Comments received for
ISO 639-3 Change Request
2018-083

Outcome: Rejected
Effective date: January 25, 2019
Registration Authority decision on Change Request no. 2018-083: to create the code element [sgv] for Sengwer.

The request to create the code [sgv] for Sengwer is rejected. The RA finds that the evidence based on language intelligibility is inconclusive, showing that there is some intelligibility between Marakwet and Sengwer. The larger issue in this request is based on sociolinguistic attitudes; because the Sengwer have been marginalized, they prefer to use other regional languages and not Marakwet. The RA did not find there was adequate linguistic evidence to create a code for Sengwer as separate from Marakwet. For these reasons, the request for a code [sgv] for Sengwer is rejected.