



SUDAN

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NOTE ON OPERATIONS AGAINST THE DESERT LOCUST

1. Funding and state of execution of the ECLO programme

- Four regional and two national projects assisted Desert Locust control in Sudan. These projects are funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and FAO's Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP). Only four of these projects are still operationally active. The total budget allocated to Sudan from these projects amount to US\$411 175. As of 6 December 2005, US\$406 429 had been provided and committed. A balance of US\$1 610 is available within the projects that are still operationally active.

2. Assistance provided by FAO in 2004 and 2005

- **Technical assistance:** In-service training and technical backstopping were provided by FAO in cooperation with the Plant Protection Directorate (PPD) of Sudan (US\$148 371).
- **Equipment:** A 4WD double-cab pickup vehicle was provided (US\$23 500), as were nine Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and two mobile radios (US\$15 660). Other equipment comprising computer and office equipment, generators, protective clothing, camping equipment, maps, fuel pumps, filters, avgas, insecticides, sprayers, vehicle spare parts and maintenance equipment, solar panels for HF radios, stationary items for the PPD, etc. is being provided (US\$148 700).
- **Aerial services:** In 2004, the UNDP project funded aerial services for survey operations in North and South Kordofan and South Darfur to control *Quelea* birds, Tree Locust and grasshoppers (US\$33 000). A total area of 58 837 ha was treated against these infestations.
- **Other:** Miscellaneous operating costs related to the preparation of training materials, organization of training courses and running costs of the national survey/control teams carrying out field operations to contain localized outbreaks of Desert Locust in 2004 and 2005 were provided (US\$37 198).

3. Assistance provided by Sudan in 2005

- At the request of FAO, Sudan provided 10 000 litres of pesticide for locust control in Eritrea.