Brief on Darfur Achievements and Way Forward

Institutional Capacity Development in Darfur on Urban and Regional Planning and Land Management

Completed in 2013, funded by OFDA/USAID. Main outcomes were: (1) institutional settings established and trainings on urban and regional planning, and land management delivered to the Ministries of Physical Planning and Public Utilities (MPPPU) of Darfur (2) Pilot integrated urban projects implemented through on-the-job capacity development of MPPPU staff; (3) Urban planning/land management tools and awareness raising materials prepared and disseminated (4) Regional Spatial Plan Strategy for Darfur (RSPSD) formulated.

Strengthening Primary Health Care system in Darfur

Completed in 2013, funded by OFDA/USAID with objective to strengthening primary health care facilities in Darfur. Outcomes: 12 health centers and health units constructed and operational; WHO provided equipment, medical supplies and trained medical and paramedical staff for designated facilities.

Sustainable Land Tenure and Reconstruction of Shelter, Community Infrastructure in Darfur

Funded by Japan Government and DFID. The major outcomes of the project were: (1) Multi-disciplinary economic profiling studies developed and published for El-Fashir Town & Abu Shouk IDP Camp and Nyala Town & Adjacent IDP Camps; (2) Community-based regularization techniques, land dispute resolution mechanisms and options for emerging rural land tenure systems developed. (4) Strategies for the delivery of community-based reconstruction, including the provision of “woodless” building materials by local community groups or small enterprises implemented

Slum Upgrading and Sustainable Housing Development Project South and West Darfur

Main outcomes were: (1) Land administration capacity improved and 1500 plots of land for housing allocated for IDP families who are willing to leave the camp and reintegrate with the local communities; (2) Sakali and Dorti communities in South and West Darfur empowered to coordinate production of Stabilized Soil Blocks (SSB) and construction; (3) 150 housing units improved for vulnerable IDP households with secure land tenure built through self-help mechanisms using environmental friendly and low-cost construction technology including.

Peace Building in Darfur through Resource Management and livelihoods

It is ongoing project with funding from DCPSF fund. The overall development objective is “To improve environment for sustainable peace, through livelihood support and resource management”
with two main components (1) Promotion of social peace and (2) Improve livelihoods with the focus on youth and women

Way forward
UN-Habitat has submitted four proposals for funding from Qatari Fund under the umbrella of Darfur Development strategy (DDS) fast track projects (foundational activities). Two proposals are joint programs with UNDP, FAO, WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA and the other two proposals will be implemented by UN-Habitat. These proposals are:

1. **Assessment and Support to Darfur Land commission (DLC).** Is a joint programme with UNDP, FAO and UN-Habitat (UNDP as lead agency). It aims at strengthen the capacity of Darfur Land Commission (DLC) and its partners at state and local levels to formulate land rights disputes mechanism, making recommendations on people-centred land reform policies and legislation to the competent authorities on necessary changes, including the restoration of land rights to their owners. Total budget of USD 5.03 million and about USD 2.06 million for UN-Habitat. The project duration is 18 months expected to start in October 2014.

2. **Redesign and Construction of Administrative Buildings in selected Localities using Stabilised Soil Blocks.** The project intends to address urgent requirements for consistent and standardized administrative building designs and package for provision of basic services needed for villages cluster centre at return sites such as medical facilities, schools, police stations, community buildings staff housings to ensure unified and standardized design and package to be followed and applied throughout the return sites. Its proposed budget is USD 1.07 million for a duration of 18 moths.

3. **Improved Access to Quality Urban Housing and Services in the Five States of Darfur.** The project intends to address issue related to urban housing construction which suffers from the low quality of construction material and affordability results from continuous increase of market price for essential material; the application of traditional construction material/technologies, particularly wood material and burned bricks. Its proposed budget is USD 1.07 million for a duration of 18 moths.

4. **Commence Upgrading and Rehabilitating the Existing Health Facilities and Basic Health Services in Darfur.** The joint programme objective will contribute to the recovery and stabilization of 2.9 million war-affected populations through the rehabilitation of basic health services to address the inefficient and inequitable health. This project will be jointly implemented by the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), United Nations Children’s’ Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in partnership with the competent authorities, namely: the Darfur Regional Authority, the five Darfur State Ministries of Health (SMOhs), the Federal Ministry of Health, and the 5 States Ministries of Planning and Public Utilities (SMPPPU).