

Project Document Template

Sudan Financing Platform MPTF Funded Project

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Summary sheet:

Fund	Sudan Financing Platform MPTF							
Title	Support to (Support to Good Offices of the Secretary-General in Sudan						
MPTFO Project Id	Automatically assigned by MPTFO							
	Contact Type Name		e-mail Posi		Posit	tion	Telephone	
Contacts	e.g. Project Manager			<u>Mohamed3 @un.org</u>	Senior Political Affairs Officer, Sudar Team Leader, DPPA- DPO			
Project description	of the Perso aims to ens	This proposal seeks to ensure backstopping and substantive support to the Office of the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Sudan (O-PESG). This project aims to ensure that existing and future peace and political processes in Sudan advance on the basis of the PESG's good office function.						
	Outcome		Progra	ammatic A	pproach			
SRF outcome	Enabler window		Establish the UN headquarters' backstopping capacity to support political engagements on Sudan, including support to the Secretary-General's Personal Envoy to Sudan.					
			Ensure the provision of relevant senior political and public information capacities to assist the Office of the Secretary- General's Personal Envoy for Sudan (O-PESG) peacemaking efforts.					
			-			of O-PESG to a nd consultation	advance peace in ns.	
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Cost Please include the breakdown per Agency	Total:	DPPA	\$ 2,088,015	
Keywords				
	Anticipated Start Date	1 July 2024		
Programme Duration	Duration (In months)	12 months		
	Anticipated End Date	30 June 2025		

Agreed by:	Agreed by:
Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator (RC/HC)	Participating UN Organisation (PUNO) – lead agency
Name Clementine Nkweta Salami Name Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator Sudan Date and seal Port Sudan, 19 July 2024 Signature	Name Rosemary A. DiCarlo Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Date and seal 5 July 2024
Agreed by:	Agreed by:
Participating UN Organisation (PUNO)	Participating UN Organisation (PUNO)
Name	Name
Date and seal	Date and seal
Signature	Signature

Project narrative

Title of the Project	Support to Good Offices of the Secretary-G	eneral in S	udan			
Project	Provide high level summary of the project (i	max 500 wo	ords)			
Summary	As Personal Envoy Lamamra scales-up international stakeholders, this project is in of the required support architecture for h Headquarters.	ntended to	assist in the establishment			
	MPTF support will enable the maintenance of dedicated headquarters backstopping capacity to support UN political engagement on Sudan, including through the work of the Personal Envoy. Following the termination of the UNITAMS mandate and the discontinuation of requisite budget support, MPTF funding will provide bridge funding until another, longer-term, budget source is identified. At headquarters, the support will include a Senior Political Affairs Officer/Team Leader (P5), a Political Affairs Officer (P4), and a General Services staff (G6) to provide administrative support. This team will oversee the day-to-day management of and support to the O-PESG, engagement with Member State counterparts in New York, including the Security Council and other key UN partners and regional organizations. They will also provide reporting and strategic advice to the Undersecretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, the Secretary-General and other UN senior management, as may be appropriate.					
	MPTF support, furthermore, would provide staffing support to the O-PESG directly. To ensure effective operations, the core staff of the office requires further professionalization, a minimum hierarchy and effective structure. To this end, funding for a Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5) and a Public Information Officer (P-4) is needed to strengthen the Envoy's team. The Senior Political Affairs Officer would, effectively, serve as the interim head of office and shoulder the day-to-day management of the team, engage with UN headquarters, liaise with regional and multilateral partners, and provide strategic advice to the Personal Envoy on his political approach to Sudan. The Public Information Officer would devise a communications and media strategy and ensure the professional handling of all external communications of the 0-PESG.					
	Complementing staffing needs, a moderate travel budget would serve as a critical enabler for the O-PESG to conduct engagement with key interlocutors, where extensive outreach and consultations are the top priority in order to build the necessary support and a shared understanding of the way forward for international political support to the resolution of the conflict in Sudan, ultimately the return to a civilian-led transition path in Sudan.					
	Overview of staffing requirements:					
	Title	UN level	Duration			
	Senior Political Affairs Officer/Interim Head of Office/O-PESG	P5	12 months (1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025)			
	Public Information Officer/O-PESG	P4	12 months (1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025)			

