Under the auspices of the Community Security and Arms Control Project (CSAC), UNDP South Sudan hosted a competition to find innovative ideas and creative solutions to engage youth in peace-building and as agents of change.
In any country, **youth are the future**. In South Sudan, **youth are the present** as well. More than **70%** of South Sudan’s population is below the age of **30** and over **50%** is below the age of **18**.

Conflict in South Sudan has contributed to numerous challenges that its youth face today, but the future of the country remains in their hands. Young people have the creativity and the will to highlight a different narrative about their country: one without war, hunger or insecurity, one in which people have the possibility to live a long and healthy life, to be educated, and to enjoy a decent standard of living.

**2016 Competition Cycle**

- **August 25**
  - Introduction Workshop

- **September 06**
  - 124 ideas submitted by more than 200 young people
  - 26 ideas selected for development at an ideation hackathon

- **December 05**
  - Ideation Workshop — a two-day interactive journey including games and exercises to foster innovative ideas. 51 youth participated

- **December 06**
  - Seven-minute lightning-round sessions held where each project presented their idea. Winners announced!

**HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN**

Creating tailor made solutions for people we serve.

**LEAN STARTUP**

Experimentation, iterative design and user feedback.

**GOAL**

to address development challenges with innovative ideas for youth engagement which are replicable, scalable and financially sustainable.
1st Prize ($10,000 award)
David Mogga Kwaje (28-M) with 64 Hands SACCO
64 Hands SACCO (Savings And Credit Co-operative Society) combines social entrepreneurship with peacebuilding by providing South Sudanese small and medium enterprises access to a community-based source of financing. 64 Hands SACCO is designed to be propelled by youth drawn from all 64 tribes in South Sudan.

2nd Prize ($6,000 award)
Dina Dowki (29-F), Reagan Justin (28-M), Richard Hakim (27-M), Emmanuel Dully (29-M) and Wilma Liderio (21-F) with “Kilkilu ana Comedy Extra”
Kilkilu ana Comedy Extra aims to develop multilingual comedy performances to promote healing, understanding and reconciliation. Their proposal focused on a pilot program to take place in IDP (internally displaced persons) camps in and around Juba.

3rd Prize ($4,000 award)
Yine Beatrice Jale (25-F) and Yine Y enki Nyika (26-F) with GOGIRLS-ICT Initiative
GOGIRLS-ICT Initiative aims to engage, educate and empower women and girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) based fields through chain-based trainings.

In addition to the cash prizes for piloting, the winning teams will receive mentorship support by selected experts to implement their ideas through helping generate further funding or linking up with relevant projects where these ideas can be adopted.

Evans Wandogo was 19 years old when he designed a solar lantern made from 50% recycled material. The lamp is now widely distributed in Kenya and Malawi.
Eugene Owusu, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative

“The purpose of the challenge is not to reward ideas with dollars but to inspire and nurture creativity that would transform South Sudan. It is about building a culture of peace and thrusting the youth at the forefront of creativity and social change, amplifying their ambition and smart use of new technology to engage and transform their society.”

Along with Mr. Owusu, the Chairperson of the South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission Hon. Chuol Rambang and the Chairperson of the Bureau of Community Security and Small Arms Control (BCSSAC), Lt. Gen. Andrew Kuol Nyuonon, were on hand to award the three winning proposals with their prizes and congratulate the youth for their commitment to peacebuilding.
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64 Hands Savings and Credit Co-operative Organization (SACCO), a youth-owned cooperative society offering both revolving funds and community activities, targeting all 64 tribes in South Sudan. David Mogga Kwaje

City Car Washing Hub (CCWH) to provide incomes and self-employment opportunities. Dak Duoth Jock, Daniel Deng Dut, Garang Buk Buk, Simon Hal Aleu and Teresa Jorong (Help Restore Youth - HeRY).

Creating an interconnecting and wider media platform. Using youth to inspire youth, a platform to amplify youth voices and foster the culture of peace, compassion and kindness. Lupisaly Jermalili Roman

Giving Youth a Chance Initiative to involve youth in the implementation of the 2015 Peace Agreement. Adeng Kornelio (Institute for Development of Civil Society - IDCS)

GOGIRLS-ICT Initiative aims to engage, educate and empower young women and girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) - based fields with an emphasis on ICT. Yine Yenki Nyika and Yine Beatrice Jale (GOGIRLS-ICT Initiative)

Kilkilu Ana Standup Comedy Xtra Edu-peace-entertainment through stand-up comedies, music, dance and drama. Dina Dowki, Emmanuel Dully, Reagan Justin, Richard Hakim and Wilma Liderio (Kilkilu Ana Standup Comedy Xtra)

