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Project Highlights THE SUDAN

"Support to the coordination of the Food Security and Livelihoods Sector in Northern Sudan"

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Target areas: Sudan

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Objective:

To provide direct support to the coordination and planning capacity of the FSL Sector in Northern Sudan.

Project partners:

State Ministries of Agriculture (SMoAs) of West Darfur, Kassala, South Kordofan and Blue Nile; WFP; the Remote Sensing Authority; and the University of Khartoum.

Beneficiaries reached:

SMoA and FAO staff in Northern Sudan, as well as all FSL Sector partners in the targeted states.

Activities implemented:

- At least one FSL Sector meeting organized each month in Khartoum and every two weeks in the states.
- Conducted regional priority setting and FSL sector plan development and assisted sector partners in project sheet formulation.
- Developed standard monitoring data collection format with FSL Sector partners.
- Established a Sector database.
- Reviewed and edited sector plans and project sheets at the Khartoum level.
- Contributed to decision-making on FSL assessment methods and approaches.
- Provided training in data analysis and reporting for food security and information system core stakeholders.
- Trained SMoA staff in West Darfur, Kassala, South Kordofan and Blue Nile states in data collection, information collection for raingauges, market data collection and analysis.
- Provided supporting equipment and tools to each unit to facilitate these tasks.

Results:

- Upgraded the technical skills of SMoA staff.
- Strengthened the capacity of FAO field staff in support of the FSL Sector.
- Improved coordination of the FSL Sector through an enhanced FSL information system in the targeted states.
- Supported the identification of vulnerable households to be targeted with assistance through the regular implementation of the Food Security Monitoring System in West Darfur state.