

# UNDP Management Response Template

## External Evaluation of Joint Conflict Reduction Programme (JCRP) Phase II, Date: 31/05/2016

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### Overall Comments:

JCRP made significant progress towards **UNDAF/CPAP Outcome 7: "Government and civil society initiatives that promote social cohesion, peace consolidation and pluralism are strengthened"** and to the **UNDP Strategic Plan 2014-2017 Outcome 5: 'Countries are able to reduce the likelihood of conflict and lower the risk of natural disasters, including from climate change'**. Some of JCRP II's key achievements include: the continued support to capacity development of State-level Peacebuilding Mechanisms and community peacebuilders to support non-violent management of conflicts, including support to local peace processes. The capacities of Government and community mechanisms to lead peacebuilding initiatives, promote stability, inter-communal reconciliation and peaceful coexistence were enhanced.

Through JCRP II, experience-sharing and collaboration among peacebuilding stakeholders and initiatives across States were strengthened, including between academia, civil society, private sector, and community peacebuilders. The programme has since its inception managed to learn and adapt to the context, and continued to deliver tangible results in the targeted areas<sup>1</sup>. Key results include JCRP's achievement to reduce violent conflicts at the community level, particularly between farmers and pastoralist and amongst tribal groups through support to local peace and reconciliation processes, accompanied by technical support and provision of peace dividends through the IOM component. Additionally, increased awareness around peaceful coexistence and capacity development of key peace stakeholders have contributed to the development of an environment more conducive to peacebuilding and social cohesion. The evaluation also highlights that the mere presence of UNDP and IOM in these areas has had an impact in building trust and hope in the communities. Great progress has been achieved in developing capacities for peace across the target States, it would be important for the agencies and other partners to explore options to continue supporting some of the organisations and individuals to continue their work.

<b>Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 1:</b> Explore the incorporation of the peace dividend/hardware approach into other ongoing or planned programmes in other sectors, particularly in relation to stabilization and livelihoods, Demobilization Disarmament Reintegration (DDR), governance and rule of law, but also in relation to climate change and natural resource management in a balanced approach.				
<b>Management Response:</b> The evaluation recommendations were discussed in the project steering committee and in UNDP programme internal meetings as well as Peace building and Social Cohesion (PBSC) planning meetings. The below set actions are agreed upon				
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking	
			Status	Comments
1.1 Assess how other UNDP projects could use this entry point to promote social cohesion using the approach of combining peace dividend/hardware approach with peace and reconciliation components.	By July 2016?	Peace Building and Social Cohesion Unit (PBSC) through C2SP approach	On Track	
1.2 Through the Community Stabilization and Security Programme (C2SP) and Supporting Sudan Peace Structures (SSPS) activities continue to expand partnerships linking State-level Peacebuilding Mechanisms and Peace Ambassadors closely to the Community Management Committees (CMCs).	Jan-Dec 2016	Peace Building and Social Cohesion Unit (PBSC) through new C2SP approach	On Track	
1.3 Explore how JCRP lessons learned and partnerships can be linked to other existing initiatives, including IcSP projects but also other UNDP projects.	By Dec 2016	Peace Building and Social Cohesion Unit (PBSC)	On Track	
<b>Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 2:</b> Continue to explore all possible options to increase conflict sensitivity in programming and focus on support to the government linked bodies and individuals for peacebuilding programmes and others in conflict affected areas.		Peace Building and Social Cohesion Unit (PBSC)	On Track	

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2.1 Further promote outreach through the Sudan Peace Building Network, jointly facilitated by UNDP and PRI/UoK. Enhance outreach through the academic institutions and civil society organizations.	Jan-Dec 2016	Peace Building and Social Cohesion Unit (PBSC) through the SSPS PIP	On Track	
2.2 Use the development and roll-out of the Peacebuilding Manual to engage with a wide-range of stakeholders to include in future programming.	Jan-Dec 2016	Peace Building and Social Cohesion Unit (PBSC) through the SSPS PIP and UN Women	On Track	
2.3 Assessing levels of capacity and sustainability of the mechanisms supported by the programme, and particularly the state level peacebuilding mechanisms; and integrate in existing programs/projects	Jan-Dec 2016	Peace Building and Social Cohesion Unit (PBSC) through the SSPS PIP and UN Women	On Track	

\* The implementation status is tracked in the ERC.