	Senior Political Affairs Officer/Sudan	P5	12 months (1 July 2024		
	Team Leader/UNHQ		- 30 June 2025)		
	Political Affairs Officer/Sudan Team/UNHQ,	P4	12 months (1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025)		
	Team Assistant/Sudan Team/UNHQ,	G6	12 months (1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025)		
Consultation with stakeholders and communities, including government, UN system, civil	Describe with whom and in which geograph 250 words) Following the termination of the UNITAMS need to provide good offices support to the there has been widespread support for the creation of the Office, and of the requise capacitated to function effectively, in turn consultations. This has included consultation	S mandate disparater ne establisl ite support n has been tions with k	and in light of the growing mediation efforts on Sudan, ment of the O-PESG. The t structure, to ensure it is subject to comprehensive ey Sudanese stakeholders,		
society, marginalized groups.	including the Sudanese authorities, the w members of the Security Council and other	• •			
Situation/needs analysis	Provide analysis (max 1200 words) Following the outbreak of fighting in Sudan on 15 April 2023, the Sudanes Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) have continually intensif military operations and increased efforts to mobilise support as well recognition for their self-perceived legitimacy. As the military campaig RSF continues to advance, Sudan is facing a significant risk of fragmenta even partition. There has been a lack of genuine commitment from both to engage in peace talks.				
	fundamentally lacked in coherence absend Jeddah process in late October/early Nove Following the adoption of the Statement humanitarian forum to improve humanitari on 7 November, only extremely limited pro- summit on 9 December, which set in motio to-face meeting between Generals Burh meeting has been convened to date. suspended its engagement with IGAD, re- summit and rejected the face-to-face meet equal treatment of Hemedti, raising doubt the African Union's Expanded Mechanism The neighbouring states initiative spearhe National civilian actors have continued ed despite their pre-existing political fragment alignment of all of these various initiative inadequate. The PESG and the UN more broot to bear in the coordination and the support	t effective of ember 2023 of Commit an access a gress was a n diplomati an and He The Govern fused to at ing, citing c about this has been c aded by Eg efforts to e tations. The ves and tra badly have in to these va	B fell short of expectations. ments establishing a joint and deliveries of assistance achieved. IGAD convened a c efforts to convene a face- medti. However, no such ment of Sudan formally tend the 18 January IGAD oncerns over the perceived track. Only one meeting of convened in recent months. ypt has yet to yield results. establish a common front, e coordination and strategic cks has been lacking and mportant resources to bring arious strands of activity.		
	This project, through enhanced backstopp PESG will enable the United Nations to p among and between the various internation	olay a more	e central coordination role		

Project-level Theory of Change Main Objective	that each initiative, the limited progress so far notwithstanding, has value. It is further recognized that progress in one track, e.g. on a ceasefire, will require a minimum understanding of the way forward on the others, e.g. the political track to restore the transition. Funding support will also provide resources for members of the wider O-PESG support team to deploy for mission travel at critical junctures. The project will also allow for the deepening of analysis of Sudan, including on the conflict peace processes, climate security, gender, the political economy and other important dimensions of the crisis. <i>If</i> the O-PESG is adequately equipped and resources are availed to support its diplomatic engagements, <i>then</i> the peace and political <i>process</i> to return Sudan to a democratic path will be more likely to yield results, because the advancement and coordination of the ongoing diplomatic initiatives will be enhanced through the United Nations good office services.
Project Outcomes	Substantive support is provided to the PESG to coordinate political and peace processes in Sudan, working closely the African Union, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), League of Arab States (LAS), European Union (EU) and other relevant partners. Effective HQ backstopping is provided to the PESG, closely aligning good offices diplomacy in the field with the overall leadership and strategic priorities of the Secretary-General. Enhanced political and communication advisory capacity is provided to the PESG, in support of the good offices of the Secretary-General in Sudan.
Geographic and beneficiary targeting, including selection criteria and strategy.	Describe target area and groups (max 200 words) Support will be provided to ceasefire and political negotiation processes in the locations where they will take place. This will entail close partnership with regional and international organizations, key Member States, the Sudanese conflict parties, and Sudanese political, civil society as well as women and youth representatives. This will help ensure the equal and equitable representation of different views representing the diversity of Sudanese society.
Gender considerations of the project, including any dedicated activities contributing to gender equality and women's empowerment	The project will enhance the capacities of DPPA and O-PESG to ensure continuous gender-sensitive analysis of developments in Sudan. It will also ensure greater capacities to mainstream gender considerations across the various political engagements and external communications, including to promote and advance the meaningful participation of women in peace talks and advocating to address conflict-related sexual violence.

