

## **JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE TO ADVANCE HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATION**

### **Principal-level meeting on Sudan, 18 March 2020**

#### **OUTCOME DOCUMENT**

On 18 March 2020, Joint Steering Committee (JSC) principals met to discuss and agree on concrete areas of support to enhance the impact of the UN's work in Sudan, through strengthened humanitarian-development and peace collaboration in five priority areas. The priority areas focusing on analysis and planning, macro-economic stability, enhanced capacity, closer programmatic collaboration and alignment with UN mission planning have been jointly identified between the RC/HC, the Country Team in Sudan and the JSC ahead of the meeting.

Following a presentation by the Special Advisor to the Secretary-General and the RC/HC Sudan and subsequent discussion, JSC Principals endorsed the five priority areas and related decisions, the Co-Chairs requested JSC members to follow-up at the director-level to move forward with the implementation of the decisions. The Co-Chairs will update the Deputy Secretary-General about the outcome of the meeting. The Co-Chairs acknowledged that despite the challenging operational environment and the activation of business continuity plans in light of the COVID 19 outbreak, JSC entities shall seek creative ways of providing support to the UNCT, including through remote support.

The following priorities have been endorsed, in support of the work of the RC/HC Sudan and the country team.

#### **PRIORITY 1: Joint Information and analysis to support joined-up complementary humanitarian-development-peace planning and programming**

1. JSC members agree to provide technical deployment and financial support to help establish an information management and analysis hub in the RCO Sudan. The hub will aim to strengthen data collection, especially through expanded support for census and MICS, as well as information gathering and joint analysis with a focus on establishing information sharing protocols and facilitating an effective UN-World Bank partnership.
2. The JSC members agree to support joint analysis (through complementary HNO/CCA process) to inform complementary humanitarian-development-peacebuilding planning and programming frameworks (HRP, UNSDCF, mission planning as well as World Bank engagement) towards collective outcomes, drawing on existing data collection methodologies, instruments and protocols.

#### **PRIORITY 2: Advocacy to address the macroeconomic crisis and generate additional funding**

1. JSC Principals adopt common advocacy messages to help mobilize additional and increased, more flexible and multi-year finance and funding for Sudan and for UN agencies from international development partners to address need, risk and vulnerability, while contributing to national priorities.
2. JSC members encourage donors, while acknowledging their regulatory framework and political factors, to take practical and coordinated steps to support the stabilization of the exchange rate and address the macro-economic situation, to help provide funding for government running costs, to resuscitate governmental institutions and invest in core government functions and to provide resources for quick wins to improve the quality of life e.g. transport and electricity; as well as projects to promote youth employment and to address the recovery of conflict affected areas and to assist marginalized areas, in complementarity and support of the work led by the Special Advisor on Sudan.

3. JSC members agree to consider the proposals from the UNCT to frontload their budget to enhance the liquidity of the government.

### **PRIORITY 3: Enhance programme delivery and aid coordination**

1. JSC Members agree to provide technical and financial support to help build the capacity of the Government of Sudan's aid coordination/aid delivery infrastructure, including engagement with Sudanese diaspora and private sector to help fill short-term technical capacity gaps in the public sector.
2. JSC Members agree to strengthen their physical presence and capacity in Sudan (particularly in the East, Blue Nile, Southern Kordofan and Darfur) – pending additional humanitarian and development funding – to deliver joined-up humanitarian-development-peacebuilding programming,
3. JSC members support advocacy efforts for continuation of flexible use of assessed programmatic funding during and after UNAMID transition.

### **PRIORITY 4: Better aligned and area based programmatic solutions for Humanitarian, Development Peace programming**

1. JSC members agree to scale-up and deliver programming on key priority issues, such as durable solutions and protection, building on existing joint analysis, programmes and pilots, and leveraging CERF and other funding mechanisms (including PBF/UNAMID transition funding). In particular, JSC entities to actively support joined-up analysis, programming and financing for a scale-up and mainstreaming of durable solutions in programming and policy in support of national efforts. Programming should also address drivers of inter-communal violence by undertaking community interventions to promote reconciliation and dialogue.
2. JSC members agree to advocate for strengthened funding and technical and coordination capacity of the UNCT and the government on durable solutions.
3. JSC members agree to conduct an inter-agency protection analysis and provide technical and financial support for humanitarian, development and peacebuilding interventions that take into account the social impact of the upcoming economic reforms, building on the existing HCT Protection Strategy.
4. JSC members commit to engage with women and youth in all their efforts, as they play a key role in the Sudanese society and should actively contribute to the transition of their country.

### **PRIORITY 5: Align JSC priorities with UN mission transition planning process**

1. JSC members agree that support to priority humanitarian-development-peacebuilding activities in Sudan should be complementary to the planning for UNAMID's transition and for the new possible country-wide Special Political Mission to avoid resource and capacity gaps that might leave needs unattended. The planning will be done in close consultation with the UNCT, which could support potential mission mandates, including State Liaison Functions and protection of civilians. Support to the UNCT should take into consideration the parameters of the new mission configuration, it should build on capacities and priorities of the UNCT and respond to national priorities.

The attached background paper provides further information regarding the identified priority areas.