

UNDP Southern Sudan Monthly Programme & Project Update Report



For the period 1 – 31 December 2009

Section 1: General Programme Highlights & Updates

- Under the Support to Economic Planning Project, the Draft 2010 Budget Book and Budget Speech was presented to the Assembly.
- 2010 planning and budgeting is ongoing in all 10 states with the State Budget Sector Working Groups. In Eastern and Central Equatoria States, draft plans and budgets have been finalized and discussed by the Council of Ministers. Drafts are almost complete in the other remaining states.
- On 14-15 December, the 2nd Leadership Conference of the Southern Sudan Police Service took place with the Police Commissioners Senior Management from the 10 states as well as from the Police Headquarters in Juba.
- Led by the Deputy Governor and Acting Governor Human Rights Day celebrations took place on 10 December, in Rumbek supported by the Access to Justice Project. The day marked the 61st Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- 78 DDR participants (54% male and 46% female) received reintegration training assistance from JICA through 5 local partner NGOs in Central Equatoria. The participants were trained in areas including: food processing, catering services, building construction, metal fabrication, carpentry and tailoring.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) and the Bank of South Sudan (BoSS), supported by UNDP, held a microfinance policy formulation workshop from 15-17 December in Juba. The workshop brought together participants from the microfinance industry in government, NGO and donor community.

Section 2: UNDP Project Updates

2.1 Democratic Governance Unit

1. Key activities carried out in the reporting period

Local Government Recovery Project (LGRP)

- County planning and budgeting for 2010 continued in December in five of the ten states. The preparation of integrated, user-friendly guidelines for 2011 county planning and guidelines is underway.
- The Local Government Board (LGB) and the Project Team visited Western Bahl El Ghazar, Northern Bahl El Ghazar and Warrap to (i) update the State Ministries of Local Government and Law Enforcement (SMoLGs) on project progress and plan, (ii) identify gaps in county planning & budgeting processes and provide advice, (iii) stock-take organizational development and challenges at the counties, (iv) conduct fact-finding on local revenue collection and financial management and (v) deliver new project vehicles to two states.
- Staff recruitment for 25 posts, including 22 for the state offices, is ongoing.

Support to the States Project (SSP)

- From 14–23 December, a joint team of Warrap State, SSP and LGRP staff conducted field trips to the counties in the state to assist counties finalize their annual work-plans and budgets.
- Budget Sector Working Groups planning and budgeting meetings continued in all 10 states. Eastern and

Central States have already had their draft annual work-plan and budget for 2010 discussed by the Council of Ministers.

- The Planning Directorate of the State Ministry of Finance in Bentiu finalized the 2010 Annual Workplan and budget in order to present it to the Council of Ministers for approval in mid January.
- Review of the state draft strategic plan in preparation for submission to the State Planning Development Committee by mid January 2010 continued in Upper Nile State Malakal.
- Facilitation and backstopping of SRF activities by Development Planning Specialists continued in Jonglei, and Lakes States.
- An assessment of urban management needs and a discussion with the State Ministry of Physical Infrastructure officials on the way forward was conducted in Jonglei and Northern Bahr el Ghazal. A concept paper on urban land management policy for Jonglei State was prepared and a workshop is being organized to discuss this paper which will lay the background for a land management policy by the state.
- A social survey was conducted in Maper Okut settlement (Aweil) to determine the social service delivery needs for the newly relocated families that have been moved from Zira because of slum upgrading.
- Urban Management Planning Specialists provided technical support and guidance to States Ministry of Physical Infrastructure in 4 states; recruitment of more Urban Management Specialists is ongoing.

Good Governance and Equity in Political Participation Project

- The Project operationally closed in July 2009 and is undergoing financial closure.

Support to the Presidency Project

- Supported a Symposium on Post –Referendum Issues organized by the Office of the President.
- Completed evaluation of bids for procurement of communications equipment and prefabricated offices.
- Submitted terms of reference for training of Communications and Public Relations staff to Procurement Unit to be advertised.

Support to Elections Project

- A judiciary workshop was organized on orienting judges on “Objections to the Electoral Register”, which included detailed sessions on challenges and exhibitions.
- UNDP continued to engage the Southern Sudan Elections High Committee (SSHC) offering technical, procurement, logistical and capacity development.
- Proposals for a Small Grants Scheme for civil society entities were received and reviewed by a committee in the South consisting of UNDP, IOM and SSHC. A total of 26 organizations were recommended for the small grants for the South. Also innovative grant proposals were advertised.
- UNDP supported the training of trainers for political parties agent trainings in Juba. Representatives of all parties participated from all states.
- Discussions were held with the Carter Centre regarding the work plan for implementing their programme.
- The revised project document was signed between UNDP, NEC and donors for \$91m for the basket fund.
- A Letter of Agreement was signed between UNDP and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to have radio and TV programs across Southern Sudan. An LoA was also signed between UNDP and UNOPS for erection and civil works of rub halls and provision of containers in the states to provide storage facilities for election materials.
- First tranche of funds was disbursed to UNPOL for conducting election security trainings. Trainings were provided to over 2,000 trainees over the last quarter.

