

UNDP Management Response Template
JOINT EVALUATION (UNDP AND UNICEF) FOR THE
SUSTAINABLE RETURNS AND PEACEBUILDING THROUGH DURABLE SOLUTIONS AND RULE OF LAW IN GOLO,
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Overall comments: This evaluation of the Sustainable Returns and Peacebuilding through Durable Solutions and Rule of Law in Golo PBF-funded project was undertaken following the conclusion of the project, to assess the project from the perspectives of impact, value, and challenges. The evaluation’s purpose is to consider the project’s overall added value to peacebuilding in the targeted region. The evaluation considers the project from conceptualization, through design, implementation, monitoring and conclusion. The primary audiences for the evaluation are UNDP, UNICEF, PBF, project partners (GoS, (I)NGOs, civil society, community leaders, etc.). These stakeholders and partners will use the evaluation findings to inform future peacebuilding projects in Golo (and perhaps in other regions of Sudan).

Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 1: Lack of “big picture” for partners				
Management Response: Nature a project-wide “cohort” for all partners				
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking*	
Description activities, then specifics as needed.			Status	Comments
1.1. Joint UNDP and UNICEF Thinking during the programme design and implementation.	December 2021	UNDP and UNICEF	Initiated	Since Golo Project ended, this is now being implemented in Darfur-wide PBF programme as a lessons learnt
1.2. UNDP and UNICEF to reinforce a broader project field visits monitoring and communications with all relevant IPs to enhance peacebuilding “big-picture” understanding.	December 2021	UNDP and UNICEF	Initiated	Since Golo Project ended, this is now being implemented in Darfur-wide PBF programme as a lessons learnt
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 2: Weak “Peace Building Identity” for Partners				
Management Response: Emphasize the peacebuilding aspects for all the activities				
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Description activities, then specifics as needed.			Status	Comments
December 2021	December 2021	UNDP and	Initiated	Since Golo Project ended, this is

2.1. UNDP and UNICEF to generate maximum value from the nexus of humanitarian, developmental and peacebuilding projects.		UNICEF		now being implemented in Darfur-wide PBF programme as a lesson learnt
2.2. UNICEF and UNDP can convene gatherings (virtual or in person, as restrictions allow) that allow for dialogue, storytelling and case-sharing about conflict and peace, and brainstorming about how these interventions can and do provide critical peacebuilding opportunities, can be a part of engaging partners in this critical aspect of the project.	December 2021	UNDP and UNICEF	Initiated	Since Golo Project ended, this is now being implemented in Darfur-wide PBF programme as a lesson learnt
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 3: Financial and Budgetary Issues				
Management Response: Create Business plans for Quality and Value				
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking	
			Status	Comments
Description activities, then specifics as needed. 3.1. UNDP and UNICEF to develop and use simple, relevant project implementation plans for all activities and to provide further capacity building for implementing partners (including in the private sector).	December 2021	UNDP and UNICEF	Initiated	Creating business plans for each activity is not practically possible considering the way the projects are structured. What's possible are implementation plans to ensure quality and value
3.2. UNDP and UNICEF should put in place mechanisms to both support contractors and partners, guarantee quality delivery, and provide effective follow-up.	December 2021	UNDP and UNICEF	Initiated	Since Golo Project ended, this is now being implemented in Darfur-wide PBF programme as a lessons learnt
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 4: Intergenerational and Gender-Norms-Related Tensions				
Management Response: Support Community-Based Dialogues				
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking	
			Status	Comments
Description activities, then specifics as needed. 4.1 UNDP and UNICEF should consider convening community-level dialogues on norms and values, to open constructive conversations within stakeholder communities regarding intergenerational tensions and gender norms	December 2021	UNDP and UNICEF	Initiated	Since Golo Project ended, this is now being implemented in Darfur-wide PBF programme as a lessons learnt

* The implementation status is tracked in the ERC.