Project Management and Coordination arrangements	 Project Structure. The project entails the recruitment of staff members to support the PESG at UNHQ and in the field. The direction of the respective teams will rest with their home offices – that is, the DPPA Eastern Africa Division, under the overall supervision of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs for the HQ staff, and under the supervision of the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Sudan for field-based staff. Project Management. The project would be managed by the Eastern Africa Division in DPPA. The project management structure would mirror the backstopping arrangements and political lines of accountability of the O-PESG. Coordination and Financial Management. In keeping with the project management arrangements, ultimate responsibility for the coordination and oversight of the project will remain with the Eastern Africa Division of DPPA. Given the fluid and inherently uncertain nature of the peace and political processes in Sudan, there will be frequent exchanges and formal as well as informal coordination between DPPA and the O-PESG to ensure effective and responsive implementation of the project.
Fund Management Arrangement	Funds will be channeled through the Multi-Partner Trust Fund office in New York who is the Administrative Agent for this project.
Monitoring and Evaluation and Reporting	Describe how the project organizes the M&E and Reporting function. As this programme is being channeled through the MPTF, the monitoring and evaluation framework for such programming will apply. On a bi-annual basis, a narrative report will be provided with progress towards the objectives and an issue log shall be activated to record all workshop sessions officially held Monitoring and evaluation of the project will be undertaken by DPPA/O-PESG in respect of the activities that they will implement. A written report will be prepared following engagements under the auspices of the project (e.g. including workshops, etc.). This reporting will also feed into regular briefings to the Security Council in keeping with resolution 2715 (2023).

SDG Targets

Target	Description
Main Goals: Lis	st below the SDG's this project contributes to:
	ote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
16.1	Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere
SDG 5: Achieve	e gender equality and empower all women and girls
5.5	Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life

Contribution to SDGs

Participating Organization	% TARGET SDG 16.1	% TARGET_5.5
E.g. O-PESG	70	30
Total contribution by target	70	30

<u>Annexes</u>

Annex 1: Detailed budget

Others, please specify

Project Logframe and Indicators of results

Main Objective: Substantive, operational, and backstopping capacity enable the PESG to effectively advance the good offices of the Secretary-General and support peacemaking efforts in Sudan.

Project Outcome 1: Substantive support is provided to the PESG to coordinate political and peace processes in Sudan, working closely the African Union, IGAD, LAS, EU and other relevant partners.

Baseline: Good offices diplomacy in and around Sudan is on-going and the engagement of the PESG has been welcomed by Sudanese stakeholders and the parties. **Outcome Indicators**:

1. Coordination structure established

2. Number of good offices initiatives supported

OUTCOMES	OUTPUTS	Indicative ACTIVITES	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES	Output Indicators	DATA AND EVIDENCE SOURCES
Project Outcome 1: Substantive support is provided to the PESG to coordinate political and peace processes in Sudan, working closely the African Union, IGAD, LAS, EU and other relevant partners.	List Outputs: 1.1 Personal Envoy convenes coordination mechanism for international mediation efforts with other regional organizations. 1.2 Consultations with all key Sudanese stakeholders take place regularly, including with women and other	 List Activities: 1.1.1 Substantive preparation of coordination meetings mechanism to harmonize mediation approach. 1.2.1 Convene consultations as part of good offices diplomacy 	O-PESG, DPPA	Number of meetings of coordination structure Number of consultations held and inclusive range of stakeholders consulted.	Formal publications, statements, documents. Reports/Code Cables. Notes to the file, meeting summaries.

civil society actors.		

