

Sudan Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF)

Progress Report

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Type (please indicate one): Annual

Year of report: 2024

1. Project Overview

Project Title: Early warning and response for farmer-pastoralist conflict in South Kordofan			
Project number from MPTF-O Gateway: 00140894			
MPTF recipient organisations: IOM (lead agency) FAO		State(s) and Locality(s): South Khordofan State, Abu Kershola, Abu Jubayhah and Ghadeer Localities	
Date of first transfer: 7 November 2024			
Project end date: 9 May 2026			
Has this project received a no-cost extension? (please indicate one): No			
MPTF-PBF Strategic Results Framework outcome/s:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1: Conflict 'Hotspots' are stabilised and experience decreased levels of violence			
<input type="checkbox"/> 2: Sudan has a legitimate, inclusive 'infrastructure for peace' engaged in peacemaking and peacebuilding at national and sub-national levels			
<input type="checkbox"/> 3: Political processes, peacemaking and implementation of peace agreements advance progress toward a peaceful and democratic transition			
Project Gender Marker: 2			
Risk Marker: High			
Total approved project budget by recipient organisation (Please fill out table):			
Recipient organisation	Budget Allocated (USD)	Amount Transferred to date (USD)	Amount spent / committed to date (USD)
IOM	2,250,000	2,250,000	0
FAO	1,750,000	1,750,000	0
TOTAL	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
Approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget: 0%			

To how many implementing partners has the project transferred money during this reporting period (*Annual reports: January – December of previous year; Final reports: full project duration*) [N/A](#)

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each during this reporting period:

Name of Implementing Partner	Type of Organization (e.g. Govt, civil society, etc.)	IP Agreement/ Contract dates	Total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner during this reporting period	Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner (max. 175 words per box)
N/A				

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Have all fund recipients for this project contributed to the report? Please select: [Yes](#)

2. Project Results

Implementation status: Describe the status of the project in terms of its implementation cycle, including whether preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (i.e. contracting of partners, staff recruitment, collection of baselines, identification of beneficiaries). Discuss if there have been any delays in these activities and what the project team has done to address them. (250 word limit)

During the reporting period, the project Early warning and response for farmer-pastoralist conflict in South Kordofan was in its preliminary phase. A project kick-off was scheduled for early 2025. Initial preparatory activities were initiated, including the establishment of the core project team and relevant focal points, as well as the preliminary identification of potential implementing partners with operational presence and technical expertise in South Kordofan.

Scoping and planning also began for key foundational activities such as the conflict analysis (Activity 1.1.1) and the mapping of community-level mechanisms (Activity 2.1.1). This process aimed to build on existing mobility mapping calendars to ensure alignment with transhumance patterns and seasonal access. Internal consultations were also launched with IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) team to explore the development of a Transhumance Tracking Tool (TTT), informed by best practices from other regions.

However, despite these positive developments, implementation experienced challenges, notably due to the project's temporary suspension confirmed by the MFPT Secretariat in early 2025, which has since impacted the timeline for key project activities. These delays have affected the momentum of implementation, but internal planning and technical groundwork continues in anticipation of activity resumption. These preparatory actions are critical in establishing a comprehensive understanding of the project's context and target population, which will in turn inform the development of effective field-level interventions once implementation resumes.

Is the project on track for the timely completion of outputs as indicated in the workplan?

Please select: **No**

If no, please provide an explanation (500 word limit)

The project is slightly delayed compared to the initially conceived workplan, which foresaw implementation of data collection and conflict analyses as of the first month of implementation. Implementing agencies used the first months of the project which fall under the reporting period to prepare implementation and undertake required internal administrative and coordination procedures. In view of the temporary project suspension confirmed by the MFPT Secretariat in early 2025, the implementing agencies anticipate further adjustments to the project timelines to be required and will coordinate this closely with the MPTF Secretariat.

Summary of project progress: Please provide a narrative summary of the results achieved by the project, with particular attention to results/ changes that have taken place rather than on activities (1000 word limit)

- If the project is starting to make/ has made a difference at the outcome level, provide specific evidence for the progress (quantitative and qualitative) and explain how it impacts the broader political and peacebuilding context.
- If there were delays, explain the nature of the constraints and challenges, actions taken to mitigate future delays and lessons learned in the process.
- Provide an updated risk analysis (have any of the risks identified during the project design materialized or changed? Are there any new risks?). Were there any programmatic revisions undertaken during the reporting period?

