



NOTE TO FILE

RE: Missing management response to the evaluation for the Strengthening Capacities for the Consensual and Sustainable Management of Land and Natural Resources (Phase III): Strengthening Capacities and Knowledge of Civil Society for the Consensual and Sustainable Management of Land and Natural Resources

This note has been prepared with reference to the evaluation for the Project Strengthening Capacities for the Consensual and Sustainable Management of Land and Natural Resources Phase III: Strengthening Capacities and Knowledge of Civil Society for the Consensual and Sustainable Management of Land and Natural Resources; Agreement number: IFS 2012/305-846 Coordinating Agency: UNDP, through the UN Interagency Framework Team for Preventive Action Project Partner: UNDP; UNEP; UN-Habitat; UN DESA; PBSO; IOM and DPA

It appears that the team responsible at the time for managing the programme did not duly file a management response upon receipt of the final evaluation report. The evaluation therefore is still outstanding in the UNDP Evaluation Resource Centre database.

The UN Interagency Framework Team for Preventive Action was disbanded in 2014, the Project Steering Committee is not in place any more, and the project manager left the organization hence the Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding team is not able to complete and file a management response. However, the table below provides elements of a management response to address key recommendations identified in the evaluation.

Based on consultation with the Independent Evaluation Office, this note is to record that the Crisis Bureau Management is aware of the missing management response. This note, and its Annex, serves in lieu of the management response for closing the outstanding evaluation in the UNDP Evaluation Resource Centre.

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Annex I – Elements of a management response

Recommendations

Response

a. Program/Project Design and Management

- Capacity-building (CB) for conflict prevention should not be delinked from the conflict reduction outcomes. Conversely, the design of conflict resolution projects should establish a clear link between CB and peace outcomes.
- Extend the projects for two years to enable the consolidation of the gains made, including acting for:

While the recommendations were generally accepted by the partnering agencies (namely UNEP, HABIAT and UNDP), the joint work was halted due to the closure of this project in 2014 and the recommendations were therefore not asthmatically addressed at that time.

UNEP, HABITAT and UNDP are however in the process of developing a new project 'EU - UN Partnership on Land, Natural Resources and Conflict Prevention in the Great Lakes region — Phase II: "Supporting responsible mining for conflict prevention and sustainable development'. The project proposal makes a clear link between the CB and peace outcomes in an elaborated ToC.

A system wide engagement lead by the UNHABITAT resulted in the SG Guidance Note on Land and Conflict development (to be published in 2019).

b. Thematic Recommendations

Environment

- Provide technical support to GLR governments in the harmonization of overlapping or inconsistent departmental jurisdictions, laws and regulations on the use of LNR (Uganda).
- Provide technical support to the government for the establishment and enforcement of requisite environmental and social impact studies in the mining licensing process,
- Provide financial and technical support for scaling up the Rubaya comprehensive project
 on ASM and the mitigation of environmental degradation across the GLR.
- Provide technical training to the CSO on the oversight and management of environmental protection rules and regulations,

Land and property rights

The recommendations—were accepted by the partnering agencies (namely UNEP, HABIAT and UNDP), however the joint work was halted due to the closure of this project in 2014 and the recommendations were therefore not asthmatically addressed at that time.

The three partnering agencies (UNEP, HABITAT and UNDP) are jointly working on follow up on this project and will approach the PBF and BU for financial support that would eventually allow for implementation of the recommendations to support

- i) up to four country governments in the region harmonization of the laws
- The ICGLR Secretariat in the implementation of the GLR National Action Plans for the domestication of the ICGLR protocol on Land and

- The EU-UN partnership should support the organization of the 6 NGO/CSO into a core network and CS platform on land and property rights, to be expanded gradually over time.
- The BU-UN partnership should provide additional capacity building support to the above land and property network to enable it to support the ICGLR Secretariat in the implementation of the GLR National Action Plans for the domestication of the ICGLR protocol on Land and Displacement after adoption by the upcoming ICGLR ministerial summit.
- The EU-UN Partnership Program should support the ICGLR Secretariat and the national coordination mechanisms in building technical capacity to address land and natural resources conflict issues, and land and property rights beginning with the 4 countries currently covered.

Poverty

The EU-UN Partnership should support the conduct of studies by the regional network of CSOs to produce a well-documented advocacy report for a pro-poor regulatory framework for the mining sector.

c. - Regional/ICGLR Recommendations

Trans-border conflicts

- The BU-UN partnership together with WB Great Lakes Conflict Facility, and within the framework of the Peace and Security Framework for the region, should encourage CSOs to share experiences, build transboundary networks
- The EU-UN Partnership should support the ICGLR Secretariat in the organization by GLR CSOs of a mapping of regional trans-boundary conflicts
- The EU-UN Partnership should support the GLR CSO together with ICGLR Secretariat to engage with the private sector and build a land and mining coordination group
- In the same vein, the EU-UN Partnership should provide support for the strengthening of

Displacement to support the conduct of studies by the regional network of CSOs to produce a well-documented advocacy report for a pro-poor regulatory framework for the mining sector.

The remaining partnering agencies are closely collaborating with the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), including active exchanges on the issues mentioned through the UN Strategic Framework for the GLR,

UNEP, UNHABITAT and UNDP support ICGLR through the new DEVCO project, supported by the Office of the Special Envoy of the SG to the GLR. (approved in 2018 for 10 million Euros, out of which 1.5 to the GLR Framework).

The CGLR protocol on Land and Displacement was adoption by the ICGLR ministerial summit in 2015, which was supported by the partnering agencies.

the conflict resolution mechanisms (The Mines Consultation Boards-MCB) established under the current 3rd phase, through the development of a legal framework of action, granting the MCB a legal status and a legally enforceable mandate.

Cooperation and collaboration with the ICGLR Secretariat;

- The EU UN Partnership should provide support for the Domestication of the ICGLR protocols, including the protocol against the illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources, the six special tools of the Regional Initiative against the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources in the Great Lakes Region (RINR)
- In relation to the upcoming ICGLR High level Ministerial meeting on land and property rights, the EU-UN partnership support should include:
 - ✓ An analysis of the status of the domestication of the protocol on protection of property rights for IDPs and refugees in each Member State to define a road map for further support to Member States.
 - An analysis and lessons learned from the ICGLR Member States' experiences and approaches on land management and property rights related to IDPs and Refugees.
 - Advocacy for a renewal by Member States of their commitment to take appropriate measures for the implementation of the international principles contained in the Protocol and develop cooperation mechanisms for the reintegration of IDPs/Refugees.
 - ✓ Put in place a follow-up and evaluation of mechanisms for monitoring progress in the implementation of the protocol.

The EU-UN partnership should also support the ICGLR Secretariat in the creation of a dedicated web-based information system to promote and facilitate communication