

Joint ABC – AccLab Sanduk Analog to Digital Project Closure

Traditional Meets Digital: The Sudan's Sanduk Saving Scheme

Concept Note

Overview

Sudanese and South Sudanese women out of necessity and with a spirit of self-reliance, have begun to venture into economic activity by setting up small scale businesses that can help to provide a supplementary income. One of the major challenges these women face is access to loans and savings schemes to strengthen their economic standing and the resiliency of their income-generating activities.

Over time, to solve this themselves, women have developed a traditional savings scheme called 'Sanduk'. In a Sanduk, each member deposits money periodically and the collective disperses the pooled savings to one recipient per iteration. This system has helped women across both countries plan savings as well as raise start-up capital at an interest free rate. This initiative is aimed at building out a financial service product offering adapted to the localized context that can expand the existing Sanduk scheme, as well as formalize these groups into more robust savings and credit cooperatives (SACCOs). This initiative will result in economic and social empowerment of vulnerable women/communities. Secondly is inclusion of underserved and under-resourced women/communities in the formal digital and banking economy. This initiative will also build the confidence and self-esteem of the local and indigenous communities via the celebration, honoring, recognition, and scaling of pre-existing local practices. With the first month usage data and the endline survey data complete, the Accelerator Lab is finalizing and closing this activity in conjunction with the ABC team. The Lab will travel to the Warawar community to capture video and audio content for a short documentary as well as hold community closing ceremony that will include all stakeholders, partners, and supporters of this initiative in celebration and recognition of the collective effort in the successful implementation of the pilot.

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ABC and the AccLab will travel to Warawar, Aweil East to capture video and audio content for a short documentary on the successful Sanduk analog to digitalization pilot. We shall also hold a community closing ceremony bringing together the key stakeholders, partners, and supporters to close on the pilot. The planned mission will be between the 17th of April to the 21st April.

Objectives:

Create a final documentary to showcase the success of the Sanduk Analog to Digital pilot project.

Collect Photography and Audio snippets to accompany the B-Roll video.

Collect local music samples and sound scapes.

Community closing ceremony bringing together key stakeholders who contributed to the success of the pilot.

Outputs:

Video

- Documented interviews with Local administration (re: village headman).
- Documented interviews with representatives from the experimental groups.
- Documented interviews with end user and stakeholders.
- Visit to actual market for full participant observation.
- Final documentary

Photography and Audio

- Gallery-quality still images capturing individuals, communities, landscape, livestock, crops, dynamics, ambience
- Audio snippets to accompany B-roll video.
- Soundscapes (everyday sounds and silences)
- Local music from research location.

Community closing ceremony documented

Participants:

Name	Title	Role
Tong Atak	Head of Solutions Mapping, UNDP South Sudan Accelerator Lab	Mission Leader
Jacqueline Aringu	Head of Experimentation, UNDP South Sudan Accelerator Lab	Experiment Lead
Buay Tut	Head of Exploration, UNDP South Sudan Accelerator Lab	Community liaison
Enock Omweri	Solutions Mapping Specialist, Africa Borderlands Centre	Overall Coordination
Temidayo Ibitoye	Communications Specialist, Africa Borderlands Centre	Communications and Audio Visual

Proposed agenda:

Community Immersion Mission to Warawar Sudan-S.Sudan Border			
Date	Item	Responsible	Name of Attendee
16 th April 2023	Arrival in Juba, South Sudan	ABC Staff	Enock Temidayo
17 th April 2023	Flight to Aweil for AccLab and ABC staff (8:30am-10:15Juba-Aweil) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with UNDP field office team 	Jacqueline, Tong	Jacqueline, Tong, Temidiayo, Buay, Enock

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review logistics for community meetings 		
18 th April 2023	<p>Recording of short videos and final documentary,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded interviews with Local administration (re: village headman). Recorded interviews with representatives from the experimental groups. Recorded interviews with end user and stakeholders. Visit to actual market for full participant observation. 	Temidiayo, , Buay,	Jacqueline, Tong, Temidiayo, Buay, Enock
19 th April 2023	<p>Photography and audio capture as well as community closing ceremony.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Photography: Gallery-quality still images capturing individuals, communities, landscape, livestock, crops, dynamics, ambience Audio snippets to accompany B-roll video. Soundscapes (everyday sounds and silences) Local music from research location. <p>Community closing ceremony</p>	All staff	
20 th April 2023	Depart Aweil for Juba (Aweil - Juba)	All staff	
21 st April 2023	ABC staff Depart for Nairobi	All ABC Staff	