The Early Warning and Response for Farmer-Pastoralist Conflict in South Kordofan project remains in its preparatory phase, with initial groundwork having begun in late 2024. Some preliminary planning activities were initiated, including internal planning meetings, initial scoping for the conflict analysis and mapping exercises, and coordination with IOM's DTM team to begin laying the foundation for the TTT. The project team was also in the process of identifying potential implementing partners and setting up key focal points at the field level and planning for the multi-day planning workshop, as per the MPTF checklist.

However, the project's temporary suspension as of early 2025 has led to a significant pause in implementation, with no outcome-level impacts yet recorded during the reporting period. The current political and security context in Sudan remains highly volatile, with continued armed conflict and administrative uncertainty, particularly in South Kordofan, where the project is intended to be implemented. These developments highlight the urgency for improved localized peacebuilding and early warning interventions.

The project's initial risk analysis anticipated challenges related to insecurity, access and political uncertainty, with frequent changes in government representatives or focal points. These risks have since materialized and evolved, with the added uncertainty around foreign assistance policies and the operating environment for UN entities. New risks include further delays in coordination, funding disbursement, and potential shifts in local stakeholder dynamics. To mitigate these risks, programmatic revisions will be necessary and are expected to be revisited once project implementation resumes. The project team remains committed to adapting the strategy to the evolving contextual development; the implementing agencies will closely coordinate these adjustments with the MPFT Secretariat.

Describe other clear effects (positive or negative) of the intervention with respect to gender equality and women's empowerment, youth inclusion and empowerment, and responsiveness to needs of other marginalized groups (500 word limit)

No specific effects are to be reported under this section for the preparatory phase.

However, the intervention places strong emphasis on gender equality, youth inclusion, and responsiveness to the needs of marginalized groups in its targeted area. The intervention specifically targets conflict dynamics in South Kordofan by piloting of IOM's TTT, which monitors livestock movements and captures real-time data on conflict triggers such as disputes over key resources, such as water and grazing land. The project integrates gender and age considerations into all components, recognizing that conflict and socio-economic pressures affect different groups in distinct ways.

In South Kordofan, women play a key role in agriculture and household-level decision-making yet face significant barriers to land ownership and participation in local governance and conflict resolution due to cultural norms. Youth, particularly young women, are similarly excluded from decision-making spaces. The project addresses these gaps by promoting inclusive community engagement, ensuring that both women and youth are meaningfully involved in local peacebuilding efforts.

A gender-sensitive conflict analysis will be conducted under Output 1.1, including gender-disaggregated focus groups to capture the specific concerns of women and youth. Women and youth will also be engaged as enumerators and informants during data collection and will be included in local conflict resolution mechanisms—where safe and appropriate.

By embedding inclusive practices into both design and implementation, the project aims to create space for traditionally excluded groups to contribute to peacebuilding and resilience-building in their communities.

Is the project 1+ year in implementation? Please select: No

For projects 1+ year in implementation only:

Is the project demonstrating outcome-level results? Please select: Yes/No

If yes, summarise the main structural or societal level change to which the project has contributed, including changed attitudes, behaviours or institutions (550 word limit):

3. Project Results Framework

Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments, provide an update on the achievement of key outcome and output indicators in the table below. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, please state this and provide an explanation. Ensure data is disaggregated by age and gender (150 words per entry).

Outcome 1: Communities along migratory routes in South Kordofan experience decreased levels of conflict.

Outcome Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator progress to Date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Indicator 1.1 Number of reported conflicts between pastoralists and farmers in target areas	TBD	TBD	N/A	Project in preparatory phase, progress against outcome-level indicators will be reported following the conclusion of the project endline survey
Indicator 1.2 % of community members who report increased trust in members of communities of which they are not a member	TBD	TBD (must be disaggregated by gender and age)	N/A	
Indicator 1.3 % of community members who report adequate access to land, water, and basic services	TBD	TBD (must be disaggregated by gender and age)	N/A	

Output 1.1 (IOM and FAO): Data and information enabling peaceful management of transhumant flows is collected, analyzed, and used by relevant stakeholders.