Main Objective: Substantive, operational, and backstopping capacity enable the PESG to effectively advance the good offices of the Secretary-General and support peacemaking efforts in Sudan.

Outcome 2: Effective HQ backstopping is provided to the PESG, closely aligning good offices diplomacy in the field with the overall leadership and strategic priorities of the Secretary-General.

Baseline: Political and funding support for continued headquarters support to UN good offices diplomacy in Sudan is secured.

Outcome Indicators:

-3 staff hired and onboarded.

-strategic direction to O-PESG provided.

-political advice to Secretary-General and UNHQ leadership provided.

OUTCOMES	OUTPUTS	Indicative ACTIVITES	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES	Output Indicators	DATA AND EVIDENCE SOURCES
Project Outcome 2 Effective HQ backstopping is provided to the PESG, closely aligning good offices diplomacy in the field with the overall leadership and strategic priorities of the Secretary-General.	List Outputs: 2.1 Formal substantive and managerial guidance is provided from UNHQ to O-PESG, empowering both field operations as well as the delivery of the good offices mandate. 2.2 Effective Support and Advisory Capacity for Secretary-General and HQ leadership provided.	 List Activities: 2.1.1 Management of all correspondence – providing formal substantive and managerial guidance – from UNHQ to O-PESG. 2.1.2 Maintenance of direct communications between UNHQ and O-PESG, facilitating strategic alignment and exchanges of information. 2.1.3 Support to engagement with Member States and legislative bodies of the UN in NY. 2.1.4 Oversight of mandated reporting obligations, especially to UN Security Council. 2.2.1 Provision of analysis and strategic advice on Sudan to Secretary-General and HQ leadership. 	DPPA	Number of code cables drafted Number of reports of the Secretary- General and briefings to the Security Council conducted and prepared. Number of notes to the Secretary- General drafted	Meeting logs Official reports and meetings coverage of the Security Council Internal notes to the Secretary- General

Main Objective: Substantive, operational, and backstopping capacity enable the PESG to effectively advance the good offices of the Secretary-General and support peacemaking efforts in Sudan.

Outcome 3: Enhanced political and communication advisory capacity is provided to the PESG, in support of the good offices of the Secretary-General in Sudan.

Baseline: Political and funding support for political and public information expertise in O-PESG is secured.

Outcome Indicators:

-2 staff hired and onboarded.

-O-PESG structures established.

-political and communications strategy developed.

OUTCOMES	OUTPUTS	Indicative ACTIVITES	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES	Output Indicators	DATA AND EVIDENCE SOURCES
Project Outcome 3 Enhanced political and communication advisory capacity is provided to the PESG, in support of the good offices of the Secretary-General in Sudan.	List Outputs: 3.1 Interim office structure for PESG is established, supporting the Envoy in the delivery of the good offices mandate. 3.2 Substantive advisory capacity provided, with specific focus on political and public information strategy.	 List Activities: 3.1.1 Management of all correspondence – providing formal substantive and managerial guidance – from O-PESG to UNHQ. 3.1.2 Maintenance of direct communications between O-PESG and UNHQ, facilitating strategic alignment and exchanges of information. 3.1.3 Support to engagement with Member States and Regional Organizations. 3.1.4 Oversight of mandated reporting obligations, especially to UN Security Council. 3.2.1 Provision of analysis and strategic advice to PESG, notably through development of political strategy. 3.2.2 Provision of analysis and strategic advice to PESG, notably through development of 	O-PESG	Number of code cables drafted Number of meetings held Number of internal strategies for O-PESG drafted	Organigram Meeting logs Official reports and meetings coverage of the Security Council Internal strategy documents

Annual Workplan – (project period)

