

SUDAN - Agri-food Value Chains: Vector to Food Security and Sustainable Growth and Jobs

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Food & nutrition security and sanitary/phytosanitary quality:

- Selected commodities for the value chains will be identified in consultation with the government and other stakeholders

Job creation and sustainable growth:

- Investment in decent living, education & health
- "Greening" the value chains
- Digitalisation: increase profitability and productivity

Rural/urban migration:

- Integration of refugees and IDPs to livelihood opportunities and agri-food systems will also contribute to a stabilization process in the areas concerned.
- Geographic convergence of development cooperation -> rural development approach -> curb the rural/urban migration
- Ensure a geographic balance and a materialization of the triple nexus by promoting prosperity hence stabilization in the Eastern States, Blue Nile, South Kordofan and Darfur

Addressing rural poverty:

- Decent living: Fostering livelihood opportunities through the agri-food value chains

Addressing land degradation and desertification:

- Improvement of water resources management
- Ensure an inclusive access to land and water

MODALITIES/TOOLS

Formulation mission on-going. Results will allow the identification of synergies and possible activities with the EU MS.

Possibilities:

- Irrigation management and farming practices: coordination, reinforcement, technology transfer and training and capacity building
- Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) initiative: Strategic support to the private sector through challenge funds, partnerships, agribusinesses and smallholder farmers
- Cooperation in areas such as green growth, sustainable development, and public management of energy and natural resources
- Food security, and agricultural solutions, targeting refugees, IDPs, host-communities and especially women: Technical cooperation projects
- Food security for male and female smallholder farmers: enhance gender equitable market access and agricultural production

KEY DELIVERABLES

Food production value chains

Gum Arabic value chain in Sudan

- Strengthening the gum Arabic value chain in Blue Nile, Sinnar, Gedaref, North Kordofan and East Darfur, South Darfur, North Darfur and White Nile States.
- Quality of gum Arabic produced enhanced and organisational and commercial capacity of stakeholders to market gum Arabic improved.
- Capacities of producers and Gum Arabic Producers Associations' (GAPAs) strengthened.
- Increased resilience of ecosystems and ecosystem services provided by trees and forests in the Gum Arabic Belt that vulnerable communities depend upon (environmental and social sustainability of the value chain).

Wadi El Ku Integrated Catchment Management Project

- Transforming a seasonal river to slow the flow of the rainy season downpours, spreading water and allowing it to seep into the land.
- Improvement of the locals' diet moving from the reliance on millet and sorghum as staples, to farmers diversifying into cucumbers and okra, lemons and grapefruit, all of which are valuable cash crops.
- Tackle food security and improve protein rich value chains.

TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

The TEI has an integrated approach that could provide durable solutions for the chronic food crisis in Sudan.

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NATIONAL CONTEXT

Sudan has great agricultural potential but struggles with inadequate water sources, land disputes and inflation

- High poverty level
- 64% of the population live in rural areas and agriculture employs more than 40% of Sudan's labour force
- Malnutrition & Food insecurities

Women crucial role in agriculture is undervalued

Agriculture: major contributor to gross domestic product, foreign exchange earnings (54 per cent of export revenues), job creation and livelihoods
But:

- Severely affected by climate change
- Poor techniques & destructive forms of agriculture -> desertification & land degradation
- IDPs vs local communities clash over access to natural resources.

Weak/non-existent Veterinary and phytosanitary control programmes -> inability to contain frequent outbreaks of major infectious diseases

- A great variety of food, cash and industrial crops.
- Rich in marine fish & Inland fisheries
- Tedious agriculture with poor yields
- Second largest irrigated area in Africa

GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs

Great Green Belt
Humanitarian- Development-Peace nexus



**SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)