



Mission Report

Twic East Community Visit to Twic East and Kadiang

1. Introduction

Between the 6th and 8th of April 2023, twenty-five members of the Twic East Youth Association (TEYA-Juba) led by Gabriel Garang Atem Ayiik, the TEYA chairman, and joined by Hon. Tabitha Athieng Dau, chairperson of Twic East Women Association visited different locations of Jonglei state through Bor-Kadiang-Panyangoor-Makarawin (Bucket Wheel)-Duk Akuak-Baidit and finally back to Juba through Bor.

The committee appreciates the great reception in Kadiang by Chief Thon Lul and the administrator of Kadiang, Manyok Monylim. In Panyangoor, the team acknowledges a great reception from youth leaders led by TEYA (TEYA-Panyangor) Deputy Chairman, Peter Deng Maluil. The team interacted with youth leaders, chiefs, women, and opinion leaders. This visit complements other Twic Community visits to the dyke site.

2. The visit had three objectives:

- I. First, the Twic East Community had in the past discussed and agreed with Africa Resource Corporation (ARC) that the current road being built by ARC passes through Kadiang with proposed connecting roads from the Bor-Kadiang road to Panyangor and an alternative connection to Juet and Pakeer. The committee's visit aims to assess the progress and status of the road.
- II. Second, Kadiang is poised and pushed by many to grow into a metropolitan town with the potential for trade and agriculture. Its development is likely to provide a security buffer to the four counties of Jieng communities in Jonglei State. The team visited Kadiang to inform themselves and Twic Community of possible areas of future advocacy and thought leadership.
- III. Third, the team visited Twic East to assess the socio-economic status in the context of displacements, floods, insecurity, and dilapidated social services and infrastructure.

3. Issues and recommendations

- a) Kadiang provides a critical center for agriculture and trade. However, the town is not linked to Twic East and Pibor by any road. Completed weather roads remain vulnerable to rains posing a serious threat of disconnecting Kadiang from all other towns. Accelerating the laying of marram in existing roads and opening roads to Panyangoor, Maar/Jalle and Pibor will go a long way for Kadiang to be a security buffer for communities in Jonglei State and a trading

center, particularly for livestock. Stakeholders need to be engaged to address road network challenges.

- b) Water, basic health, education, and humanitarian services remain limited, and people are exposed to hunger and lack of basic services. The communication tower is being installed. Water, basic health, basic education, and humanitarian services remain great impediments to settlement in Kadiang. Community leaders and stakeholders should enhance the provision of these services as they are critical pull factors for settlement in Kadiang.
- c) The road between Duk-Akuak-Makarawin-Panyangoor is at risk of disconnection during the rainy season. The community, government, and stakeholders need to work together to improve the standard of this road.
- d) Insecurity from cattle raiders from Pibor remains a challenge. Improving road networks between Bor-Panyangoor and opening new roads as proposed above creates easy response corridors to insecurity and this is likely to encourage gradual resettlement to Twic East County and areas in Bor County, particularly Athooch.
- e) Most areas of Twic East County from current towns all the way to the East is dry. However, insecurity remains a challenge. Gradual resettlement particularly for cattle camps should be encouraged. The community should continue to provide support where necessary.
- f) The committee noted that a communication gap exists between Payam Youth leaders in Juba and in Twic East. The leaders are encouraged to regularize communication between themselves.
- g) The committee's visit has nothing to do with ownership of Kadiang but with the settlement. While in Kadiang, the committee submitted to the Duk community leadership in Kadiang and interacted with the leaders with the purpose of understanding issues in Kadiang to encourage resettlement. The committee notes being oversensitive may be counterproductive to settlement in Kadiang, the committee encourages constant engagement between Twic and Duk communities to discourage unnecessary suspicions.

4. Conclusion

As flood subsides in Twic East, insecurity remains a threat as always. Dyke remains vulnerable to rain season, particularly around Athooch areas. Twic East Community, other communities in Jonglei State, Government, and stakeholders to respond to some of the issues identified in this mission report.