

ELECTION MANIFESTO

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PEACE • UNITY • SECURITY • DEVELOPMENT

"One People, One Vision, One Prosperous Eastern Equatoria."

1. Preamble

My beloved people of Eastern Equatoria State,

I present myself before you as a candidate for the governorship of our beloved state, guided by a firm commitment to peace, unity, security, reconciliation and sustainable development.

Having served our people in different capacities, including as Speaker of the Eastern Equatoria State Transitional Legislative Assembly, I understand the challenges facing our communities, our civil servants, our constitutional postholders, our women and youth, our farmers, our pastoralist communities and our students.

My vision is to build an Eastern Equatoria State where peace prevails, communities coexist harmoniously, citizens enjoy essential services, farmers prosper, young people have opportunities, and public institutions serve the people with integrity and accountability.

My leadership will be guided by unity, inclusivity, transparency, accountability and equitable development. I will work closely with the national government, the SPLM leadership, the state legislature, county authorities, development partners and our communities to turn this vision into reality.

My manifesto is built around the following priorities.

2. Maintenance of Peace and Security

Peace and security are the foundation of development. Without peace, our people cannot farm freely, children cannot attend school consistently, and businesses cannot prosper.

- Strengthen community-based peacebuilding and early-warning mechanisms to prevent conflict before it escalates.
- Improve coordination among security organs, county authorities, traditional leaders and community peace committees.
- Address cattle raiding, revenge killings, communal violence and the proliferation of illegal small arms through lawful and coordinated action.
- Strengthen the capacity and mobility of security personnel to respond promptly to threats.
- Ensure that security operations respect human rights, the rule of law and the protection of civilians.

My commitment: Every citizen of Eastern Equatoria deserves to live, work, travel and conduct business without fear.

3. Unity, Reconciliation and Social Cohesion

Eastern Equatoria is home to diverse communities whose unity is essential to our collective progress. Our diversity must be a source of strength rather than division.

Religious leaders will be central partners in this agenda. My government will encourage and support churches, faith-based institutions and interfaith councils to take a leading role in peacebuilding, mediation, reconciliation and healing among communities. Their moral authority and community trust can help prevent conflict, rebuild relationships and promote forgiveness and peaceful coexistence.

- Empower religious leaders to lead inclusive peace and reconciliation initiatives, including interfaith dialogue, community mediation, peace education and follow-up support for communities emerging from conflict.
- Promote genuine reconciliation among communities affected by conflict, political differences and historical grievances.
- Establish inclusive dialogue led jointly by religious and traditional leaders, involving churches, faith-based institutions, women, youth and political stakeholders.
- Encourage peaceful resolution of disputes through dialogue, mediation and lawful institutions.
- Promote equitable representation and development across all counties and communities.
- Strengthen cooperation among political leaders, particularly within the SPLM, in the interest of peace and development.
- Promote a culture of tolerance, mutual respect and collective responsibility.

My commitment: One Eastern Equatoria, united in purpose, peaceful in coexistence and determined to develop.

4. Agricultural Transformation and Food Security

Agriculture must become a major pillar of our state's economy. We must move from dependence on food imports and humanitarian assistance towards increased local production, food security and agricultural prosperity.

- Support farmers with improved seeds, farming tools, agricultural inputs and extension services.
- Promote mechanized agriculture through access to tractors and other appropriate farming equipment.
- Encourage irrigation and small-scale water-harvesting projects to reduce dependence on seasonal rainfall.
- Establish and strengthen farmers' cooperatives to improve production, storage, processing and marketing.
- Promote the cultivation of sorghum, maize, groundnuts, vegetables and other crops suited to our different ecological zones.
- Support livestock production, veterinary services, fisheries and agro-pastoral activities.
- Encourage agricultural investment and partnerships with the private sector and development partners.
- Promote agricultural training, especially for young people, to create employment and reduce poverty.

My commitment: We shall empower our farmers to feed our state, generate income and contribute to national food security.

5. Road Infrastructure and Maintenance

Road infrastructure is essential for security, trade, service delivery and economic development. Our roads must remain accessible throughout the year, particularly during the rainy season.

Phase One: Two Road Maintenance Units

Greater Kapoeta Road Maintenance Unit: Purchase and deploy a unit of road construction and maintenance equipment to maintain and rehabilitate roads serving Kapoeta North, Kapoeta South, Kapoeta East and Budi County subject to an agreed operational plan.

- Greater Torit Road Maintenance Unit: Purchase and deploy a unit of equipment to maintain and rehabilitate roads serving Torit and surrounding areas, including the wider network connecting communities in the southern and western parts of the state.
- **Phase Two: County-Level Expansion**

Building on the initial two units, my government will progressively establish road maintenance capacity in every county, based on road conditions, population needs, available resources and geographical priorities.

- Routine grading, drainage clearance and rehabilitation of feeder roads.
- Prioritize roads connecting county headquarters, payams, markets, schools and health facilities.
- Establish a transparent road maintenance schedule.
- Engage local contractors and youth groups to create employment.
- Cooperate with the national government and development partners on major road construction projects.