Support to the Southern Sudan Reconstruction and Development Fund

- SSRDF teams visited Eastern Equatoria, Warrap, and Lakes States from 17-23 December and met with Director Generals, Implementing Partners of SRF Projects, and the Chairperson of the State Steering Committee. The objectives of the trip were to identify development needs, assess progress of

implementation of SRF funded projects, check the composition of the Local State Steering Committee, and identify challenges.

- Furniture for SSRDF Commission was delivered.

Institutional Support to the Judiciary of Southern Sudan Project

- Renovation of the Judge's residence in Malakal was completed and will be handed over to the Judiciary.
- Renovation of the High Court in Yambio reached 85% completion.
- Building materials for the renovation of the Raja court building have not been transported to Raja due to the collapsed bridge over the River Jur in Wau. Arrangements for transportation to Raja by road is ongoing.
- Procurement of equipment and furniture ongoing.

Promoting Access to Justice Project

- Aweil – Northern Bahr el Ghazal State: A training of 33 Prison Warders from Aweil Central Prison took place from 3-4 December on: administration and management of the prisons, rights of the prisoner and the Bill of Rights in the Interim Constitution of Southern Sudan, 2005.
- Bentiu – Unity State: The CBO Unity States Human Rights Education Forum, supported through the Assisting Communities Together grants, conducted a human rights rally on 8 December.
- Rumbek – Lakes State: The 4th Rule of Law Forum was held on 3 December. In addition, a training for the traditional authorities (Sultans) and Customary Judges of Rumbek Central, Rumbek West and Rumbek North Counties was held from 8-9 December.
- Wau – Western Bahr el Ghazal State: An introductory meeting with traditional authorities was conducted on 11 December.
- Juba – Central Equatoria State: Support continued to the Juba Justice and Confidence Centre including client-support training and weekly coaching of members of the Rule of Law Promoters Association; Support was provided for the construction of a customary court in Morobo County.
- Torit – Eastern Equatoria State: Supported the Women's Association in Eastern Equatoria and the State Advisor for Gender and Human Rights in the organization of the International Human Rights Day; conducted a consultative meeting with customary court judges and community elders on 2 December; a training organized by Youth Association in Eastern Equatoria State was conducted on the Bills of Rights in the ICSS and access to justice.
- Procurement ongoing for IT equipment and furniture to support the decentralization of the South Sudan Human Rights Commission.

Institutional Support to Police and Prisons Services Project

- On 16 December, the MDTF Oversight Committee approved \$20 million USD for the Project.
- The second batch comprising of 30 Prisons Officers for the Training of Trainers for Incident Management and Prisons Security commenced a two-week training conducted by UNMIS Correction Officers.
- The Police and Prisons Services Project Senior Advisor presented at the recently concluded government workshop (attended by the President of Southern Sudan, and senior GoSS and state officials) on the "Way Forward After 2011". Lessons learnt from the workshop were discussed and shared in a senior management meeting at police headquarters.
- Senior Officials from the Ministry of Interior travelled to Ethiopia to sign bilateral training arrangements for the Southern Sudan Police Service (SSPS).
- Technical and financial evaluation was completed for 9 compliant Interest to Bids (ITBs) for the construction/rehabilitation of Juba Prison, Bor Prison, Wau Prison, Rumbek Prison Clinic, Aweil Police HQ and Training Centre, Police Stations in Maker Payam, Wanjok County, Lui Payam, and Kenyi Payam. 9 non-compliant bids were re-advertised for construction/rehabilitation of Yambio Prison, and Malakal Prison, police facilities such as the rub hall in Bor and Kwajok, and police stations in Pochalla and Tombura Counties.

- Tenders were advertised for furnishing Bor Central Prisons (as requested by the Governor of Jonglei State) as the existing Bor Prison is overcrowded.
- Procurement ongoing for training materials, equipment and furniture for the following activities aimed at strengthening the Southern Sudan Police Service: (1) Personnel Registration Database; (2) Logistics and Asset Management, and (3) Community Policing.
- Procurement ongoing for 5 sewage trucks to be used for emptying septic tanks at prisons in Southern Sudan. The trucks are expected to be delivered in early 2010.

