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The second phase of the Enhancing Community Resilience and Local Governance Project (ECRP II) aims to realize the vision of the South Sudan Local Governance Act 2009 by providing support for establishing, training, and empowering local-level institutions, thereby enabling communities to pursue their development objectives.

These organizations, particularly the Boma and Payam Development Committees (BDCs and PDCs), are essential to the design and execution of sub-projects, community sensitization campaigns, and local development efforts.

From January 17 to 22, 2024, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) conducted payam prioritization workshops in Pariang and Werthen Payams in Ruweng Administrative Area, where **33** participants (**6** females and **27** males) actively participated throughout the three-day workshops. The goal of the workshop was to assist PDCs in identifying and prioritizing infrastructure subprojects eligible for financing under Component I of the project *'Infrastructure and Services for Community Resilience.'*

Following the workshop, the PDCs in Pariang and Werthen Payams successfully determined the order of importance for community-level infrastructure sub-projects. These sub-projects include expanding classrooms, adding a hospital ward, constructing a water yard, and installing handpumps, among others. The construction of these sub-projects will commence in April 2024.

Moreover, the process involved preparatory meetings between IOM and crucial stakeholders, including the County Commissioner, Payam Administrators - the highest government civil servants at the Payam level, and the Paramount Chiefs, who represent the traditional authorities.

The commissioner of Jau County expressed gratitude for the collaboration amongst partners, stating: *“Community members, PDC, and other stakeholders appreciate and applaud the stewardship between IOM, the Government of South Sudan, and the World Bank have brought to the Payam.”*

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