

UNDP Management Response Template

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Overall comments:

The Darfur Livelihoods and Recovery Project contributed to the realization of **Outcome 1** of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF – 2013-2017): *People in Sudan, with special attention to youth, women and populations in need, have improved opportunities for decent work and sustainable livelihoods and are better protected from external shocks, thereby reducing poverty.* It also contributed to **Outcome 6** of the UNDP Strategic Plan (2013-2017) *Early recovery and rapid return to sustainable development pathways are achieved in post-conflict and post-disaster settings.* Between 2016-2017, the integrated project stabilized conflict-affected communities and improved the livelihood and local socio-economic recovery more than **97,974** IDPs, returnees and host community members (about **16,329** direct households) of which 53% are female. The project also indirectly impacted some estimated **293,922** people in the targeted communities through access to infrastructure and peace building activities.

| Evaluation Recommendation for YVRDP | | | | |
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| <p>Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 1: UNDP should place more emphasis on improving NNGO and local government counterpart capacities.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Management response plan: The project next project phase will place emphasis on providing resources for institutional capacity building of local institutions including for additional staffing and training of staff as well as provision of relevant materials and equipment.</p> | | | | |
| Key Action(s) | Time Frame | Responsible Unit(s) | Tracking* | |
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| 1. Incorporate institutional capacity building component into the next phase of the project and allocate resources for it. | By April 2019 | DLRP/PBSC | Initiated | The new phase of the project is expected to star in April 2019. |

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| Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 2: Village Loans and Savings Associations are beneficial but limited and need to expand and continue in all communities | | | | |
| Management response plan: Include VLSAs into the next project design and ensure they are established in every target villages as part of an overall move to promote Microfinance access. | | | | |
| Key Action(s) | | | | |
| 1. Incorporate VSLA into the new project design. | By April 2019 | DLRP/PBSC | Initiated | The new phase of the project is expected to star in April 2019. |
| Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 3: Rehabilitation/construction of the schools, health posts and other community assets should be considered for any future projects. | | | | |
| Management response plan: As this is not the key mandate of UNDP, the Project will liaise with other UN agencies, NGOs and programmes to complement efforts. | | | | |
| Key Action(s) | | | | |
| 1. UNDP will liaise with other agencies to assist on elements that are outside the scope of the project to complement efforts. | By April 2019 | DLRP/PBSC | Initiated | The new phase of the project is expected to star in April 2019. |
| Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 4: Need to further strengthen partnerships with the private sector with the view of attracting capacity and resources for value addition, market access and additional investment as part of their CSRs. | | | | |
| Management response plan: This component will be included in the next phase of the project. Initial discussions have already | | | | |

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| <p>taken place between UNDP and several private sector players. Additional pitching exercise will be embarked within the year ahead of the start of the next phase.</p> | | | | | |
| Key Action(s) | | | | | |
| <p>1. Hold further negotiation meetings with SAMIL and DAL Group Companies on Groundnuts, livestock and Honey Value Chain;</p> | By April 2019 | DLRP/PBSC | Initiated | | The new phase of the project is expected to star in April 2019. |
| <p>2. Embark on call for applications and pitching exercise with private sector to pitch and select future partners.</p> | By April 2019 | DLRP/PBSC | Initiated | | The new phase of the project is expected to star in April 2019. Emphasis will be on provision of technology for processing and support for market access among key value chain commodities. |
| <p>Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 5: Water provision through hand pumps or borehole water stations should be expanded since this proved to be a viable intervention for the project under evaluation.</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Management response plan: This component will be included in the next phase of the project.</p> | | | | | |
| Key Action(s) | | | | | |
| <p>1. Incorporate development of water resources for human, livestock consumption and irrigation into next phase of the project.</p> | By April 2019 | DLRP/PBSC | To be started | | The new phase of the project is expected to star in April 2019. Emphasis will be on the use of solar pumping system for water resource development. |
| <p>Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 6: Promotion of value chains should be enhanced and expanded since the current phase has witnessed significant income changes at community level.</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Management response plan:</p> | | | | | |
| Key Action(s) | | | | | |
| <p>1. Increase Value Chain components into next phase of the Project.</p> | By April 2019 | DLRP/PBSC | To be started | | The new phase of the project is expected to star in April 2019. Emphasis will be on the support for the for |

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| | | | | improvement in productive capacity of vulnerable populations using the value chain approach. |
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* The implementation status is tracked in the ERC.