OUTPUTS and ACTIVITIES	Month	Monthly Planning											RESOURCES NEEDED	RESPONSIBLE PARTY/STAFF
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Etc.		
Output 1.1:														
Activity 1.1.1: Substantive preparation of coordination meetings mechanism to harmonize mediation approach.						x		x		x				
Output 1.2														
Activity 1.2.1: Convene consultations as part of good offices diplomacy					x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Output 2.1														
Activity 2.1.1: Management of all correspondence – providing formal substantive and managerial guidance – from UNHQ to O-PESG.					x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Activity 2.1.2: Maintenance of direct communications between UNHQ and O-PESG, facilitating strategic alignment and exchanges of information.					x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Activity 2.1.3: Support to engagement with Member States and legislative bodies of the UN in NY.					x			x			x			
Activity 2.1.4: Oversight of						x		x		x				

mandated reporting obligations, especially to UN Security Council.										
Output 2.2										
Activity 2.2.1: Provision of analysis and strategic advice on Sudan to Secretary-General and HQ leadership.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Output 3.1										
Activity 3.1.1: Management of all correspondence – providing formal substantive and managerial guidance – from 0-PESG to UNHQ.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Activity 3.1.2: Maintenance of direct communications between O- PESG and UNHQ, facilitating strategic alignment and exchanges of information.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Activity 3.1.3: Support to engagement with Member States and Regional Organizations.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Activity 3.1.4: Oversight of mandated reporting obligations, especially to UN Security Council.			x		x		x			
Output 3.2										
Activity 3.2.1: Provision of analysis and strategic advice to PESG, notably through development of political strategy.		x	x							
Activity 3.2.2: Provision of analysis and strategic advice to PESG, notably through development of communication strategy.		x	x							

<u>Risks</u>

Event Description	Category	Level	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating Measures	Risk Owner
Political Risk #1 : good offices diplomacy of the United Nations is rejected by one or more of the relevant stakeholders in the Sudan crisis		□ Medium	□ Possible	⊐ Major	Sustained high-level engagement with the warring parties as well as with other relevant mediation stakeholders including within the African Union and IGAD, as well as with civilian constituencies	O-PESG
Operational Risk #2: UN system architecture in Sudan is in transition, with UNITAMS drawing down and the PESG scaling up engagement. New personnel, coordination arrangements and processes will take some time to settle and become effective and may delay efforts to achieve the desired coherence.	Operational	□ Low X Medium □ High □ Very High □ Not applicable	□ Rare □ Unlikely X Possible □ Likely □ Very Likely □ Not □ pplicable	 Insignificant Minor Moderate Major Extreme Not applicable 	The project will be implemented in the framework of the Secretary- General's good offices, and will strive to ensure coherence of the UN response, and to be considered high priority by all relevant UN principals.	O-PESG, DPPA
Operational Risk #3:	□ Operational	□ Low □ Medium □ High □ Very High □ Not applicable	□ Rare □ Unlikely □ Possible □ Likely □ Very Likely □ Not applicable	 Insignificant Minor Moderate Major Extreme Not applicable 		

Reputational Risk #4:	Delitical	□ Low □ Medium □ High □ Very High □ Not applicable	 Rare Unlikely Possible Likely Very Likely Not applicable 	□ Not
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Summary Budget by UNSDG Categories	(Detailed budget in Excel as ANNEX)

Budget Lines	Description			as ANNEX)	Total in USD	
Supplies, Commodities,	DescriptionSenior Political AffairsP5, 12 months (1 JulyPublic Information Off30 June 2025)Senior Political Affairsmonths (1 July 2024 -Political Affairs OfficeJuly 2024 - 30 June 2Team Assistant/Suda30 June 2025)M&E consultantsOffice supplies for State	1,200,615				
Materials 3. Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture, incl. Depreciation	Acquisition of Office I for Staff and Personn	6,720				
4. Contractual services						
5. Travel	Itineraries	no. of Sta	ff	no of trips	74,856	
	NY - Africa – NY	1		2		
	Africa - Asia & Middle East – Africa	2		6		
	Africa - Africa - Africa	2		3		
	Africa - Europe - Africa	Europe - 1 2				
6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts						
7. General Operating			1		666,725	
and other Direct Costs	Item		Cost (USI 579,925	0)		
	Lumpsum for works					
	Facilities/Rental of (Premises					
	Communications					
Sub Total Project Costs		1,951,416				
8. Indirect Support Costs					136,599	
Total					2,088,015	