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Country: Sudan
Project Document**

Project Title Support to Southern Sudan Referendum Project

UNDAF Outcome(s): By the end of 2012, improved democratic governance at all levels based on human rights standards, aimed at achieving sustainable peace and development

Expected CP Outcome(s): Outcome 3: Institutions, systems and processes of democratic governance are strengthened

Implementing Partner: UNDP

Responsible Parties: UNMIS (Police, Rule of Law & Civil Affairs), UNIFEM, International Organization for Migration (IOM), UNPOL, , and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Brief Description

The purpose of the Support to Southern Sudan Referendum Project (SSSR) is to contribute towards the final key milestone of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) to conduct the referendum on self-determination for Southern Sudan. This referendum supports the right of the people of Southern Sudan to choose their future. Key activities of SSSR project will support registration; mobilize voters for participation in the referendum; support key stakeholders like civil society organizations, media, domestic observers, and judiciary to strengthen their oversight role; support the establishment of Southern Sudan Referendum Commission offices; provide policy and technical advice; facilitate referendum security; mobilize donor funds and undertake project management. UNDP and UNMIS will work in an integrated fashion as part of the United Nations Integrated Referendum and Electoral Division (UNIRED) in order to ensure uniform decision-making and effective planning to support the entire referendum process.

Country Project Program Period: 2009-2012

CP Programme Component: Institutions, systems and processes of democratic governance are strengthened

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Management Arrangements: DIM

Total resources required	<u>106,189,040</u>
(for the Referendum Project):	
Total Basket Fund:	<u>58,523,650</u>

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I. Plan Description

The Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) that brought to an end two decades of civil war in Sudan stipulated that there shall be a referendum on self-determination for Southern Sudan and a referendum on the status of Abyei to be held simultaneously in 2011. According to the CPA the referendum on Southern Sudan *“shall be an internationally monitored referendum, organized jointly by the GoS and the SPLM/A, for the people of South Sudan to: confirm the unity of the Sudan by voting to adopt the system of government established under the Peace Agreement; or to vote for secession”*.¹

Legislation for the Southern Sudan Referendum was enacted by the National Assembly in December 2009 and the Southern Sudan Referendum Commission (SSRC) was established on 8th July 2010. Southern Sudan Referendum is scheduled to be held on 09 January 2011 leaving the SSRC very little time to prepare for an event of tremendous importance and significance to Sudan and its people. The Southern Sudan Referendum Commission will face enormous challenges in conducting well-organized and credible referendum and will require considerable support from the GoNU, GoSS, United Nations and international community.

The United Nations will support Sudan in organizing the Southern Sudan Referendum and UNDP will work in an integrated structure with UNMIS under the auspices of a new entity, United Nations Integrated Referendum and Electoral Division (UNIRED). UNIRED will work closely with other UN agencies, such as UNIFEM and IOM, to deliver this support, in coordination with USAID and its implementing partners such as IFES.

The UN Security Council has mandated UNMIS to provide guidance and technical assistance to support the preparations for and conduct of the referendum. The Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) requested the United Nations *“for assistance in the areas of Referendum administration and planning, review of coordination of donor assistance, preparation of a reliable list of voters and monitoring of Referendum”* and GOS fully supports this request.² For the purposes of the project document reference to UN will include both UNMIS and UNDP as mission and agency will work in an integrated structure under UNIRED. Moreover, activities described will take place in both northern and southern Sudan as UNIRED will provide support to the SSRC whose activities are mandated throughout all 25 Sudanese states.

