

# UNDP Management Response Template

## Review of UNDP Programming in East Sudan, June 2015

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### Overall Comments:

The review of UNDP Programming in East Sudan focused on relevance of UNDP interventions to the needs and the local context, identifying the strength and weaknesses of programmes and interventions, based on previous evaluation reports and the assessment (impressions) of government officials, UNDP staff and views of CSOs and other development actors. The region experienced three noticeable demographic changes; a sharp decline in nomadic population (from 53% in 1956 to about 8% in 2008); a massive increase in the number of displaced persons; and a large and fast growth of urban population.

The environmental, economic and political changes have effectively shattered traditional coping strategies and undermined resilience mechanisms, especially in the pastoral and agro-pastoral sectors. Alternative means of survival include reliance on aid agencies, clearance of trees for firewood and charcoal production, and engaging in illegal activities, including smuggling and human trafficking.

The main recommendation derived from the reviews is that UNDP should work with other UN agencies to have a one UN umbrella plan for the east and seek partnerships in interventions at state levels. UNHCR and UN Women expressed strong interest in partnership with UNDP and IOM, which is not significantly present in the region, with its priority of migration, environment and climate change is a potential partner. FAO has also been recently involved in several livelihood projects, adopting a value chain approach with some success in Kassala state.

### Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 1:

UNDP should continue to work in eastern Sudan for combating poverty in urban areas, interventions should aim at (a) reducing youth unemployment through training and development of technical and business skills, formation of business groups, business grants or revolving fund soft loans, linkage to private sector (suppliers and wholesalers) and supporting internship programmes for graduates with NGOs, private sector and public

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institutions and (b) increasing access to credit (micro-finance) through organization, institutional support, awareness raising and training on small business management				
<b>Management Response:</b>  UNDP continues to work in the East using the framework of the Eastern Sudan review outcomes.				
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking	
			Status	Comments
1. Continue to support Kassala Sub-Office in anticipation for a full fledged project in East Sudan.	Jan-Dec 2016	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Social Affairs, Humanitarian Aid Commission, Partners NGOs	Ongoing	
2. Stabilization of livelihoods through creation of Youth employment in eastern Sudan project.	Jan 2016-April 2017	As above	Ongoing	
3. Using east Sudan Review Framework for preparing a proposal for funding by Korean, enhancing partnership.	Jan-Dec 2016	As above	Initiated	
<b>Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 2:</b> Governance and Rule of Law as one package remain an essential need and a comparative advantage for UNDP. The LDF, FGS and locality action plans, which have been commended by authorities in all three states, need to be consolidated on a cost-sharing basis but should be linked with the Federal level	Dec 2016	Rule of law and Human Rights Unit	Ongoing	UNDP supported the development of the Four Year State Strategic Plans which aligned to the Federal Framework and Guidelines of the National Strategic Planning Council in Sudan. Kassala and Red Sea States were supported to develop their plans using approaches that ensured capacity building, participatory planning and statistics generation. The planning process involved all relevant stakeholders at the level of each state to emphasize the local ownership and cost sharing.
<b>Management Response:</b> UNDP will endeavor to strengthening the capacity of civil servants at the state and locality level in east Sudan.				

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2.1 Training workshops for civil servants at state and locality levels	Dec 2016	UNDP; Ministries of Finance in Kassala, Red Sea, Gedarf and South Kordofan; High Council for Decentralization; National Council for Strategic Planning; State Ministry of Investment and Tourism; Government Secretariat; State Legislative Assemblies in the three States of Red Sea, Kassala and Gedaref, Civil Society Organization Network in Red Sea State	Ongoing	UNDP supported the development of the Four Year State Strategic Plans which aligned to the Federal Framework and Guidelines of the National Strategic Planning Council in Sudan. Kassala and Red Sea States were supported to develop their plans using approaches that ensured capacity building, participatory planning and statistics generation. The planning process involved all relevant stakeholders at the level of each state to emphasize the local ownership and cost sharing.
2.2 Technical support provided by expertise.	Dec 2016	As above	Ongoing	
<b>Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 3:</b> Environmental conservation and climate adaptation and resilience is a priority to address, is a concern for all international donors and is in line with most of the SDGs objectives. The key issues are climate change resilience, monitoring and management of natural resources and policy guidance and institutional development to conserve and rehabilitate degraded resources with the effective participation of concerned communities.				

<b>Management Response:</b> UNDP continues to work in eastern Sudan in addressing the key issues related to climate change adaptation through implementation of measures that enhance production and productivity in the agricultural sector and designing a programme to enhance access of communities including women, to microfinance and weather index-based insurance for resilience building.				
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3.1. Installed solar units for the digging wells, to enhance the water harvesting techniques for irrigation system and drinking water and increasing agricultural productivity.	Jan-Dec 2016	UNDP, HCENR, Ministry of Agriculture at state level	Ongoing	Besides, the Canada funding for climate change adaptation project, additional support was provided by the French Embassy to strengthen the project's activities in Gedarif state.
3.2. Introduction of women home/small farms that empower women' income for promoting food security and household income.	Jan-Dec 2016	UNDP, HCENR, Ministry of Agriculture at state level	Ongoing	Concluding in Gedarif State and starting in Kassala state.
3.3 Training on water harvesting techniques and income generating activities, and climate adaptation related measures.	Jan-Dec 2016	UNDP, HCENR, Ministry of Agriculture at state level	Ongoing	Concluding in Gedarif State and starting in Kassala state.

\* The implementation status is tracked in the ERC