Institutional Support to the Ministry of Legal Affairs & Constitutional Development (MoLACD) Project

- Final Narrative and Financial Report on European Commission funding in support of Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) Dissemination Activities was submitted to the EC Office in Khartoum.
- Interim Narrative and Financial Report on DFAIT funding in Support of MoLACD Project, Judiciary Project, and Access to Justice Project submitted on 15 December.
- The Librarian/Documentalist finalized the preparation of the training manual and presented it during the MoLACD/Advisors meeting on 4 December.
- The Partner's coordination meeting composed of UNDP, Bearing Point, IDLO, World Bank, US State Department, RCN and the EC and chaired by the Under Secretary to foster effective collaboration, held bi-weekly at the MoLACD HQ.
- The final report on customary law strategy development was submitted.
- Constitutions of Western, Eastern and Central Equatoria, Warrap, Unity, Upper Nile and Jonglei States were sent for printing. The Constitution of Western Bahr el Ghazal will be undergoing proof reading before it is sent for printing.
- Computer skills training for 20 legal counselors and 10 support staff was completed and certificates awarded in graduation ceremony attended by the Undersecretary of MoLACD.

2. Key activities planned for the next period

Local Government Recovery Project

- Preparation of rationalized and integrated guidelines as well as a roll-out strategy paper for 2011 county planning and budgeting.
- Strategizing for the Commissioners' Forums in the ten States for 2010.
- Preparation of international consultancies for planning & budgeting, local government accountability guidelines and clarification and improvement of local government tax/rate system.
- Collection and analysis of surveys on local revenue collection and potential.
- Finalization of the concept note and Terms of Reference for a study tour.
- Completion of the recruitment of vacant posts.

Support to the States Project

- Completion of the States' Annual Plans and Budget for 2010 and supporting their tabling in the state legislative assemblies.
- One day workshop for taxation officers and state accountants on taxation rules and A/C regulations in Warrap, and Northern Bahr el Ghazal States.
- Evaluation of the Project (Phase II).
- Technical monitoring visits to the states.
- Recruitment of the Finance and Administration Officer as well as Program Associate for the Project.
- Continue mentoring and coaching of the State Budget Sector Working Groups and State Ministry of Finance officials in planning and budgeting in all the 10 states.

- Presentation of the draft annual budgets and plans for 2010 to the Council of Ministers and State Legislative Assemblies in various states.
- Support the resettlement of people from the slum areas in Juba which are to be upgraded.
- Workshop on state and county integrated revenue collection in Aweil, Northern Bahr el Ghazal State.
- Training members of the Accountability and Economic Planning Committee of the Eastern Equatoria State Legislative Assembly in their budget oversight functions.

Good Governance and Equity and Political Participation (GGEPP)

- Financially close the Project.

Support to Presidency Project

- Convene Project Technical Committee Meeting.
- Support development of Terms of Reference for a communications professional to develop a web site for the Office of the President.
- Support development of Terms of Reference for English Language Training of staff of the Office of the President.
- Support implementation of Communications Strategy.
- Support establishment of Southern Sudan Referendum Task Force.

Support to Elections Project

- The activities of the Small, Innovative and Medium Grantees for conducting civic and voter education for the election period will commence.
- Start programmes for the Southern Sudan Radio and TV on elections-related issues, activities and procedures. There will be a weekly 1-hour program in this regard.
- Finalize the operational arrangement for disbursement of funds with UNMIS for training of security personnel in partnership with UNPOL.
- Develop the process for conflict mitigation grants award, advertise the grants and select grantees.
- Develop the final implementation strategy with the North Team through a planning meeting in Khartoum.
- Finalize the training strategy for polling officials and launch implementation.
- Sign Letter of Agreement with IOM for logistics for workshops, forums, round tables, trainings, etc.
- Develop the logistics plan for the election materials and its distribution.
- Develop the civic and voter education strategy for the conduct of the campaign.

Support to Southern Sudan Reconstruction and Development Fund

- Delivery of IT equipments, and vehicle.
- Finalize 2010 Annual Work-plan.
- Finalize Annual Project Report for SSRDF.
- SSRDF to hold a Project Board Meeting.
- Recruitment of Project Manager.
- Develop Terms of Reference for a Consultant to conduct a strategic plan for SSRDF.

Institutional Support to Judiciary of Southern Sudan Project

- Resumption of construction/ renovation work in Raja for the Judges court house and offices
- Renovation work in Yambio of the High Court building (with additional cell/holding facilities). 85% of the work is completed. Work to be fully completed in February 2009.

