

Transforming Power Against all Odds:

Alternatives to Violence Project South Sudan completes 5 Workshops and trains 19 new AVP facilitators

When we submitted a proposal to the German Quaker Service to hold five Alternatives to Violence Workshop in South Sudan in 2016, all of us were doubtful if this would be possible: Given that there is fighting in many parts of the country, economic disaster, deteriorating security everywhere, and consequently it is extremely difficult to plan anything and implement it in the end. This is why it is amazing and gives a great hope for peace in South Sudan that not only were the planned workshops conducted, but also 19 new facilitators trained.

On December 18, 2016, Luka Deng, Coordinator of AVP Facilitators' Forum South Sudan writes:

“I am happy that we have now new additional facilitators who completed their training of Facilitators on Monday 12 /12/2016.”



He continues: “This is a great news and a happy day for AVP FFSS .The 8 females and 11 males of AVP facilitators were amazing in their presentations, despite all the challenges, we were able. Thanks to all Friends for the great support. A new day has come. Five AVP workshops have been conducted successfully.”



On December 9, Luka wrote :“I am feeling wow, good , happy , because new AVP Facilitators are under training now. The TOF started on the on 8th December and will finish on the 12 December 2016. They are preparing now for facilitation practice in Teams.”

It all started with two Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) Basic Workshops and one AVP Advanced Workshop in November.

On December 4, Luka writes “It has been a busy month, the last November: We managed to implement three workshops of the Alternatives to Violence Project.”

The pictures Luka pasted on his face book show some of the activities conducted:



Struggle Lines in the first AVP Basic Workshop



Transforming Power experiences



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Blind Walk exercise

Debriefing of role play



Sharing experiences - and tea: AVP
Advanced Workshop break time



Graduates of AVP Advanced Workshop