Fact Sheet

For further information, see Popular Consultations in Blue Nile State FAQ.

Chaired by a State Legislative Assembly panel, popular consultations in Kurmuk, Blue Nile State, were also attended by Popular Consultation Parliamentary Commission Chairperson Stephen Ahmed and representatives of political parties.

About 2,000 persons participated in the session, of which more than 50 per cent were women. Many expressed concerns related to a lack of basic services like education, water and health.

Following are excerpts of some of the opinions expressed:

**Isalgu Adok (woman)**
The CPA does not meet our needs and concerns, because there is lack of good education, medical services, roads and electricity. The people are really suffering.

**Mawdda John (woman)**
We lack basic things we need to have good living conditions, such as water, electricity and food.

**Razana Jidd (woman)**
We need paved roads and bridges.

**Kurunja Ali (man)**
We need good education, medical services, transport and roads.

**Diana Sulus (woman)**
Access to water is difficult. We need easier access to water in the locality.

**S’ulttiya Anjarro (woman)**
I call on the government for roads and good medical services.

**Istter Kufa (woman)**
We want the government to build a canal to bring water to the Kurmuk area. We want hospitals.

**Istter Youha (youth)**
I have been disappointed since I left the refugee camp. Does the government want us to return back to the camps or not?

**Totte Lujba (woman)**
We need food assistance.

**Lindi Tufa (woman)**
We need health centers and roads.

**Yaseen Afoshali (man)**
We want development in Blue Nile State.
Yelgi Lujfa (woman)
We want health services and roads because we are suffering.

Elizabeth Martin (woman)
I think the refugee camps were much better. Since we have returned to Kurmuk, we have faced many difficulties, mainly access to drinking water, education, food and health services.