Promoting Access to Justice Project

- Training on the conflicts resolution in issues related to lands disputes.
- Training for the Crime Investigators jointly with UNPOL.
- Training for returnees, local chiefs/traditional authorities on the CPA, Interim Constitution of Southern Sudan (ICSS), Local Government Act, access to justice and human rights.
- Training for 30 women and youth on human rights and Access to justice in the Counties of Duk/Pochalla County.
- Trainings to strengthen the capacity of law institutions regarding issues related to CPA dissemination and ICSS.

Institutional Support to Police and Prisons Services

- Coordinate efforts to implement the new Police Act.
- Support Basic Police training, after the passing of the basic training curriculum.
- Plan for training of the 5 legal officers of the Legal Desk at the Ministry/Police HQ at the Law Development Centre Kampala.
- Support Police and Prisons Services in development of three year strategic plan 2010-2012.
- Continue procurement for training materials, equipment and furniture for the following activities aimed at strengthening the Southern Sudan Police Service: (1) Personnel Registration Database; (2) Logistics and Asset Management, and (3) Community Policing.
- The three months training for 105 police officers including women at 9 locations in Southern Sudan facilitated by UNMIS Police has been approved and the training shall commence from 11 January.
- Continue rehabilitation works at Lologo Prisons Training Center (Juba), with UNDP providing technical advice and the Southern Sudan Prisons Service providing the labour.
- Procurement of training equipment for the Phase-II of the Training of Trainers for Incident Management and Prisons Security.

Institutional Support to the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development (MoLACD) Project

- Librarian/Documentalist Consultant to submit the final training report on training MoLACD national librarians.
- The newly constructed and furnished Law Library at MoLACD HQ to be handed over to MoLACD administration.
- Customary law study tour for MoLACD, Judiciary of Southern Sudan, Local Government Board and traditional chiefs to Mozambique and Lesotho.
- Printing of 7 States constitutions.
- ICT equipment for the Law Library to be received.
- The recruitment to be completed for a supervising engineer for the construction of a customary law research center at Rumbek, Lakes State.
- ICT training outside for one support staff of MoLACD.
- Legal Aid Unit to be formed within the Directorate of Contracts, Legal Aid, International Conventions and Treaties for training purposes.
- Identification of an international management training institute for training MoLACD counsel generals in management.

Section 2: UNDP Project Updates

2.2 Crisis Prevention and Recovery Unit

1. Key activities carried out in the reporting period

Public Works Programme Component of the Rapid Impact Emergency Project

- Project operationally closed. Financial closure ongoing.

Community Security and Arms Control (CSAC) Project

- Confirmation of final locations ongoing for the county infrastructure and police posts construction.
- Construction began at one Police Post in Jonglei between Bor and Pibor.
- The state consultation process initial meeting with the Governor, Deputy Governor and County Commissioners was held on 14-15 December. The meeting discussed the ongoing conflict and provided the state and county officials with details of the CSAC project.
- The fleet management plan for the support to Rule of Law institutions for Bor County was completed and endorsed by the Governor of Jonglei State.
- The Local Steering Committee approved the modified Small Communications Posts design which is ready for implementation.
- Recruitment is being finalized for the Operations Manager and Programme Field Coordinator to be stationed in Bor.
- Completion of projects in all counties in Jonglei is ongoing.
- Completed the Lakes State County Consultation process on 5 December in Rumbek, in support of the SRF Phase 3 Stabilization programme planning.
- The technical advisor for the Community Security and Small Arms Control Bureau attended a conference for Eastern and Southern African countries on the Promotion of Discussions on Arms Control on 18-19 December in Ethiopia.

Crisis Recovery Mapping and Analysis Project

- There were no substantive activities during the reporting period due to the December holiday season.

Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) Programme

- Counseling and food distribution for DDR participants in Lakes, Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria, Northern Bahr El Ghazal, Western Bahr El Ghazal, Warrap and Jonglei continued. As of December, 2009 2,939 ex-combatants and special needs group were demobilized and out of those 1,878 have received counseling and food.
- A Letter of Agreement was signed with FAO to provide reintegration packages to 313 DDR participants in Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria and Lakes. The focus will be on agriculture.
- A 3-day planning retreat was held for 57 SSDDRC (Southern Sudan DDR Commission) staff and DDR caseworkers. At the retreat, state by state Annual Work Plans were prepared.
- A 2-day reintegration training and a reintegration debriefing training was held for SSDDRC staff.
- 78 DDR participants received reintegration training assistance from JICA through 5 local partner NGOs in Central Equatoria. The training areas were: food processing, catering services, building construction, metal fabrication, carpentry and tailoring.
- M&E Strategy for the Sudan DDR Programme drafted.

