



UNDP Rule of Law Programme in Darfur  
Internal LPAC Meeting  
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Participants

- Massimo Diana, Head of Governance and Rule of Law Unit (Chair)
- Akiko Fujii, Head of MSU
- Geoffrey Olupot, M&E Advisor
- Maarten Barends, Project Manager
- Alphonso Gaskins, Project Manager
- Evariste Sibomana, Project Manager
- Hanna Schmitt, Strategic Partnership Coordinator
- John Akol, Programme Officer
- Toby Bonini, Programme Officer
- Fatima El-Sheikh, Programme Officer
- Musa Ibrahim, Programme Officer
- Esam Ismail, Programme Officer
- Hillary Forden, Associate Programme Officer
- Junko Tadaki, Associate Programme Officer
- Asia Awad, Programme Analyst
- Zaria Suleiman, Programme Associate

Agenda

- Introduction by Maarten Barends, Project Manager
- Section by Section Review
- Conclusion

Introduction

Maarten Barends, Project Manager for the *UNDP Rule of Law Programme in Darfur* and the *UNDP SGBV Programme in Darfur* briefly explained the background to UNDP's engagement on Rule of Law in Darfur and the need for the current LPAC. He further explained that the proposed project is intended to bridge the 2008 transitional period until implementation of the 2009 UNDAF.

Following this brief introduction, the Project Manager explained that the project document had been intentionally left somewhat vague to avoid issues of political sensitivity. He then explained that the Capacity Assessments which were provided to the LPAC participants

where outdated, but that new Capacity Assessments were currently being undertaken. Finally, he noted that he had already received comments from UNV and MSU and was in the process of incorporating such comments.

### Section by Section Review

#### *Cover Page*

The following recommendations were proposed for revising the cover page:

- The project title was too broad. It was suggested that a sub-title be added to the original title to make the title better fit project activities and focus. The proposed title was “Rule of Law Programme in Darfur: Strengthening Access to Justice in Darfur”.
- “Expected Output(s)/Annual Targets” should be split into two parts. One part on “Expected Output(s)” and another part on “Annual Targets”.
- Outputs on the cover page should be aligned with Outputs in the Results and Resources Framework (RRF).

#### Notes:

- The Project Manager should meet with Geoffrey Olupot, M&E Advisor, to discuss splitting the “Expected Outputs” and “Annual Targets”.
- Akiko Fujii, Head of MSU, advised that after completion of the Capacity Assessments, all Implementing Partners should be listed on the cover page. She further advised that only the Government of Sudan and UNDP will sign the cover page.

#### *Situation Analysis*

The following recommendations were proposed for revising the Situation Analysis section:

- Strengthen the linkages between the Situation Analysis and the Activities in the RRF.
- Indicate that two projects have been operating in Darfur over the past three years, reflecting lessons learned, and explain how these lessons are being incorporated into the proposed project. Explain that the proposed project is intended to bridge the 2008 transitional period until implementation of the 2009 UNDAF.
- Review the Situation Analysis of the Livelihoods Project Document to determine whether any information can be incorporate into the proposed Project Document.
- Reference to the deployment of UNAMID.

#### Note:

Evariste Sibomana, Project Manager, indicated that he would provide comments to the Project Document via email.

#### *Strategy*

The following recommendations were proposed for revising the Strategy section:

- The Strategy section should be more concise, reflecting the key objectives and the approach for achieving those objectives. Further, it should demonstrate clear links between the various project components.
- Clearly indicate the implementation modality (i.e., DEX with partial NGO implementation). Explain why DEX with partial NGO implementation is the appropriate modality.
- Identify key gaps and how the project will address such gaps.
- Explain how the SGBV project is being incorporated into the proposed project.

Note:

Hanna Schmitt, Strategic Partnership Coordinator, indicated that she would provide comments via e-mail.

### *Activities*

The following recommendations were proposed for revising the Activities section:

- UNDP Project Documents do not generally have a section on Activities. The Activities section should be removed. Incorporate the various components of this section into other areas of the Project Document. For example, the section addressing SGBV could be incorporated into the Situation Analysis.
- Any specific references to CEDAW should be removed. The concepts can stay, but CEDAW will not be accepted by the government.
- When using specific numbers or percentages provide the source. If the source is unknown, then change the language to something less specific.
- No need to list all international conventions in the body of the text, these could be listed in a footnote.
- Clarify the use of the terms training and awareness raising.

### *Implementation Modalities*

The following recommendations were proposed for revising the Implementation Modalities section:

- Clearly indicate that the implementation modality as DEX with partial NGO implementation (reference attached capacity assessments).
- Clearly indicate each Implementing Partner, attach each relevant Capacity Assessment.
- Indicate in the RRF and Annual Work Plan which Implementing Partners will be working on which Outputs/Activities.
- Do not use the word “subcontract” (see page 13).

### *Management Arrangements*

The following recommendations were proposed for revising the Management Arrangements section:



- Revise in line with the structure and description for UNDP roles and responsibilities sent by Akiko.
- Revise the Organigram to depict the involvement of the Project Board and the Project Assurance.
- Annex TORs of Project Board and Project Manager.
- Clarify the role of Rule of Law Officers by indicating functional areas and whether each position is held by national or international staff.

#### *Monitoring and Evaluation*

Geoffrey will send comments to the Project Manager on the Monitoring and Evaluation section. The Project Manager should seek further guidance from the M&E Advisor as required.

#### *Security*

Akiko will send an email addressing revisions to the Security section.

#### *Risks*

Akiko will send an email addressing revisions to the Risks section in line with ATLAS requirements.

#### *Legal Context*

No comments on this section by participants.

#### *Results and Resources Framework*

The Results and Resources Framework will be revised after the proposed changes have been incorporated into the project document.

#### *Annual Work Plan – Budget*


A new activity should be added under the “Management UNDP Rule of Law Programme in Darfur” Expected Output of the Work Plan. The new activity should be entitled “Security Contribution”. A lump sum figure should be listed in the budget. The amount should be equal to 2%, but should not reference this 2%.

#### Conclusion

Based on the discussion, revisions will be incorporated into the project document. Participants will email their comments using track changes to Maarten Barends, copying Toby Bonini and Asia Awad. After incorporation of the changes, the document will be re-circulated for final review.

Chaired by:

Massimo Diana  
Head, Governance and Rule of Law Unit

Signature:   
Date: 21 FEB 2008

+ Reference to lessons learned