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Title	The IMF and fragile states – Evaluation report 2018
Published	2018
Agency/author	Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) / Shinji Takagi
Commissioned by	International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Type of evaluation	Formative evaluation / programme evaluation
Project period	Not applicable
Keywords	Economic Infrastructure and Services / Other / Fragile states
Abstract	This evaluation assesses the IMF's engagement with countries in fragile and conflict-affected situations (FCS). The evaluation recognizes the important contributions that the IMF has made in fragile states, including helping to restore macroeconomic stability, build core macroeconomic policy institutions, and catalyze donor support. Against the challenges facing development efforts in fragile contexts, the IMF on balance has performed its various roles quite effectively, particularly in years soon after countries first emerged from periods of violence and isolation.
	Despite this overall positive assessment, the IMF's approach to fragile member states seems conflicted and its impact falls short of what could be achieved. Even though the IMF has declared in several pronouncements that work on FCS would receive priority, it has not consistently made the hard choices necessary to achieve full impact from its engagement. FCS typically require long-term, patient modes of engagement that do not fit well with the IMF's standard business model.
	South Sudan and experience with IMG Technical Assistance (TA): Since 2012, the IMF intensified efforts of capacity development, heavily funded by external donors and closely coordinated with development partners, and anchored within the framework of a Staff-Monitored Program. This three-year program, coordinated with the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the US, and other TA providers, sought to build capacity in central banking, macroeconomic analysis and statistics, tax administration, and public financial management, including the management of oil revenue. The program also included the establishment of a Trust Fund for Capacity Building, to which the EU, Norway and the UK contributed. However, due to the break out of the civil war in 2013, missions to the country were suspended during much of 2014, resumed in October 2014, and then suspended again since June 2016, with only limited work taking place outside the country. Recognizing the lack of absorptive capacity and in view of the security situation, the Trust Fund's steering committee agreed in 2015 to a scaling down of TA activities in South Sudan. The volume of TA to South Sudan declined sharply (by nearly three persons-years) in FY 2017.
Crosscutting	Poverty (some), gender (no), environment (no), corruption (some)
issues	
Link to	http://www.ieo-imf.org/ieo/files/completedevaluations/FS%20-
evaluation	%20Report%20(web).pdf

	Evaluation of the implementation of the Security Arrangements of the Agreement on the Resolution of Conflict in South Sudan (ARCSS): Implications for the Security Sector Reforms (SSR) in South Sudan
Published	12/09/2018
Agency/author	Bior K. Bior
Commissioned by	The SUDD Institute
Type of evaluation	Policy brief
Project period	Not applicable
Keywords	Multi-sectoral/cross-cutting / Other / Security
Abstract	 Key findings: Most of the respondents, who are mostly military experts and were intimately involved in the implementation of the security arrangement provisions of ARCSS, stated that the agreement wasn't implemented in good faith and that the parties to the agreement never showed seriousness to implement the security arrangement provisions in letter and spirit. The majority of the respondents hold the view that the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement was violated needlessly because some commanders from both sides of the divide didn't respect what their superiors agreed. Lack of resources to implement the provisions of the Agreement such as the cantonment of rebel forces was also cited as a reason for the failure of the ARCISS to usher in a new security stability paradigm in South Sudan. Recommendations:
	 South Sudan will stand a good chance of restructuring and reforming its security sector if the security arrangements of any future peace accord(s) are implemented in letter and spirit. Instead of forever going through unsuccessful bouts of militias integration, there is a need for South Sudan to institute a security sector that is reflective of all her ethnic diversities to ensure that everyone's fears are addressed. There is a need to shrink the size of South Sudan army so that the resources that are now being utilized for its maintenance are shifted to the chronically neglected social services provision sectors such as health and education.
	Poverty (no), gender (no), environment (no), corruption (no)
Link to evaluation	https://reliefweb.int/report/south-sudan/evaluation-implementation-security- arrangements-agreement-resolution-conflict

	Final Evaluation of UNDP South Sudan Access to Justice and Rule of Law Project
	18/06/2018
Agency/author	Cécile Collin and Geoffrey Batali
Commissioned by	UNDP
Type of evaluation	Summative/formative evaluation / Project evaluation
Project period	2013 - 2017

