

NOTE TO FILE

RE: Missing management response to the terminal evaluation for the project “Programme National de volontariat en Mauritanie (PNVM)”.

This note has been prepared with reference to the terminal evaluation for the project “Programme National de volontariat en Mauritanie” (PNVM). The referenced evaluation was completed in December 2017. 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.

Noting that there have been several changes of team both in UNDP CO and UNV and that the relevant project managers have since left the organization with consequent loss of institutional memory, the UNV Regional Office for West and Central Africa (ROWCA) is not in a position to complete and file such management response post-facto. Nevertheless, the attached table (Annex I) provides the elements of a management response to address key recommendations identified in the evaluation.

Based on consultation with the Evaluation Focal Point in UNV HQ, this note is to record that UNV ROWCA is aware of the missing management response. This note and its Annex serves in lieu of the management response for the purpose of closing the outstanding evaluation in the UNDP Evaluation Resource Centre.

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Annex I – Elements of a management response

2017 Recommendations	Response
Relevance	
<p>Ensure that the objectives and expected results of the future PNVM are consistent with the priorities of the PRSP and SCAPP, the strategic areas of the UNDAF and the SDGs.</p> <p>Ensure also the most relevant national counterpart is engager (National part: Ministry of Youth and Sports).</p>	<p>Clear guidelines were proposed for any new project development that implies a concrete partnership with another UN agency and a clear alignment with SDGs.</p> <p>Any new UNV programmatic engagement would therefore be aligned with the SDGs and the UNSDCF.</p> <p>For the case of Mauritania, UNV and UNDP will hold new discussions on volunteering with the Ministry of Youth and Sports</p>
Effectiveness	
<p>Ensure that the institutional framework of the future PNVM is inclusive and adapted to the needs of the various actors concerned. (National part: Ministry of Youth and Sports).</p>	<p>For the case of Mauritania, UNV and UNDP will hold new discussions on volunteering with the Ministry of Youth and Sports</p>
<p>Pursue advocacy efforts with the Government not only in favor of the institutionalization of the future PNVM and its appropriation by the national party. (UNDP).</p>	<p>Discussion continues with the government, UNDP and UNV especially as they still want to implement their “watanaou” strategy which aims to engage youth to participate in and contribute to the national development policies.</p>
<p>Continue to get involved in financing the institutionalization process of the future PNVM. (UNDP, UNV and France Volontaires).</p>	<p>UNV and UNDP agreed not to continue any financial commitment under the current PNVM setup. Before any financial support could be considered, the new project design would need to be reviewed together with the new stakeholders involved and with stronger engagement of the government</p>
Efficiency	
<p>Involve all the players concerned by the issue of volunteering, including technical ministries, in the preparation of the Prodoc for the future PNVM and ensure its ownership by them.</p>	<p>There will be a stronger consultation and collaboration in support to any new project design that involves all the relevant stakeholders</p>
<p>Implement the strategy for mobilizing additional resources developed in 2016 if the duration of the project is extended.</p>	<p>There will be no project extension. There will neither be a stronger resource mobilization strategy. UNV will not engage as the main financial support anymore. It will be ensured that other funding sources are available in case of any new engagement on a VI project in Mauritania.</p>
Impact	
<p>Continue advocacy efforts with the national side so that the Prodoc of the future PNVM is the result of a vast participatory process. (UNDP).</p>	<p>In case a new project design is being developed, there would be a stronger consultation and collaboration involving all relevant stakeholders</p>

Sustainability	
Put in place strategies to ensure the sustainability of the project, for example, by including the project in the next national finance laws, by involving more the different categories of actors in its implementation and by mobilizing a greater number of technical and financial partners. (National part: Ministry of Youth and Sports).	UNV will work with partners in ensuring that any new VI project will have a strong institutional component and a stronger ownership. A clear capacity building mechanism will be defined with clear competencies transfer.”
Always plan for a withdrawal plan and the time necessary to ensure the sustainability of the gains. (UNDP and UNV).	UNV will work with partners in ensuring that any new VI project will be built around strong government ownership and capacity building approaches.