OIL INCOME MEANT HAPPY DAYS FOR THE SOUTH SUDANESE GOVERNMENT.

WE NEED TO DISCUSS THIS MONTH’S SPENDING PRIORITIES.

GOOD: TOP OF THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN IS HEALTH.

HIRING TEACHERS.

BUILDING ROADS.

AT LEAST, UNTIL THE ARMY FOUND OUT.

!? WE HEARD THIS MONTH’S REVENUE IS IN. WE HAVE SOME “SUGGESTIONS” ON HOW TO SPEND IT.

Figure 4: Systematic overspending of the budget in 2011

Figure 5: Since CPA expenditures driven by revenues, not approved budget

INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING THE BUDGET, THE AMOUNT SPENT BY THE SOUTH SUDANESE GOVERNMENT IS SIMPLY DICTATED BY WHAT COMES IN EVERY MONTH.

THESE CHARTS ARE FROM A 2013 WORLD BANK REPORT. PUBLIC FINANCE MONITORING WAS NEVER MORE FASCINATING.

GENERAL AND PARTY BOSSES SURF THE WAVES OF CASH.

...BUT THE SPENDING PATTERN FOR EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE LOOKS MORE LIKE THIS.