UNDP Results South Sudan

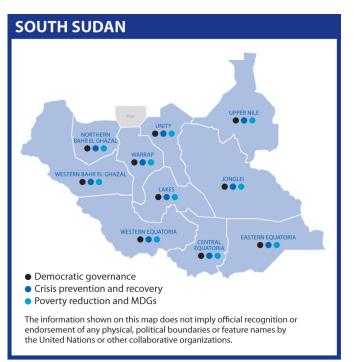


Approach

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in South Sudan has focused on supporting the Government to build state institutions in the lead up to the January 2011 referendum on self-determination and the 9 July 2011 declaration of independence.

Following the signing of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement, UNDP worked with the Government in the following areas: democratic governance, crisis prevention and recovery, and poverty reduction.

UNDP's South Sudan programme, with a budget of more than US\$170 million in 2011, is one of UNDP's largest worldwide. With presence in the country for over 30 years, UNDP draws on its global experience and expertise in postcrisis settings to effectively handle donor funds.



Source: UNDP South Sudan

RESULTS

Democratic governance

UNDP's efforts have focused on providing expertise to strengthen the workings of government at all levels, support electoral and referendum processes, and improve the rule of law and security. Results include:

• 120 UN Volunteers placed within the 10 state governments to support essential work in planning and budgeting, public finance management and all other sectors necessary for establishing and running a state. One of the states, Western Equatoria, increased its revenue from zero to \$850,000 in the first months of 2011, following the work of a UNDP-hired tax specialist.

• UNDP assistance in planning budget and other core activities of 16 central government ministries and commissions including the Office of the President and the Ministries of Finance, Interior, Legal Affairs and others. With this support, for example, the finance ministry developed the first framework for planning and budgeting, prepared an annual budget and is implementing an aid strategy for better oversight and coordination of donor contributions.

• Coordination of a series of preparatory meetings and convened two high–level events with donors and other partners to produce a fully costed action plan on essential post-independence governance work.

• Provision of major support to the January 2011 referendum through management of a \$61m fund for the purchase of ballots, voter education and registration, and other activities. Results include:

- 3.9 million people registered to vote and cast their ballots in a process internationally assessed as free, fair and credible.
- The number of voters participating in the 9–15 January referendum significantly exceeded 2.4 million, above the threshold required to make the referendum legally valid.

• 80 judges and 36 judicial clerks across Sudan were trained by UNDP on addressing referendum-related claims and appeals and 22,000 police officers were trained to ensure security during the vote.

UNDP expenditure in South Sudan: 2010

Theme	Funders	Total Amount US\$ Millions*
Democratic Governance	Canada, Denmark, France, Italy, Japan, Norway, Southern Sudan, The Netherlands, United Kingdom; European Commission; Swedish International Development Agency, UK Department for International Development (DFID), United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; UN Population Fund, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; Multi Donor Trust Fund– Southern Sudan (MDTF-SS); Sudan Recovery Fund.	70.9
Crisis Prevention and Recovery	Italy, Japan, Germany, Norway, The Netherlands; Canadian International Development Agency and Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, UK-DFID; Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Fund; MDTF-SS; Sudan Recovery Fund.	31.8
Poverty Reduction and MDGs	Norway, The Netherlands; UK-DFID; Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, MDG Fund.	17.5
Total		120.2

* Source: UNDP South Sudan

To enhance the rule of law, UNDP:

 Set up the necessary infrastructure, including medical, water and sanitation facilities, at the new national police service training academy, from which the first class of over 5,000 recruits graduated in 2010, including over 250 female officers.

• Expanded law enforcement capacity across all 10 states through 61 new police stations, four courts and seven correction centres.

 Established four legal centres to help women access information about their rights, including for cases of domestic violence and sexual assault. Ten cases were reported at the Western Equatoria centre during the first six weeks after its opening in May 2011.

Crisis prevention and recovery

UNDP has been working with communities to identify triggers and solutions to community-level violence, boost social cohesion and promote socio-economic recovery. Results include:

• UNDP assistance to establish the Bureau for Community Security and Small Arms Control, which coordinates all state efforts to address community-level conflicts and control light weapons.

 Community-based conflict analyses in 37 counties across five states, or nearly 50 percent of counties, providing state and development actors with guidance on community priorities to inform resource allocation.

Poverty reduction and the MDGs

UNDP supports the Government to build pro-poor planning and statistical and analytical skills, support progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, and promote inclusive economic growth. Results include:

 Technical support to the South Sudan Centre for Census, Statistics and Evaluation to produce the 2009 report, Poverty in Southern Sudan, widely sourced as the most reliable data on poverty in South Sudan, and enabling government and development actors to make informed decisions for resource allocation.

 Conceptual and technical support to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning in creating the first ever South Sudan Development Plan in 2011, to direct the Government's pro-poor development efforts following independence.

• Support enabling more than 105,000 people to receive HIV counselling and testing and to enable more than 4,000 living with HIV and AIDS to receive anti-retroviral therapy.

 Support to enable the Ministry of Health to expand tuberculosis treatment centres from 0 to 49 sites.

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