Know Your Neighbour aims to incorporate entrepreneurship and training in awareness-raising on the importance of knowing one’s neighbour for peacebuilding. Anthony Sebit Santo

Live Stories aims to share stories in the media about individuals who have faced many problems and managed to overcome them. Flovia Lisok Mourice and Mathew Onen Tterence (South Sudan Movie Star)

Multimedia project to address the issue of high bride price/dowry. Chan Paul Amol

National annual science and entrepreneurial fair programme focusing on engaging young people in solutions and innovations. Kanybil A. Noon
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- **Nationest.com** aims to establish a website that allows people to share testimonies of how the conflict has affected them, and their vision for a new, peaceful and prosperous South Sudan. Confuzus Joseph Daniel, Julieta Albert, Mabor Makuac, Morris Madut, Nyankun Peter Koang, Peter Deng Pap and Ruach Mading (Nationest.com)

- **Nile Gardening Initiative (NGI)** to engage youth in creative and productive activities in peacebuilding through agriculture. Jok William Nyo

- **Online Peace Platform and Service System (OPPSS)** is a big data solution system that will allow for registration of new talent, local innovations, community giving campaigns and community-identified needs. Bongiri Peter Ladu, Nyariji Mosorris and Taban Bosco Charles (Humanity Team)

- **Peer to Peer Mediation Program.** This idea enables youth to create their own forum for mediation and dispute-settlement. Anthony Akech Athian

- **Promoting Youth Talent**, including participation in peace and entrepreneurial development and ending with a **National Youth Talent & Entertainment Show.** Mamuch Deng Yat and Nyahon Deng Yat

- **Resource Centre with resource materials and a Video Library.** Focusing on the shared responsibility of internecine warfare in South Sudan and messages of peace and reconciliation. Malish Peter Agoawi

- **Strengthening entrepreneurship and employment potential among at-risk populations.** Providing youth with technical trainings, small scale loans and entrepreneur mentorship. Aya Mary (The Initiative for Peace Communication Association - IPCA)

- **South Sudan Citizen Connect Program (SSCCP)** will serve as a platform for discussing citizen-led social innovation, informing and engaging citizens to prevent and manage violent conflict by establishing a mechanism to renounce all forms of violence. Aman Mayiek, Athian Maker, Makuer Moses, Marier Manyin, Mayom M. Marek and Nyibol Malou (Scenario Aid)

- **Two urban based youth initiatives** to train and give youth psycho-social support and entry-level job opportunities. Emmanuel Jok Dut (Sudd Institute); Emmanuel Stephen, Jaffar Gismala and Ramba Elisama (South Sudan Reborn Youth)

- **Using telecom’s value added services (VAS)** for news dissemination, entertainment and educational services, among others. Mabior Deng Kuer Mabior
Volunteers for Peace to engage youth from different tribes to come together and present short stories, documentaries or photography on themes of peace, gender, education and development. Debwor Awak Pagn, Joice Dominic Nazario, Mijwok William Chol and Omowjowak Peter (New Media)

Work For Ownership Individuals or groups will work for a business, then own it after the business recovers the initial investment. Aban Ayul, Josephine Angelo, Katharine Peter, Mayor William Sunday and Winnie Hakim Agok (Tribeless Mind)

Y4P will create online and off-line platforms for activities such as cultural tours, mobile mentorship academy, peace clubs, online platforms and campaigns, all aimed at peacebuilding. Godfrey Yossa Dumba

YOTE-JUNUB will involve one youth from each of South Sudan’s 64 tribes in a combination of three initiatives:
1. Your tribe is my tribe;
2. The will for the wind;
3. AWARD (Agricultural Workforce & Advocate for Reliable Development). Awuol Gabriel Arok

Youth Empowerment Strategy (YES) focuses on Youth Education Strategy, Entrepreneurial Strategy, Employment Strategy, and Entertainment Strategy. Mata Moses Kwiayansuk
“We need you, the youth, to innovate, to compete, and to create something viable. You are our future.” — Hon. Chuol Rambang, Chairperson of the South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission

“This prize is not mine, it is for all the young people of South Sudan because I shall expect you to come and become members of 64 hands Sacco so that your projects today can become reality.”

David Mogga Kwaje

“We were determined to come and to share. I said we shall go, we will win, and we will implement our great ideas. It was determination.”

Yine Beatrice Jale and Yine Yenki Nyika

Additional information on the Youth Innovation Challenge for Peace process can be found on UNDP’s website: www.bit.ly/innovationcompetition