My commitment: Every county deserves accessible roads that connect its people to markets, hospitals, schools and economic opportunities.

6. Improvement of Hospitals and Primary Healthcare

A healthy population is essential for a productive and prosperous state. My government will work to improve access to affordable, reliable and quality healthcare.

Hospitals

- Rehabilitate and equip existing state and county hospitals.
- Improve the availability of essential medicines, medical supplies and diagnostic equipment.
- Strengthen maternity, emergency, surgical and laboratory services.
- Advocate for the recruitment and retention of qualified doctors, nurses, midwives and other health professionals.
- Improve staff accommodation, sanitation, electricity and water supply in health facilities.

Primary Health Care Centres (PHCCs)

- Rehabilitate and expand existing PHCCs to serve growing populations.
- Improve maternal and child healthcare, immunization and disease prevention.
- Strengthen referral systems between primary healthcare facilities and hospitals.

Primary Health Care Units (PHCUs)

- Upgrade and expand PHCUs in underserved communities.
- Improve access to basic treatment, antenatal care, immunization and health education.
- Prioritize remote communities that face long distances to reach medical services.

My government will also work with humanitarian organizations, churches and development partners to strengthen healthcare delivery.

My commitment: Quality healthcare should not be a privilege reserved for people living in major towns.

7. Education and Human Capital Development

Education is the foundation of a skilled, responsible and economically independent society. My government will prioritize access to quality education from primary to tertiary level.

- Rehabilitate and expand primary and secondary schools, particularly in underserved areas.
- Advocate for the recruitment, training and timely remuneration of teachers.
- Improve school infrastructure, including classrooms, sanitation facilities, desks and learning materials.
- Promote girls' education and the inclusion of children with disabilities.
- Strengthen technical and vocational education to equip young people with practical skills.
- Encourage science, technology, entrepreneurship and digital literacy.
- Work with communities to reduce school dropout rates and improve enrolment.

A Specialized Education Programme for Pastoralist Communities

- Support mobile schools and community learning centers in hard-to-reach areas.
- Promote flexible school calendars that take account of seasonal livestock movements.
- Provide alternative and accelerated learning for children who have missed formal education.
- Develop scholarships and targeted support for learners from pastoralist households.
- Promote vocational training in livestock management, agriculture, veterinary services and other relevant skills.

My commitment: No child should be denied education because of poverty, geographical isolation or the pastoralist way of life.

8. Strengthening Torit University of Science and Technology

Torit University of Science and Technology must become a centre of academic excellence, innovation and professional training for Eastern Equatoria and South Sudan.

- Advocate for increased government funding and institutional support.
- Expand and rehabilitate classrooms, laboratories, libraries and student accommodation.
- Strengthen science, technology, engineering, agriculture and health-related programmes.
- Promote research addressing local challenges in agriculture, livestock, water, health and environmental management.
- Establish partnerships with national and international universities.
- Support staff development and recruitment of qualified academic personnel.
- Promote practical training, entrepreneurship and innovation among students.

My commitment: Torit University must become a driving force for knowledge, skills, innovation and development in our state.

9. Establishment of a State Students' Support Fund

The financial difficulties facing students in universities and other institutions of higher learning are a major concern. Many capable young people struggle to complete their studies because of tuition fees, accommodation and other educational expenses.

I will work towards establishing an Eastern Equatoria State Students' Support Fund.

- Provide scholarships and financial assistance to eligible students from disadvantaged households.
- Prioritize students in universities, technical institutions and other recognized institutions of higher learning.
- Support students pursuing priority professional fields, including medicine, engineering, agriculture, education and science.
- Establish transparent eligibility criteria and an accountable selection process.
- Mobilize resources from the state government, private sector, alumni, philanthropists and development partners.

Priority will be given to students with demonstrated financial need and academic commitment, while promoting equitable access across all counties.

My commitment: The financial circumstances of a family should not permanently deprive a deserving young person of higher education.

10. Women and Youth Empowerment

Women and young people are central to peace, economic growth and community development. Their participation must extend beyond political representation to meaningful economic opportunities and decision-making.

- Promote women's participation in leadership and public decision-making.
- Support women-led businesses, cooperatives and agricultural enterprises.
- Facilitate access to vocational training, business development services and appropriate financing.
- Establish youth skills-development and entrepreneurship programmes.
- Promote youth participation in agriculture, construction, technology and other productive sectors.
- Support initiatives addressing unemployment, substance abuse and youth involvement in violence.
- Encourage mentorship programmes linking experienced professionals with young people.
- Promote equal opportunities for women and men in public service and economic activities.

My commitment: Women and youth must be partners in governance and beneficiaries of development, not spectators.

11. Promotion and Development of Sports

Sports promote unity, discipline, talent development and healthy living. Eastern Equatoria has talented young people whose potential deserves greater support.

- Purchase and distribute sports materials and equipment to schools, counties, clubs and organized sports associations.