Mine Action Capacity Development Project

- All members of the Operations Directorate completed field attachments with mine action operators, and gained skills in the following areas: manual demining, mechanical demining, survey, land-release, and explosive ordnance disposal.
- The Cranfield University Quality Management course began development, and the UNDP technical advisor participated in a materials development work-shop in Nairobi. The course is designed to raise the

competency of states inspectors and other personnel working in minefield quality assurance in critically engaging with the National Technical Standards and Guidelines.

- The Southern Sudan Demining Commission (SSDC) completed a draft, psychosocial survey questionnaire for a UNDP-funded victim assistance survey being implemented by the SSDC. The questionnaire will be shared with members of the Victim Assistance and Disability Working Group, before being field tested and incorporated into a survey planned for early-2010.

Recovery and Rehabilitation Programme

- Policy Review Committee (PRC) approved contingency funds to Central Equatoria and payment of contingency funds to the Warrap RRP Project is in its final stage. The last installment to the RRP Project in Northern Bahr El Ghazal State was disbursed.
- On-going collection and consolidation of Quarter 14 progress report.
- Held project meetings and discussions on the process and procedures of project closing with the Local Government Authorities in Eastern Equatoria State. Major issues discussed include review of processes and requirements of assets hand over, project closing deadline and activities during the closing period (final audit, final evaluation, and final project report).
- Conducted a field visit with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning to RRP's project in Eastern Equatoria to the audit project assets list and appraise recommendations for their disposal, and collect lessons learned and challenges of the implementation.
- Warrap and Eastern Equatoria RRP Project continue to provide beneficiaries with agricultural tools, skills needed to expand incomes and increase productivity through agricultural extension, training of veterinarians, and handicrafts and business skills training activities.

Sudan Recovery Fund

Sudan Recovery Fund (SRF) Round I

- The SRF Technical Secretariat and UNDP agreed to plan two field visits to Stromme Foundation and Save the Children in Jonglei State.

SRF Round II (Small Grant Window)

- All eligible applications (81) have been verified on the ground.
- UNDP assisted Southern Sudan Reconstruction and Development Fund and BRAC to organize weekly technical meetings and Review Committee meetings.
- Selection of successful applicants was completed: 56 CBOs/NGOs are ready to be submitted to IMAC and the SRF Steering Committee for the approval of the grants.
- The 2nd Brief to the SRF Steering Committee was completed.

Protected Area Network Management and Capacity Building in Post-Conflict Southern Sudan Project (pipeline)

- Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) initiated implementation of the Project Preparation Grant in cooperation with the Ministry of Wildlife Conservation and Tourism.
- A task force was formed including with 3 senior officers from the Ministry of Wildlife Conservation and Tourism to take the lead in the project development in collaboration with WCS and UNDP. A steering committee including the Undersecretary of the Ministry, WCS and UNDP, and the task force members was also formed and met in early December to review progress.
- Consultations were held with various stakeholders and GoSS authorities in Juba, Bor, and Rumbek regarding the project development and priorities for interventions.

2. Key activities planned for the next period
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Public Works Programme Component of the Rapid Impact Emergency Project

- Complete financial project closure process.

Community Security and Arms Control Project

- County consultation processes to begin in Eastern Equatoria in Mid January.
- Support of SRF Technical Secretariat with a consultation process in Lakes as a follow up to the December process.
- Begin planning for the start of the consultation process in Upper Nile.
- The new Project Manager to start.

Crisis Recovery Mapping and Analysis (CRMA) Project

- Engagement with the UN Country Team for the subsequent initiation of the information management and sharing platform among various UN agencies i.e the Information Management Working Group (IMWG).
- Engagement with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning Aid Coordination Team to identify critical minimum information requirements for support to Budget Sector Working Groups.
- Completion and dissemination of Unity and Northern Bahar el Ghazal States Arkreader packages.
- Completion and dissemination of preliminary state level mapping reports for Northern Bahar el Ghazal and Unity States.
- Resumption of contact with Eastern Equatoria State Government on execution of state presentation level mapping workshop.
- Initiation of CRMA staffing recruitment process.

Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Programme

- Letter of Agreement with GTZ and Stromme Foundation to be signed for the implementation of the economic reintegration packages for the Sudan DDR Programme.
- 2-day workshop to be held in Khartoum to finalize the M&E Strategy for the Sudan DDR Programme and its different tools and methods.
- Conduct technical and financial evaluation of the 2nd round of Requests For Proposals for selection of Implementing Partners.
- Prepare and finalize training modules on gender.