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Keywords	Multi-sectoral/cross-cutting / Public sector / Justice
Abstract	This study is an external evaluation of the Access to Justice project implemented by UNDP between Oct. 2013 and 2017 in South Sudan. During this timeframe, the country faced two severe crises in Dec. 2013 and July 2016, which strongly affected the project's dynamics. The project consisted in a comprehensive approach supporting the whole of the justice chain from reducing crime and improving police / community relationships, access to justice for vulnerable groups, case management and reducing prolonged detention. It was able to build on existing dynamics and previous interventions to bring forward the rule of law agenda amongst the State institutions, which still derive from the defense and military forces. The project had some results at various levels: improvements in the legal and institutional framework, organizational processes within and between the various law enforcement institutions, strengthening the physical and technical capacities of the various agencies as well as to operational results for the beneficiaries. They remain however limited given the extend of the needs. Transitional justice mechanisms are yet to be implemented. In addition, the case management system and referral mechanisms are not fully functional. Mobile courts, which could address the limited resources of the judiciaries are not in place either. The results are also linked to the overall challenges of the governance system in South Sudan.
	Recommendations: 1) Strengthen the prioritization of the support to vulnerable groups and to local dynamics as well as interventions with direct operational results on security and social fragilities. 2) Integrate capacity building efforts into medium / long term through a strategy for the whole Rule of Law sector. 3) Reinforce context understanding, engage in deeper analysis, stakeholder mapping and political/conflict analysis using actual leverages for changes and that can feed into a broader stabilization framework 4) Coordination and stakeholder's engagement should be adjusted on several aspects
Crosscutting issues	Poverty (no), gender (strong), environment (no), corruption (no)
Link to evaluation	https://erc.undp.org/evaluation/evaluations/detail/8365
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	Final Evaluation Report of Norwegian Church Aid's Emergency Preparedness and Response Programme in South Sudan
Published	01/05/2018
	Action Against Hunger UK's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Services / R. Shaheen, H. Wichterich, and D. Sardiwal
Commissioned by	Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)
Type of evaluation	Summative evaluation / Programme evaluation
Project period	2014-2017
Keywords	Humanitarian Aid / Other / Conflict

	NCA started the 'Emergency Preparedness and Response Programme' in January 2014 after violence erupted in December 2013, and it has been implemented in a phased approach with Phase 5 completed in August 2017. The overall objective of the programme is the provision of life-saving assistance to conflict and displaced populations in South Sudan. Key findings: Responses appear to be based on needs assessments and therefore have high relevance. There are high levels of engagement with communities although recruitment of women for specific activities is found to be difficult due to cultural constraint. NCA is actively engaged with both national and sub-national coordination platforms, although it has a low visibility in the UN consolidated South Sudan Crisis Response Plan. The scale of needs in South Sudan means that gaps remain in emergency response programing. NCA have had a mixed level of achievement against its results framework targets. Some results (at output level) have been completely achieved, some partially whilst others not at all. NCA has been flexible and has adapted it's programming in response to the changing environment and needs. Relevant technical standards and protection of women and girls, as a priority crosscutting theme, are referenced in proposals, and included in NCA's results frameworks. However, they could be more contextually relevant and adapted to align with project requirements. There may be scope for this to be more contextually relevant. Evidence suggests that partnering with churches and local partners is an appropriate work approach because organisations get more access and (if
Cura a constituir a incorre	done well) it will lead to continuity and sustainability.
	Poverty (no), gender (strong), environment (no), corruption (no)
Link to evaluation	https://www.alnap.org/system/files/content/resource/files/main/2018_NCA_E PRP_Final_Evaluation_AAH_noAnnexes.pdf

Title	Building tax systems in fragile states. Challenges, achievements and policy recommendations
Published	03/2018
Agency/author	Chr. Michelsen Institute and Norwegian Institute of International Affairs / Odd- Helge Fjeldstad, Morten Bøås, Julie Brun Bjørkheim, and Frida Margrethe Kvamme
Commissioned by	Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
Type of evaluation	Formative evaluation / Sector evaluation
Project period	Not applicable
Keywords	Multi-sectoral/cross-cutting / Multilateral Organisations / Taxation
Abstract	The purpose of this study is to systematise and analyse existing knowledge on taxation in fragile states. Efforts to support domestic revenue mobilisation in

