

UNDP Management Response Template
Climate Risk Finance for Sustainable and Climate Resilient Rain-fed Farming and Pastoral Systems
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Overall comments: This Terminal Evaluation (TE) was carried out in collaboration with relevant implementing ministries with government, UNDP country office, project beneficiaries, and the project coordination team. It adopted the UNDP Evaluation Guidance for GEF Financed Projects to assess the level of achievement of the three stated project outcomes. The report articulates the level of attainment of the project objective in terms of number of farmers and pastoralists with access to microfinance and insurance products, and the level of commitment of the government to domestic climate finance targets. The TE at the end provides lessons and recommendations moving forward. Table 1 shows the TE rating table based on GEF criteria. The preferred solutions pursued were to improve national and decentralized capacities to provide timely forecasts and early warnings, as well as complementary micro-finance (MF) and weather based index insurance (WII) services to rainfed farmers and pastoralists to improve their ability to manage and adapt to climate risks.

Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 1: Institutional and technical capacity for climate observation, forecasting and early warning strengthened at national and local levels.				
Management Response: To have strong multi-stakeholders, HCNER to define specific roles and responsibilities for each partner, discuss and agree upon with each partner. Clarification of roles and responsibilities ensures that complementarities are built while avoiding overlaps, competition, and waste of resources;				
Key Action(s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Status	Comments
Description activities, then specifics as needed. 1.1. Ensure that project equipment supplies are done based on objective criteria accepted by stakeholders; ensure sophisticated equipment-like drones and EWS are provided with their accessories.	Jan – April 2021	HCENR	Completed	MOUs were signed with all stakeholders on the sustainable use of equipment
1.2 Build local capacity for maintenance and security of climate	Jan – April 2021	HCENR	Completed	Local staff trained

information infrastructure.				
1.3 Continue to secure and maintain collaboration with mobile telephone companies and local media agencies to disseminate climate information.	Dec 2021	HCENR	On-going	
1.4. Develop an inventory of project assets such as the iCloud server, drones, mobile-based application, the call centre, early warning unit equipment, and cars, and be prepared for the maintenance/transfer which to be clearly stated in the exit strategy.	April 2021	HCENR	Completed	Call center was cancelled
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 2: Residual climate risk to rural livelihoods in the states of greatest rainfall variability addressed through parametric insurance products				
Management Response: Agreed. Efforts will continue to support policy development related MF and institutions products				
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Description activities, then specifics as needed. 2.1. Scale up MF and insurance products beyond initial 3300 beneficiaries following validation of products by Supreme insurance authority and SHRIA council.				After the revolution and the political change, there is significant reforms in the overall economy and restructuring and improvement in the MF coverage and access which are expected to bring better chance for wide spread of MF accessibility
2.2. Continue sensitization and awareness creation amongst farmers and pastoralists on MF and climate insurance products and on climate resilience building to enhance adoption and buy-in.				
2.3. Continue to promote MF and climate risk finance amongst national MF and insurance companies.				
Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 3: Improved access of needy farmers and pastoralists to financial services for climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Status	Comments
Management Response: It is agreed to continue engagement with MF/insurance companies. Small farmers and pastoralists				

when engaged in the process of designing and implementing climate risk finance tools enhances buy-in and adoption of practices;				
Key Action(s):	Time Frame	Responsible Unit(s)	Tracking	
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Description activities, then specifics as needed. 3.1. Continue engagement with MF/insurance companies to adapt, refine and upscale climate risk finance products, targeting not only small farmers and pastoralists but also explore nomadic pastoralists;	Continuous	HCENR	On going	As part of the transitional arrangements in Sudan, HCNER is strengthening the environmental institutions at state level effectively play their role in creating awareness and capacities at local levels (Supported by UNDP GEF CCCD and the NAP Readiness Preparation Projects)
3.2. Facilitate experience sharing between MF and insurance companies to share lessons and best practices;	Continuous	HCENR	On going	As in point 3.1. above and other Donor funded on going and planned adaptation Projects
3.3. Organise, centralise and promote lessons learned on best agricultural/pastoral practices via written and video reports and other means/tools;	Continuous	HCENR	On going	Successes are being promoted through the all-new projects in the HCENR such as UNDP GEF CCCD and the NAP Readiness Preparation and the GCF UNDP/HCENR Adaptation Projects)
3.5. Regularly monitor legal framework for MF/WII to ensure it continuously responds to the emerging needs of small farmers and pastoralists.	Continuous	HCENR	On going	HCENR as environment and GEF/GCF operational focal point continue to promote the MF/WII model through all relevant project and processes

* The implementation status is tracked in the ERC.