (mandates, potential roles, and capacities) to be covered by the action:

A) Right holders

Representatives of the South Sudanese society have a crucial role in the ongoing and upcoming reforms and processes which provide for direct and indirect participation of right holders, including:

- **Youth**: South Sudan's young population needs to be empowered in the political, economic and rights-based approach agenda.
- **Women**: The considerable gender disparities need to be addressed. Girls and women in vulnerable situations need to be protected and have a voice in the public debate.
- **Civil society**: civic space needs to widen, in particular in the context of the permanent constitution making process, elections, but also on Human Rights and public accountability.
- **Marginalised communities** and people that are living in the most vulnerable situations (such as displaced people, persons with disabilities, people living in remote, natural and man-made disaster and conflict-affected areas) need to be included.

B) Duty bearers:

- **The Transitional Government of National Unity (RTGoNU), the Transitional National Legislative Assembly (RTNLA), the Council of States of South Sudan** (and any succeeding parliamentary body) and subnational authorities.
- **South Sudanese parties and stakeholders to the R-ARCSS**: need to step up engagement to move forward the implementation of the agreement and liaise with their constituencies.
- **International community**: EU, EU MS, Multilateral partners, such as the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), the United Nations (UN) agencies, World Bank (WB), and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), regional partners, such as the African Union (AU) and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), and like-minded bilateral partners.

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

3.1 Objectives and Expected Outputs

The Overall Objective (Impact) of this action is to support a peaceful and enabling environment for inclusive and transparent democratic processes to take place.

The Specific(s) Objective(s) (Outcomes) of this action are to

1. Strengthened follow-up and monitoring activities necessary for the impactful implementation of financial resources managed by the EU Delegation
2. Strengthened support on preparation of new impactful activities supported by EU
3. Strengthened strategic visibility of EU and to enhance strategic policy, political dialogue, and public diplomacy

The Outputs to be delivered by this action contributing to the corresponding Specific Objectives (Outcomes) are

- 1.1 contributing to Outcome 1 (or Specific Objective 1) Establishment of a sound monitoring system of ongoing EU supported cooperation interventions in South Sudan
- 2.1 contributing to Outcome 2 (or Specific Objective 2) Adoption of relevant, well targeted future EU supported development interventions in South Sudan
- 3.1 contributing to Outcome 3 (or Specific Objective 3) Strengthening strategic public diplomacy,