

**THE ROLE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ON PEACE BUILDING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH SUDAN
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DEFINITION OF KEY TERMS

Diplomatic Relations: It refers to international diplomacy, the conduct of international relations through the intercession of professional diplomats with regard to issues of peace-making, trade, war, economics, culture, environment and human relations (Burridge, 2005).

Peace building: It is the effort to strengthen the prospects for internal peace and decrease the likelihood of violent conflict (CIDA, 2012).

Socio-economic development: It a process that involves socioeconomic structural changes which affect political, social and political spheres of the country. These changes are represented by improvements in living standards such as rising income and improving health and educational systems (Economic Development, 2009).

LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AU	African Union
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CVR	Content Validity Ratio
DFAIT	Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
EAC	East African Community
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
HDI	Human Development Index
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority for Development
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SPSS	Package for Social Scientists
UN	United Nations
UNEP	United Nations Education Programme
USD	United States of America

ABSTRACT

This study aimed at providing a broader understanding of how diplomatic relations and peace building affect Social-economic development of South Sudan. The objectives of the study were to examine the relationship between Diplomatic relations and Socio-economic development; analyse the relationship between Peace building and Socio-economic development and to study the factor structure of Diplomatic relations and Peace building on Socio-economic development.

The study employed a case study and descriptive design while using qualitative and quantitative approaches. The study population was 243, selected using purposive and simple random sampling technique. The sample size determination was made using Krejcie and Morgan Table (1970) formula. The sample size will be 167 with a response rate of 85%. The data analysis was made using Statistical package for social scientists (SPSS 20). The major findings of the study were that there was a positive relationship between; diplomatic relations and Socio-economic development ($r = 0.633$, $P\text{-value} < 0.01$; Peace building and Socio-economic development ($r = 0.556$, $P\text{-value} < 0.01$) and a regression figure of ($R = 0.643$) a combination of Diplomatic relations and peace building in assessing the level to which they can predict the level of Socio-economic development of South Sudan. The most influential predictor was Diplomatic relations with ($\beta = .641$, Sig. 325) followed by Institutional response with ($\beta = .443$, Sig. 211). The study recommends that the leaders should develop diplomatic relations with other international communities that aim at empowering people with education values and promoting an electoral process that serves the purpose of national renewal and peace commitment, organizations and stakeholders should invest heavily in educating their staff and sensitizing their beneficiaries about the need for peace building and where need be, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms such as negotiation, fact finding facilitation and mediation should be adopted and for lobbying be done for more organizations to join in and engage in the peace building process in order to fully curb the issue of armed conflicts and also improve the rate at which peace building is being attained.