Output Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to Date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Indicator 1.1.1 Number of comprehensive conflict analyses and mapping of transhumance routes	0	1 report prepared, covering 3 target localities	N/A	N/A	Project in preparatory phase, data will be reported on during the next reporting period.
Indicator 1.1.2 Establishment of operational Transhumance Tracking Tool in target locations	0	1 TTT, covering 3 target localities	N/A	N/A	
Indicator 1.1.3 Number of individuals in target locations who report being able to access and use information provided by TTT.	0	TBD	N/A	N/A	

Output 1.2 (IOM and FAO): Local-level structures responsible for early warning and managing community conflicts linked to transhumance are supported and strengthened.

Output Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period)	Indicator progress to Date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Indicator 1.2.1 Number of mappings of conflict resolution and natural resource management structures at community-level	0	3 (one per locality)	N/A	N/A	Project in preparatory phase, data will be reported during the next reporting period.
Indicator 1.2.2 Number of conflict resolution and natural resource mechanisms established or strengthened	0	3 (minimum) (one per locality)	N/A	N/A	
Indicator 1.2.3 Number of participants in community awareness raising and training activities	0	TBD (minimum 50% women, 30% youth)	N/A	N/A	
Indicator 1.2.4 Number of participants in community peace dialogue platforms	0	TBD (minimum 40% women, 30% youth)	N/A	N/A	
Indicator 1.2.5 Number of community action plans (CAPs) developed on basis of community-based planning (CBP) process	0	3 (one per locality)	N/A	N/A	

Output 1.3 (IOM and FAO): Community-level quick impact projects are delivered along migratory routes based on evidence and analysis.

Output Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period)	Indicator progress to Date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Indicator 1.3.1 Number of community infrastructures constructed or rehabilitated	0	3 (minimum) (one per locality)	N/A	N/A	Project in preparatory phase, data will be reported during the next reporting period.
Indicator 1.3.2 Number of individuals receiving and using agricultural inputs	0	TBD	N/A	N/A	
Indicator 1.3.3 Number of individuals receiving rangeland management tools and livestock inputs	0	TBD	N/A	N/A	
Indicator 1.3.4 Number of participants in processing and value addition trainings	0	TBD	N/A	N/A	
Indicator 1.3.5 Number of participants who report increased economic interactions with members of communities of which they are not a member	0	TBD	N/A	N/A	

Please repeat the outcome level and output level reporting for each outcome and its respective outputs

4. Cross-cutting issues

Is the project planning any significant events in the next 6 months (e.g., national dialogues, youth congresses, film screenings, etc.)? Please select: Yes/ No

If yes, please state how many, and for each, provide the approximate date of the event and a brief description, including its key objectives, target audience and location (if known).

Event description	Tentative Date	Location	Target Audience	Event objectives
N/A				

<p>Catalytic effects (financial): Has the project mobilized additional non-MPTF financial resources to date? Please select: No</p>	<p>If yes, please indicate name of funder and amount of additional non-MPTF funding support that has been leveraged by the project since it started.</p> <p>Name of funder: Amount (in USD):</p>
<p>Catalytic Effect (non-financial): Has the project enabled or created a larger or longer-term peacebuilding change to occur, in addition to the direct project changes? Please select: No</p>	<p>If relevant, please describe how the project has had a (non-financial) catalytic effect, i.e. removed barriers to unblock stalled political, institutional or other peacebuilding processes at different levels in a country, and/or created the conditions to establish new processes to do so (250 word limit)</p>

5. Human impact

If possible, please highlight a concrete example with a story that showcases the human impact of your project in this reporting period (1000 word limit)

Challenge faced: Describe the specific problem or challenge faced by the subject of your story (this could be a problem experienced by an individual, community or other project stakeholder)

N/A – the project is still in the preparatory stage, so no human impact stories are yet available.

Project interventions: How was the problem or challenged addressed through the project interventions? N/A

Result (if applicable): Describe the observable change that occurred so far as a result of the project interventions. For example, how did community lives change or how was the stakeholder better able to deal with the initial problem? N/A

Lessons learned: What did you (and/or other partners) learn from this situation that has helped inform and/or improve project interventions? N/A

In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had (650 word limit)

N/A

You may also share up to **three photos or videos** illustrating the project's human impact via email to freya.byfield@un.org