

Sudan Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF)

Progress Report

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Type (please indicate one): Final

Year of report: 2025

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 Kordofan State, Abu Kershola, Abu Jubayhah and Ghadeer Localities		
Date of first transfer: 7 November 2024				
Project end date: Originally 9 May 2026 (project terminated on 24 April 2025)				
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 refunded (USD)	Amount spent / committed to date (USD)
IOM	2,250,000	2,250,000	2,238,076	11,923.79
FAO	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,648,893	101,108
TOTAL	4,000,000	4,000,000	3,886,969	113,031.79
Approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget: N/A				
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: 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)

In 2024, 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. These preparatory actions were 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.

However, despite these positive developments, implementation was cut short, notably due to the project's temporary suspension confirmed by the MPTF Secretariat in early 2025, and the termination of the project in 2025, both related to the review and withdrawal of US Government source funding for this and other MPTF projects. For this reason, the project was forced to close in 2025, with none of the planned activities completed.

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)

Due to the temporary project suspension in early 2025 and the ultimate termination of the project in April 2025, it was unfortunately not possible to complete the project activities as planned. All unspent funds were returned promptly to MPTF.

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?

In 2024, the Early Warning and Response for Farmer-Pastoralist Conflict in South Kordofan project was in its preparatory phase, with initial groundwork beginning 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.

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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)

As the project was in its preparatory phase at the time of project suspension and termination, no specific effects are to be reported.

The planned intervention placed strong emphasis on gender equality, youth inclusion, and responsiveness to the needs of marginalized groups in its targeted area, specifically by targeting conflict dynamics in South Kordofan by piloting 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 design integrated 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 aimed to address these gaps by promoting inclusive community engagement, ensuring that both women and youth are meaningfully involved in local peacebuilding efforts.

Furthermore, gender-sensitive conflict analysis was planned under Output 1.1, including gender-disaggregated focus groups to capture the specific concerns of women and youth, and women and youth were to be engaged as enumerators and informants during data collection and included in local conflict resolution mechanisms where safe and appropriate.

By embedding inclusive practices into both design and implementation, the project aimed to create space for traditionally excluded groups to contribute to peacebuilding and resilience-building in their communities. However, due to the early suspension and termination of the project, the intended effects of the project were unable to be realised.

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

For final reports only: Evaluation, Best Practices and Lessons Learned (500 word limit)

- Has there been a final project evaluation and what are the key findings? Please provide reasons if no programme evaluation has been done.
- Report key lessons learned and best practices that would facilitate future programme design and implementation, including issues related to management arrangements, human resources, resources, etc. Please also include areas where the project did not achieve the intended results.

N/A

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	Early termination and suspension of the project – no achievements
Indicator 1.2 % of community members who report increased trust in members of communities of which they are not a member	TBD	TBD	N/A	
Indicator 1.3 % of community members who report adequate access to land, water, and basic services	TBD	TBD	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	Early termination and suspension of the project – no achievements
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	Early termination and suspension of the project – no achievements
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	Early termination and suspension of the project – no achievements
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	

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 1.3.5 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)

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

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?

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

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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 mazza.dolib@undp.org