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A Gender Forum organized on Thursday by CTSAMM highlights key provisions of the recently signed agreement related to addressing conflict-linked Sexual and Gender Based Violence and the recruitment and use of child soldiers in South Sudan.

The half-day forum held at Crown Hotel in Juba under the theme “The Impact of the War on Civilians from a Gender Perspective” drew participants from UN Agencies, international organizations, diplomatic missions, civil society groups and the media.

It was pointed out on the occasion that the Warring Parties have the obligation to comply with the implementation of the peace agreement and refrain from conflict-linked Sexual and Gender Based Violence and recruitment of child soldiers that is impacting heavily on women, girls, the elderly and people with special needs.

The Forum aimed to share information with the various actors about the role of CTSAMM in monitoring verification and reporting violations on the impact of the conflict on civilians focusing on gender dimensions and in line with the August 2015 Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan. It also aimed at creating more awareness on gender perspectives of the new Agreement on Cessation of Hostilities, Protection of Civilians and Humanitarian Access signed on 21 December 2018, which mandates CTSAMM to monitor, verify and report such violations.

Presentations by CTSAMM stressed that the purpose of all CTSAMM reporting, including on Sexual and Gender Based Violence and child soldiers recruitment is for the parties to commit themselves to their obligations to the South Sudan peace process.

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CTSAMM is an institution of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (ARCSS) signed in August 2015.