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<u>The African Union Liaison Office in Sudan (AULOS - Juba)</u> <u>Hands-over an Agro-based project in Western Equatoria State</u>

Juba, 08 August 2011: The African Union Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (AU-PCRD) branch of the AULOS – Juba office, in collaboration with the South Sudan Reconstruction and Development Fund (SSRDF), handed a "Fruit Tree Nursery and Vegetables" project to the Lozoh community, in a ceremony that took place in Lozor Payam, Mundri East Western Equatoria State, on Saturday 06 August 2011.

Both delegations were headed respectively by AULOS-Juba Head of Office, Ambassador Stanislas Nakaha, and by the SSRDF Chairperson, Mr Alikaya Aligo Samson. Also present were the Commissioner of Mundri West, Mr Samson Arop Ephraim, the Commissioner Mundri East, Mr Francis Ali, the Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr Ahmed Labi, and the Director General of the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs Republic of South Sudan, Mr Wicliffe Galatian Dabai.

The ceremony provided a platform for the officials and the Lozoh community to dialogue, notably on the challenges faced in agriculture in Mundri, on the day's great achievement, and on the way forward.

"Today, we hand the project over to you, but I can guarantee you that the African Union will continue to work with you in the months ahead," said the AULOS Head of Office during his statement to the community.