conflict situations require a different approach and other means than in the more stable developing countries. On that basis, the study discusses possible entry points for Norwegian support to domestic revenue mobilisation in ways that may contribute to strengthen state-building and improve government legitimacy. Complexity, limited experience and security concerns suggest that one should be cautious to adopt bilateral technical assistance programmes of the kind implemented in other developing countries. Instead, the study argues in favour of engagement via multilateral institutions, including multi-donor trust funds and other forms of pooled resources. Nine entry points are recommended for Norwegian support to taxation in fragile states: 1. Do no harm 2. Safeguard donor coordination but ensure a certain humility 3. Support customs administration 4. Capacitate management and taxation of natural resources 5. Support the United Nations Tax Committee 6. Improve taxpayer-tax administration relations 7. Remember the sub-national tax system 8. Support civil based organisations 9. Develop research capacity Lessons from South Sudan suggest that establishing basic tax administrative procedures can have high revenue impact in a short time. In South Sudan, this meant introduction of basic rules and procedures in key compliance areas such as registration, filing, and payment of taxes for the major taxpayers. It also included strengthening of the large taxpayer office and customs operations at the largest port. Crosscutting issues Poverty (some), gender (no), environment (some), corruption (strong/some) Link to evaluation https://www.cmi.no/publications/file/6491-building-tax-systems-in-fragilestates-challenges.pdf

Title	Realising Potential Evaluation of Norway's Support to Education in Conflict and Crisis through Civil Society Organisations (South Sudan Desk Study Report)
Published	11/2017
Agency/author	The Konterra Group / Niamh O'Grady
Commissioned by	NORAD
Type of evaluation	Formative evaluation / Programme evaluation
Project period	2011 – 2017
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services / NGOs and Civil Society / Education
Abstract	Norway has contributed at least 2.85 billion NOK to education in situations of crisis and conflict (EiCC) through Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) since 2008. Between 2011 and 2016 Norway will have channelled 212.8 million NOK to basic education in South Sudan through six Norwegian civil society organisations. Despite some gains in education since the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in 2005 with Sudan, on achieving

independence, South Sudan inherited vast unmet needs in the education sector. With the advent of the civil war in 2013, at least 866,000 school-aged children have been displaced and an estimated 400,000 children dropped out of school. The delivery of education in South Sudan is significantly dependent on Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). The evaluation presents six main lessons learned: Improve documentation (Overall, documentation is very weak and results data was limited. High staff turnover in many organisations also exacerbated the weak evidence base.) **Prioritise Learning** (there is very little evidence of lesson-sharing among Norwegian-funded organisations. These lessons would help Norwegian-supported organisations along with other civil society organisations and other actors to effectively plan for and respond to critical education needs of South Sudanese children.) Continue to invest in cluster structures and coordination (Norwegian-funded organisations should continue to devote time and resources to actively participate in and support the functioning of the Education Clusters at the different levels, to improve the coherence and coordination of the response) Continue to invest in capacity building of teachers, education officials and PTA members/Community (Capacity building efforts may have been undermined by contextual and programmatic factors. Improving the quality of teaching and ensuring that officials have the skills to monitor delivery will ensure that the goals of the General Education Strategic Plan and the Education Cluster plan are met). **Crosscutting issues** Poverty (no), gender (some), environment (no), corruption (no). Link to evaluation https://norad.no/en/toolspublications/publications/2017/realising-potentialevaluation-of-norways-support-to-education-in-conflict-and-crisis-throughcivil-society-organisations/

Title	Tearfund South Sudan final results report: integrated response to life- threatening malnutrition in South Sudan
Published	29/11/2017
Agency/author	USAID and Tearfund
Commissioned by	USAID and Tearfund
Type of evaluation	Summative evaluation / project evaluation
Project period	2016-2017
Keywords	Humanitarian Aid / NGOs and Civil Society / Malnutrition
Abstract	Uror and Twic East Counties of Jonglei have seen ongoing cycles of malnutrition caused by a steadily worsening food insecurity situation, along with a high prevalence of waterborne diseases. The outbreak of the conflict in December 2013, which sparked mass displacement into Jonglei from surrounding states, burdened host communities to a breaking point.
	Through the support of the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA),

	Tearfund has maintained its long standing presence in Jonglei state, delivering lifesaving interventions including: 1) Increasing access to safe and potable water and improving hygiene practices; 2) Treating children and Pregnant and lactating Women (PLW) with severe and moderate acute malnutrition; 3) Infant and young child feeding and behaviour change; 4) Improving food security through agricultural support; Lessons learned: - Increased coordination with other humanitarian actors in the area: Specifically, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), who were working with kitchen gardening. Because of the positive response to this activity, Tearfund has included it in the currently ongoing OFDA funded intervention, increasing the reach of the activity - Targeting out-of-school children: In times of insecurity, school enrolment declines significantly. Out-of-school children should also be targeted for hygiene promotion, to ensure that messages reach the most vulnerable. - Contingency planning: Project activities were disrupted in several sites because insecurity meant that community gatherings were discouraged. In order to reduce the disruption to activities, a new modality of transferring messages could have been implemented. - Village volunteers: In line with the above, Tearfund has implemented a new strategy whereby village level volunteers are trained to distribute items at the household level, reducing the associated risk to project staff and increasing community acceptance. Poverty (some), gender (some), environment (no), corruption (no)
	Poverty (some), gender (some), environment (no), corruption (no)
Link to evaluation	https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00N6K9.pdf

