

Support to the States in Southern Sudan



Background

The Comprehensive Peace Agreement recognizes the political and administrative autonomy of Southern Sudan and calls for a three-tiered system, comprising the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS), state, and local government.

Although the government has been making progress over the last five years, they have yet to devolve many urgently-needed services to the state and county levels. Recognizing this, UNDP initiated the Support to the States Project in 2006 to aid the decentralization process. The aim of this initiative is to strengthen the institutional capacity of states to coordinate, plan, prioritize, and manage basic services delivery in an equitable manner.

Objectives

The project's objective is to improve the institutional capacity of local government to adequately plan, set priorities, manage revenue and expenditure and deliver basic services in an equitable manner.

Outputs

- Institutional Capacities for the implementation of decentralized governance strengthened.
- Enhanced state capacities in planning, budgeting and public finance.
- Enhanced capacities of state assemblies for legislative oversight and law making.
- Enhanced state capacities in urban and physical infrastructure management.

Snapshots of the project's major achievements

- Facilitated the organization and management of Eight Governors Forums and four Speakers' Forums. The Governors' Forum for Southern Sudan has become an influential platform for inter-governmental policy dialogue and an effective mechanism for identifying and discussing key policy issues.
- Support of a States Affairs Desk in the Office of the President Directorate of Intergovernmental Relations to coordinate and facilitate support to the 10 states.
- Substantial technical support provided to State Ministry of Finance Planning Units in areas of planning, budgeting and financial management, local revenue enhancement, and public sector reform, ICT support to 10 state governments and statistical data generation and management. International UNV Planning Specialists have been recruited in all the highlighted disciplines and posted to these units to develop capacities in the states for implementing planning and budgeting mechanisms, systems and processes.
- With UNDP support, all 10 states have prepared strategic plans as well as annual workplans and budgets for 2010. States have been supported to develop an integrated

Fast Facts:

Project document and reports:

- [Project Document 1](#)
- [Project Document 2](#)

Location:

All 10 States of Southern Sudan

Duration:

January 2006- December 2011

Focus area:

[Achieving the MDGs and Reducing Human Poverty](#)

Contributions(USD):

Phase Two:
AfDB: 1,599,950
UK (DFID): 2,868,209
NET: 894,718
Canada (CIDA): 3,943,952
SIDA: 713,709
Norway: 302,335
UNDP: 200,000

Partners:	Government of Southern Sudan: Ministry of Presidential Affairs (MoPA); Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MoFEP); Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MPA); Ministry of Housing; Physical Planning and Environment (MHPP&E); all state governments bodies.	planning and budgeting framework that has enabled the integration of county, state and GoSS budgets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All states have established functional State Planning Development Committees and State Budget Sector Working Groups that bring together all major stakeholders including the state governments, UN agencies and NGOs. Joint planning of development activities in the states promotes synergy and increases ownership. • 294 state government officials were trained in public financial management. • UNDP funded the study that led to the establishment of the parliamentary service commission, which serves as a secretariat for parliamentary business. The report was presented, reviewed and adopted at the 4th Speakers' Forum.
Delivery(USD):	2010: 4,993,883 2009: 2,705,676 2008: 3,882,000 2007: 3,229,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 606 MPs attended training, 159 (26%) of which were women. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs actively led these training workshops with the support of UNDP.
Contact person in UNDP:	Francis Luwangwa, Project Manager, francis.luwangwa@undp.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft urban management and building guidelines for Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Western Equatoria were developed. • A master plan for Malakal town developed through the technical support of the urban management specialist deployed in the state.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of town planners and other officials was provided, covering computer skills and usage of autocad software for town planning purposes.