

UNDP Management Response Plan (Updated Oct 2016)

End-of-Project Evaluation of the Sudan NAPA Follow-up Project: Implementing NAPA Priority Interventions to Build Resilience in the Agriculture and Water Sectors to the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change in Sudan

Commissioning Unit: Sudan
 Evaluation Plan: 2013-2016
 Evaluation Type: Project
 Completion Date: 04/2015
 Unit Responsible for providing Management Response: Sudan

Updated by: Min Htut Yin,
 Cleared by: Abdelrahman Ghandour
 Input into and update in ERC: Nadia Hamid

Team Leader – Environment and Energy Unit
 Position: DCD/Programme Division
 Position: Oversight & Support Division

Unit/Bureau: SDN/RBAS
 Unit/Bureau: SDN/RBAS
 Unit/Bureau: SDN/RBAS

Overall comments: The goal of the project was to contribute to reducing the vulnerability and to increasing the adaptive capacity of Sudan's agriculture sector to climate change impacts. In order to reach this goal, the Project implemented a set of adaptation-focused measures with vulnerable, poor small-scale farmers and pastoralists in four different regions in Sudan. The Project also included an emphasis on lessons learning, sustainability and up-scaling. However, the Project was implemented in a very challenging context – in ecological, political, economic and security terms.

Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 1: Extension system must be financially sustainable or they will stop functioning. Possible financial sustainability include using information technology, develop pioneer, Farmers and accurate measuring of costs and benefits, and then communicating this information to decision-makers.				
Management Response: Information technology will be used to convey extension messages to farmers through SMS; this is under way in North Kordofan state. 2. UNDP is now in process of developing a mobile phone based technology for data needs.				
Key Action(s)	Time	Responsible	Tracking*	

	Frame	Unit(s)	Status	Comments
1.1. Information technology will be used to convey extension messages to farmers through SMS; Use of a mobile phone based technology for data needs.	2015/09	HCENR, Technical Committees of the states	Ongoing.	
1.2 Using mobile phone & building farmers capacities	2015/09	UNDP, HCENR, Ministry of Agriculture at the state level.	Initiated	Addressed through training workshops, which is currently under the NAPA CIDA funded project.
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 2: The UNDP and HCENR for future projects: Experiment and innovative with measures to create extension systems that are financially sustainable in poor and remote areas				
Management Response: Using mobile based technology for knowledge transfer and Building the capacity of Pioneer Farmers to act as local extension agents, transferring knowledge to other farmers.				
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking	
			Status	Comments
2.1. Using mobile phone to access remote areas & building targeted farmers capacities	2015/09	UNDP, HCENR, Ministry of Agriculture at state level	Initiated	The coordinators and some members of the technical committees from the states were trained in TAMD and result based reporting. The state of NK is in the process of establishing extension centres that will serve aggregates of villages, with demonstration of best practices, knowledge transfer, etc. including adaptation technologies
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 3: Establish a thorough system to document changes at the site, to document all economic, social and environmental developments. This will include a clear description of the baseline. Project achievements and failures will be identified to create international standards best practices and lessons learned documentation.				
Management Response: A Base Line socioeconomic survey has been undertaken for all the villages in the add-on (CIDA supported) new project 2. A				

training is planned for the state coordinators in M & E in tracking adaptation and Measuring Development.				
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking	
			Status	Comments
3.1 Baseline survey & M&E training	2015/06	UNDP, HCENR	Completed	
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 4: The UNDP and HCENR: advocate for a national programme to address the problem of sand dune shifting				
Management Response: Dialogue with the National Desertification and Drought Control Unit (NDDU), Federal Ministry of Agriculture to support desertification control activities.				
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking	
			Status	Comments
4.1. Advocacy for a national programme to address problem of sand dune shifting.	2015/12	UNDP, HCENR	Initiated	Initiated, however a more a stronger partnership with researchers is underway. As the CIDA funds are limited, this action has been taken care of in the upcoming GCF project that is expected to start next year
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 5: The UNDP for future projects: establish project boards that are of a technological nature, able to fully master the technical aspects, but sufficiently high level to make decisions and follow them through.				
Management Response: The project boards should consist of technical rather than political member in future projects				
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking	
			Status	Comments
5.1. As the CIDA project is a continuation of the LDCF/GEF NAPA implementation project, the Project Board continued as it is, in the add on project.	2015 onwards	UNDP, HCENR	Ongoing	

* The implementation status is tracked in the ERC