Mine Action Capacity Development Project

- 2 Technical Advisors from Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) are due to arrive at the Southern Sudan Demining Commission (SSDC) to assist in developing the technical capacities of the Operations Department and the Information Management component of the Commission.
- An evaluation of the training attachments conducted in 2009 will be carried out to assess the effectiveness of the training programme, and assess the new levels of competency of SSDC staff. Based on the results, further training attachments may be undertaken.
- UNDP to shift focus away from the SSDC Operations Department towards the SSDC Programme Section, to include Mine Risk Education and Victim Assistance. Work will include supporting the development of work-plans for these departments.
- The Cranfield University quality management course will commence on 18 January in Nairobi for six days with participants from SSDC and the Northern National Mine Action Centre in Khartoum.
- A Level III Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) course will begin at the end of January. The course is designed to improve the skills of more advanced EOD operators from across the mine action programme. The course will be delivered by Danish Demining Group (DDG), supported by NPA. UNDP will work to support the participation of SSDC personnel.
- A monthly operations meeting is due to be instituted in addition to the programme meetings that are run for the programme as a whole. The operations meeting will address operational issues and give the SSDC greater oversight of on-going mine action operations.

Recovery and Rehabilitation Programme (RRP)

- Disbursement of the approved contingency funds to the RRP Project in Warrab State (Gogrial East County) and Upper Nile State counties of Renk, Melut and Maban.
- Conduct field visit to 1 of the 5 RRP Projects in Southern Sudan. The choice of the project will be determined by project issues that may surface in the Quarter 14 analysis. Assets hand over, ownership of the existing outputs by government counterparts, sustainability, and closing of the project will be included in the agenda of the field visit.
- Continue technical backstopping and guidance to implementing partners as required, and follow-up on project issues with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and other government counterparts.
- Finalization of Quarter 14 Report and distribution to Policy Review Committee and other RRP stakeholders.
- Continued lessons learned and experience documentation and collection.
- On-going reminder of the 5 consortia through formal and informal correspondences to implement outstanding closing activities for their respective projects.

Sudan Recovery Fund

Sudan Recovery Fund (SRF) Round I

- Collection and feedback of quarterly reports (4th quarter).
- Finalize field monitoring plan.

SRF Round II (Small Grant Window)

- Prepare global presentation on small grants recipients screening process for the next SRF Steering Committee.
- Draft grants disbursement plan.
- Assist BRAC in organizing weekly technical meetings.

Protected Area Network Management and Capacity Building in Post-Conflict Southern Sudan Project (pipeline)

- Continue developing the project document.
- Preparations for a stakeholder workshop in March to review the project framework.

Section 3: UNDP Project Updates

2.3 Poverty Reduction and Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Unit

1. Key activities carried out in the reporting period

Support to Economic Planning Project

- Presentation of the Draft 2010 Budget Book and Budget Speech to the Assembly.
- Quarterly GoSS- Donor Forum meeting conducted.
- Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MoFEP) and Ministry of Regional Cooperation senior staff training on the Aid Management Information System in Dakar, Senegal.
- Study tour to the Ugandan National Bureau of Statistics by Southern Sudan Centre for Census and Statistics Evaluation senior officials in Kampala, Uganda.
- Finalization of Draft Issues Paper for Southern Sudan for the International Dialogue on Peace and State Building.
- Support to the development of the 2010 Appropriation Act and the draft State Appropriation Acts.

- Support to MoFEP in finalizing the GoSS Growth Strategy.
- Contribute to MoFEP planning for the 2010 strategic planning process.
- Workshop for State Ministers of Finance and other State officials on 2010 budget preparations, including the allocation formulae for GoSS grants to States.
- Finalization of evaluation of the bids for the Aid Information Management System and contract preparation underway.
- Interviews and selection of positions under the Directorate of Economic Planning.
- In-house on-the job training in computation of CPI weights using National Baseline Household Survey (NBHS) data and in estimating Final Household Consumption and GCF.
- Discussions held with the poverty expert of the consumption aggregate from the NBHS/Poverty Survey and the form the poverty estimates report, including the incidence of poverty (P0), poverty gap (P1) and severity of poverty (P2). The draft report was presented and circulated internally for final comments.

Capacity Development for Inclusive Finance & Private Sector Development

- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) and the Bank of South Sudan (BoSS), supported by UNDP, held a microfinance policy formulation workshop 15-17 December in Juba with participants from the microfinance industry from GoSS, NGOs and the donor community.
- UNCDF has been providing microfinance funding to select retailers in South Sudan. The funding was extended to BRAC and Sudan Microfinance Institution (SUMI). UNDP provided the needed technical and administrative backstopping for payments to SUMI.
- A project for Building an Inclusive Finance Sector in Southern Sudan - developed with UNCDF - was endorsed by the Local Project Appraisal Committee on 15 December.
- The draft project document for the Integrated Framework for Trade Related Assistance to Least Developed Countries (IF) was presented to MoCI and consultations with counterparts on improving the draft project document have been ongoing.
- Supported the participation of GoSS officials in the National Steering Committee (NSC) meeting of the IF in Khartoum on 17 December.

Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM)

Round 2 TB Grant

- The grant close out plan was shared with the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM).
- Discussions were held with Sub Recipients on the close out plan and sustainability of the programme. Sub Recipients will develop a document describing the phase out strategies.
- A programme evaluation was conducted for Malteser International and Coordinamento Delle Organizzazioni per il Servizio Volontario (COSV) to assess the capacity of these Sub Recipients to take on additional activities from the Round 7 TB Programme.
- The Principal Recipient finalized the preparation to conduct the TB Drug Management Workshop in collaboration with Euro-Health.
- The annual TB drugs quantification was completed and an order for the last consignment of the drugs has been placed and delivery is expected in 8 weeks.

Round 7 TB Grant

- Supportive supervision was conducted at selected TB centers in collaboration with the Directorate of Preventive Medicine of the Ministry of Health to sustain quality programme implementation and to ensure service delivery is on track.
- The Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with the Catholic Diocese of Torit was signed.

Round 5 TB/HIV Grant

- The mid-term evaluation has been completed and a draft report was submitted to the Principal Recipient.

- The Global Fund Technical Review Panel (TRP) has approved the request to revise targets for the following indicators: TB screening for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), Co-trimoxazole Preventive Treatment (CPT), HIV positive patients on TB treatment, and HIV positive TB patients referred to Home Based Care and or support services.
- The Phase 2 PCA was signed with Malteser International.

Round 2 Malaria Grant

- Sub Recipients have been focusing on close out activities.
- The grant close out plan was completed and shared with the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM).
- Discussions were held with the Directorate for Preventive Medicine of the Ministry of Health of the Government of Southern Sudan on the close out plans.

Round 4 HIV/AIDS Grant:

- The draft field visit plan was developed with M&E unit of Global Fund and shall be shared with HIV/AIDS Directorate.
- The decision was reached to contribute to the HIV/AIDS component of the Sudan Household Health Survey because key HIV/AIDS indicators will be included in the survey. The survey will enable the Principal Recipient to fulfill the Conditions Precedent to disbursements in Phase 2 by establishing specific baselines and targets.
- The revised work plan and budget for the HIV/AIDS Directorate of the Ministry of Health was finalized and the Letter of Agreement shall be amended in January. The revisions include the budget for the HIV/AIDS component of the Sudan Household Health Survey, realistic budget assumptions for key training workshops on service delivery and additional 10 project positions to strengthen the Directorate's capacity to manage the HIV/AIDS response.
- The PCA with the Catholic Diocese of Torit was signed.

2. Key activities planned for the next period

Support to Economic Planning Project

- Support to MoFEP and GoSS in initiating strategic planning exercise.
- Support to Budget Sector Working Groups to review performance in 2009.
- Support to budget execution at GoSS and State levels.
- Support to finalization and Council approval of the GoSS Growth Strategy.
- Finalization and launch of the Poverty Assessment Report from the National Baseline Household Survey.
- Procurement of equipment for the Aid Management Information System (AIMS) and training for the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and Ministry of Regional Cooperation staff in its use.
- Preparations for the National Consultation on Peace and State Building.

Capacity Development for Inclusive Finance & Private Sector Development

- Support BoSS in preparing the draft of the microfinance policy.
- Work with UNCDF in bringing in CGAP resource persons to work with BoSS in policy drafting or background papers consolidation.
- Finalize the project document for Building an Inclusive Finance Sector in Southern Sudan.
- Finalize the project document for the Integrated Framework for Trade Related Assistance to Least Developed Countries (IF); consultations between MoCI and the National Steering Committee to be held to discuss GoSS specific needs and requirements.

Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM)

Round 2 TB Grant

- Follow up on the implementation of the no cost extension plan by Sub Recipients.
- Conduct the TB Drug management workshop.
- Ensure that there is smooth transition of Sub Recipients (Malteser International and COSV)

Round 7 TB Grant

- Continue to conduct supportive supervision at TB health facilities.
- Follow up on the procurement of Anti TB drugs and ensure timely delivery and distribution.

Round 5 TB/HIV Grant

- Prepare the first response to the Global Fund Technical Review Panel (TRP) with regards to the request to revise targets for four indicators for this grant.
- Facilitate the implementation of TB/HIV Seroprevalance survey.