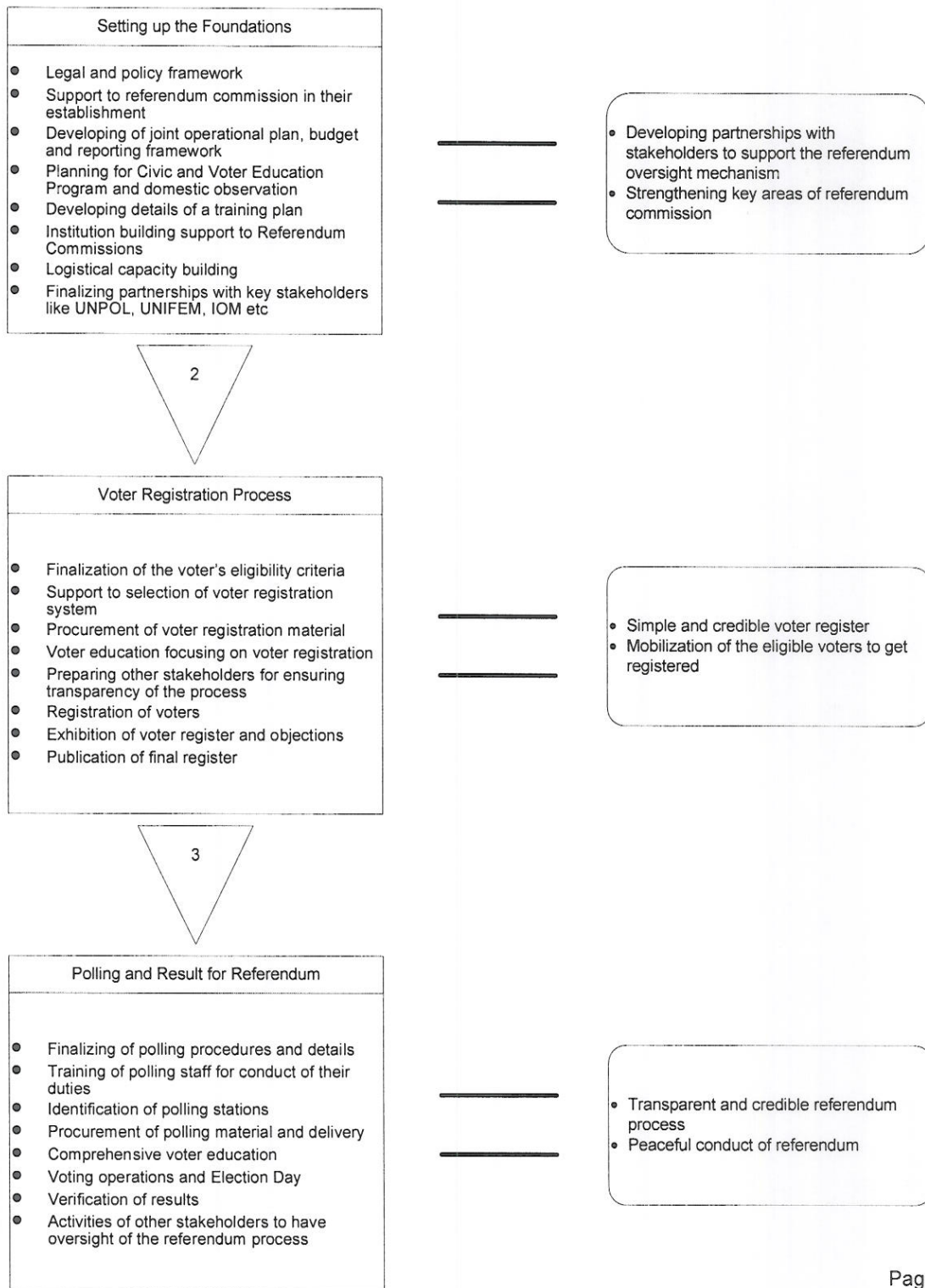
UN will set up a national project *“Support to Southern Sudan Referendum”* (SSSR) to provide assistance and support to the SSRC and other stakeholders. Recognizing that there is little time to prepare for the referendum and that many challenges must be overcome in order to hold a well-organized and credible referendum, UN will provide robust and comprehensive support to the referendum.

The SSSR Project will enable preparations to commence immediately with the support from UNMIS and Southern Sudan Referendum Commission. Planning of activities initiated Project Initiation Plan (PIP). The PIP for the SSSR project was approved in March 2010, which allowed the project to plan for essential project functions; these include the recruitment of staff, development of procurement plan, advancing the partnership with key agencies like UNPOL, UNIFEM, IOM etc.

¹Comprehensive Peace Agreement, 2.5

² Letter dated 9 July 2009 to the SRSR from Minister of Presidential Affairs, GoSS

Figure 1: Critical Steps Leading Towards Referendum



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