

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR CRMA External Assessment

1. Information about the Assignment

Agency/Project Name:	UNDP/BCPR
Duty Station:	Desk review and International travel to Juba
Duration of Contract:	6 Working Days plus travel and 9 days desk work
Starting Date:	April 20 - 2014
End Date:	April 25 - 2014
Reporting to:	CSMT Africa

2. BACKGROUND

The Crisis Recovery Mapping and Analysis (CRMA) is a planning and information management support and capacity building initiative established in South Sudan with the aim of strengthening governance through the provision of planning and decision making tools. The project was initiated by UNDP Sudan in 2007 with support from BCPR and DFID. The project in South Sudan separated from the project in Sudan at independence in July 2011. CRMA has in its first phase in South Sudan assisted in compiling geo-referenced state-by-state maps of human security and socio-economic recovery risk data, and supported regular updating and information sharing through a network of state and non-state recovery and development actors, to help assure access to socio-economic data for analysis and strategic planning. The ultimate objective of the CRMA process is to support the development of national capacities to better analyse and strategically target interventions in a conflict sensitive and inclusive manner; and to help assess the impact of the government's actions. The project also aims to contribute to the development of overall national capacity to develop and manage national statistics.

The NBS, which is the main institutional counterpart is committed to the project and is championing funding availability from the national government as well as other donors. However, within the current economic austerity context which extends to early 2014 and likely beyond, there is little feasibility of direct government support in 2014. With NBS renewing its efforts in the next year, cost sharing prospects may improve.

The CO has now proposed a continuation of the main substantive activities of CRMA related to crisis response and early recovery for BCPR Funding. The aim of this initiative is to assist the Government establish a much needed monitoring and evaluation tool for its development agenda which would feed into policy reflection/policy making at the national, state and county levels. This will mean increased availability of, and accessibility to, improved, reliable and timely socio-economic data that will transform the way the government conducts business on the ground in terms of state building and service delivery. CRMA will leverage donor interest in geomapping and overlaying information from various sources in a geographical framework for the purposes of policymaking, monitoring and evaluation for funding. The

bridging fund requested from BCPR is aimed to assure the continuation of capacity building activities as donors complete their country strategies, while allowing CRMA to aggressively mobilize resources in 2014. Unfortunately, the scope for cost-sharing from the Government through NBS in the context of the next budget appears minimal following the recent crisis.

3. Purpose of the Evaluation/Assessment

BCPR has in principle agreed to fund the project for 3 months at the tune of 250k while the future of the initiative is reviewed. As the project has never been evaluated independently and in the interest of time and expediency it has been agreed that the project be subject to an assessment.

The purpose of this evaluation is to assess the results, achievements, challenges and lessons learned of the CRMA to date; and to identify key elements of a project providing socio-economic and other data relevant for crisis response and early recovery in a geographical information system-based package that could gain support from donors to follow up on the CRMA project. The issues of conflict sensitivity, relevance, and sustainability will be in particular focus given the on-going conflict and the limited amount of Government resources.

The external assessment will provide an opportunity to generate findings and recommendations that will allow both the CO and BCPR to identify a common and appropriate strategy /approach to the future of the CRMA as well as potential funding.

4. Scope and Objectives of the Evaluation

The proposed assessment /evaluation will focus on reviewing the following

Outcome/Output results achieved to data against expected results in initial project design;

- Relevance and integration of the CRMA into the UNDP CO's Programme;
- Identify supporting role CRMA can play in the CO Programme (e.g., State-building and Peace-building strategies, etc.)
- Relevance and Integration into Government priorities/strategies and budget;
- Assess complementarity of CRMA with other Donor funded programmes aimed at capacity building particularly at Provincial and County level;
- Identify Donor Interest in funding CRMA;
- Issues and challenges around sustainability;

5. Resources

A consultant will be recruited and deployed to Juba to undertake the TORs herein clarified. The consultant will undertake a desk review of the project prior to deployment. A period of 15 days is envisaged for this task.

6. Outputs/Deliverables:

- 1) Inception report based on the desk review report including consultant approach and outline
- 2) A Final Report will be produced by the consultant for discussion by the CO and BCPR. Comments will be incorporated and a final report produced within a week of the final comments.