- Support the rehabilitation and development of playgrounds and sports facilities.
- Promote inter-county tournaments to strengthen unity and peaceful coexistence.
- Support football and other sporting disciplines, including athletics, volleyball and basketball.
- Encourage school sports and grassroots talent identification.
- Support the participation of talented athletes and teams in state and national competitions.
- Encourage partnerships with businesses and sports organizations to finance sporting activities.

My commitment: Sports shall become an instrument of peace, youth empowerment, talent development and state pride.

12. Improving Salaries and Welfare of Civil Servants and Constitutional Postholders

An effective government depends on motivated, professional and fairly remunerated public servants. My government will make the welfare of civil servants and constitutional postholders a priority, subject to the state's financial capacity and applicable laws.

- Advocate for improved and timely payment of salaries for civil servants and constitutional postholders.
- Work towards a predictable salary payment system that reduces delays and arrears.
- Review salary structures and allowances in consultation with relevant institutions.
- Promote fair remuneration based on responsibilities, qualifications and applicable public service regulations.
- Improve working conditions, professional development and staff welfare.
- Strengthen payroll management and eliminate ghost workers and other payroll irregularities.
- Promote merit, discipline, accountability and professionalism in public service.

I will work with the national government and relevant institutions to mobilize the resources necessary to improve remuneration sustainably.

My commitment: Public servants who serve the people diligently deserve fair treatment, dignity and timely remuneration.

13. Strengthening the SPLM Through Sustainable Income-Generating Activities

A strong political party requires reliable institutions, active grassroots structures and sustainable financial resources. The SPLM must strengthen its capacity to serve its members and contribute to the development of our state.

I will advocate for the development of lawful, transparent and sustainable income-generating activities for the SPLM in Eastern Equatoria.

- Establish and support party-owned commercial ventures in accordance with the law.
- Promote agricultural projects, cooperative enterprises and other viable business activities.
- Develop partnerships with private investors and members of the business community.
- Strengthen financial management, auditing and accountability within party structures.
- Establish transparent mechanisms for the collection and management of party contributions.

- Reduce excessive dependence on individual contributions and irregular financial support.

Improving the Welfare of SPLM Secretaries

Party secretaries at state, county, payam and other levels play an essential role in mobilization, administration, communication and grassroots coordination.

- Improve the remuneration of secretaries at different levels through sustainable party financing.
- Provide more attractive and predictable compensation for party responsibilities.
- Support operational needs, including communication, transport and office administration.
- Strengthen secretariat capacity through training and institutional support.

These measures will be pursued through appropriate party structures and lawful financial arrangements, recognizing the distinction between government resources and party finances.

My commitment: A financially sustainable SPLM will be better positioned to serve its members, strengthen its grassroots structures and remain connected to the people.

14. Good Governance, Accountability and Equitable Development

The successful implementation of this manifesto requires responsible leadership, transparent institutions and prudent management of public resources.

- Promote transparency and accountability in public expenditure.
- Ensure that development projects are selected according to community needs and available resources.
- Strengthen cooperation between the executive, legislature and county governments.
- Encourage public participation in planning and decision-making.
- Promote merit-based appointments and professional public service.
- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation of government programmes.
- Ensure equitable development across all counties without discrimination.
- Publish progress reports on key government commitments and development projects.

I will pursue a government that listens to its people, respects the law and delivers measurable results.

15. Implementation and Delivery Framework

A manifesto must be more than a declaration of good intentions. It must be translated into practical programmes supported by realistic budgets, clear priorities and measurable results.

My government will adopt a phased implementation approach.

Period	Key priorities
First 100 days	Assess security, public finances, roads, health facilities, schools and staffing needs; establish implementation priorities.
First year	Begin priority road maintenance, strengthen peace initiatives, improve essential services and

	establish frameworks for agricultural and student support programmes.
Years 2–3	Expand county-level road maintenance, rehabilitate priority health and education facilities, and scale up agricultural, youth and women's programmes.
Years 4–5	Consolidate successful programmes, expand sustainable financing and evaluate development outcomes across all counties.

Implementation will depend on available resources, the state budget, national government support and partnerships with development organizations. Projects will be prioritized according to urgency, impact and affordability.

16. Conclusion: A Call for Unity and a New Direction

My beloved people of Eastern Equatoria,

I offer myself for the governorship with humility, experience and a clear commitment to serve. My aspiration is not merely to occupy an office, but to lead a government that restores confidence, strengthens peace, improves public services and creates opportunities for all.

I believe that our state can achieve lasting progress if we unite behind a common vision. Our communities must live in peace. Our farmers must produce more. Our roads must connect our people. Our hospitals must provide essential healthcare. Our children must receive quality education. Our youth must find opportunities, and our public servants must be treated with dignity.

As a member of the SPLM since 1995 and a former Speaker of the Eastern Equatoria State Transitional Legislative Assembly, I bring political experience, institutional knowledge and a commitment to inclusive leadership.

I therefore appeal to our party members, delegates and the people of Eastern Equatoria to support my candidature for the governorship.

Let us work together to build a peaceful, united, secure and prosperous Eastern Equatoria State.

TOGETHER, WE CAN TRANSFORM OUR VISION INTO REALITY.

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