Round 2 Malaria Grant

- Follow up on the implementation of the no cost extension plan by Sub Recipients.
- Documentation of distribution of 400,000 Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (LLITNS) to Population Services International (PSI).
- Facilitate the implementation of the end of programme evaluation.

Round 4 HIV/AIDS Grant

- The Principal Recipient to continue discussions with Sub Recipients on implementation challenges and ways to improve performance. Management letters highlighting targets underachieved, challenges and the proposed actions to mitigate the challenges shall be sent to all Sub Recipients at the end of each quarter after the review of the progress reports.
- Continue implementing recommendations of quarterly programme reviews by the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM).
- Advertise for an agency to conduct the assessment and profiling of sex workers and their clients. Once this is completed, a call for implementers will be issued for (1) Behavior Change Communication programmes for people with high risk behaviors, and (2) outreach programmes for sex workers and their clients as these activities are not included in the Phase 2 Letters of Agreements.
- Finalize amendments to the Letter of Agreement with the HIV/AIDS Directorate of the Ministry of Health.
- Prepare the first response to the clarifications of the TRP with regards to the Round 9 Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) proposal. The clarifications shall be submitted to the Global Fund by the Country Coordinating Mechanism.
- Quantification of the HIV test kits, and male and female condoms for the Voluntary HIV Counseling and Testing (VCT) campaign to be held during the week of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) celebrations in 19 January in Yambio in Western Equatoria State. The campaign will boost Global Fund targets for VCT and condom distribution.

Section 3: UNDP Southern Sudan Expenditure for December 2009 (Cumulative)

Award ID	Unit	Project	Planned Budget (based on Annual Work Plan)	Current Budget	Expenditure Against Budget
00042718	Democratic Governance	Local Government Recovery Project	\$6,345,627	\$2,265,272	\$2,186,413
00047812	Democratic Governance	Support to States Programme	\$5,948,917	\$3,275,442	\$3,095,862
00039457	Democratic Governance	Good Governance & Equity in Political Participation	\$1,065,038	\$960,391	\$886,212
00049848	Democratic Governance	Support to Presidency	\$1,498,063	\$1,086,976	\$1,085,776
00049662	Democratic Governance	Support to Elections and Democratic Processes	Planning in Progress	\$6,780,988	\$5,790,132
00058004	Democratic Governance	Support to SS Reconstruction Development Fund	\$670,880	\$670,880	\$317,951
00045032	Democratic Governance	Support to the Judiciary	\$3,785,885	\$1,142,189	\$1,036,910
00043537	Democratic Governance	Promoting Access to Justice	\$4,673,822	\$3,557,685	\$3,164,709
00047336	Democratic Governance	Support to Police and Prisons	\$21,922,266	\$10,712,432	\$10,712,432
00043821	Democratic Governance	Support to MOLACD	\$2,671,478	\$1,243,378	\$1,055,025
00047407	CPR	Public Works Component of RIEP	\$2,188,432	\$2,388,432	\$2,034,930
00046904	CPR	Community Security and Arms Control	\$12,365,622	\$6,821,431	\$4,025,678
Pipeline	CPR	Crisis Recovery Mapping and Analysis	\$2,085,402	0	0
00051037	CPR	DDR	Planning in Progress	\$2,432,133	\$1,442,292
00014877	CPR	Mine Action	\$1,866,816	\$284,706	\$262,368
00041567	CPR	Recovery and Rehabilitation Programme	6,800,000 Euros	\$6,213,737	\$5,041,970
00051332	CPR	Sudan Recovery Fund (UNDP as Participating Agency)	\$14,136,185	\$11,727,733	\$9,939,306
00045863	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	Support to Economic Planning	\$3,098,064	\$2,153,544	\$2,228,107
00057880	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	Capacity Building for Inclusive Finance & Private Sector (Project Initiation Plan)	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
00037519	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	TB Prevention & Control Round 2	\$6,802,516	\$4,076,937	\$4,076,937
00057123	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	TB Prevention & Control Round 7	\$3,715,332	\$2,461,028	\$2,289,557
00045245	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	TB/HIV Prevention and Control	\$5,929,733	\$5,935,133	\$2,451,484
00040073	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	Malaria Prevention & Control	\$9,253,329	\$7,214,490	\$6,957,422
00041178	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care	\$6,912,980	\$6,932,980	\$6,824,126
	Various	M&E, Security, Development Support Services, Global Gender, Programme Support, Cross Cutting Advisory, Environment		\$5,914,497	\$3,638,261
TOTAL			\$126,967,527	\$96,552,414	\$80,843,860

Notes:

- (1) Total planned project budget for 2009 are based on Annual Work Plans (AWPs).
- (2) Current budgets are based on actual funds received and budget approved.

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