Title	South Sudan: A Political Economy Analysis
Published	16/10/2017
Agency/author	Norwegian Institute for International Affairs (NUPI) / Øystein H. Rolandsen
	(PRIO) and Nicki Kindersley (PRIO)
Commissioned by	Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
Type of evaluation	Political Economy Analysis
Project period	Not applicable
Keywords	Political economy / Security / Conflict
Abstract	This report provides a comprehensive analysis of the current state of South Sudan. A main argument is that its political economy is fundamentally atypical: achieving independence in 2011 and dissolving into renewed civil war in 2013, South Sudan is suffering the crisis of a weak, neo-patrimonial guerrilla government, with fragmented military-political systems that stretch across its extensive borderlands. This report locates the current crisis within a longer and deeper context, and explores the power dynamics and centrifugal destructive forces that drive patterns of extractive, violent governance. These forces underpin today's economic and state collapse, civil war, famine, the flight of its people, and their local tactics of survival. One of the three main questions asked is "what are the risks, challenges and opportunities for

Norwegian developmental and political engagement in South Sudan in the short and medium term?" The Norwegian government is a major bilateral donor to South Sudan, and as part of the Troika with the UK and USA. Faced with a complex set of constraints on humanitarian access, providing aid has become increasingly difficult and dangerous. In addition, there are logistical challenges (infrastructure and unpredictable weather). Other challenges are the timeconsuming bureaucratic impediments, border-crossing issues, and negotiating access. The conflict situation presents additional challenges, such as looting of humanitarian aid and food depots, and high levels of operational insecurity. Providing humanitarian assistance has justifiably become the donors' primary concern but in the short term, aid can (and appears to) fuel the conflict. Shortterm aid must not deflect attention from longer-term projects that can support deeper processes of internal reform. Poverty (some), gender (no), environment (no), corruption (some). **Crosscutting issues** http://www.nupi.no/Publikasjoner/CRIStin-Pub/South-Sudan-A-Political-Link to evaluation **Economy-Analysis**

Title	Responding to Refugee Crises Lessons from evaluations in South Sudan as a country of origin
Published	09/2017
Agency/author	OECD, Susanna Morrison-Métois
Commissioned by	NORAD
Type of evaluation	Working Paper
Project period	Not applicable
Keywords	Forced displacement / Internally displaced persons
Abstract	The study, Responding to Refugee Crises in Developing Countries: What Can We Learn From Evaluations? provides evidence from evaluations to feed into guidance on better programming that is being developed through the DAC Temporary Working Group. The main paper and three accompanying case studies (Afghanistan, South Sudan and Ethiopia/Uganda) draw on evaluation findings to highlight some of the key lessons and recommendations for positive change going forward. The case study looks at issues of forced displacement in South Sudan and underscores the linkages between internally displaced persons (IDPs) and South Sudanese refugees. The case study highlights the importance of understanding local contexts and root drivers of conflict and displacement. In 2016, the conflict in South Sudan became the world's third largest after Syria and Afghanistan. This case study highlights the complexity of conditions and context in South Sudan and how international development and humanitarian actors struggle to implement programmes. The country continues to face massive security and state-building challenges, with deeply rooted drivers of conflict persisting over decades. This case study also demonstrates that short-term efforts to address the root causes of conflict in refugee countries of origin are unlikely to change the underlying conditions driving displacement in the near future. Past efforts to address root causes have tended to underestimate the

	timescale needed for change and the challenges of state building in the South Sudanese context. Humanitarian needs are likely to remain high and donors should not expect short-term projects to be able to adequately address long-term structural conflict drivers. Despite the challenges, there are examples of some successes in South Sudan such as internally displaced persons taking shelter in UN bases, UNHCR voluntary return programmes also and cash-based and livelihood interventions.
Crosscutting issues	Poverty (no), gender (some), environment (no), corruption (no).
Link to evaluation	https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/development/responding-to-refugee- crises_3b2fd4cc-en

Title	Country Portfolio Evaluation South Sudan: An Evaluation Of WFP's Portfolio (2011 - 2016)
Published	06/2017
Agency/author	Nick Maunder, Annemarie Hoogendoorn, David Coombs, George Fenton and Lia Carboni (external evaluation team)
Commissioned by	World Food Programme (WFP) Office of Evaluation
Type of evaluation	Formative evaluation / Country portfolio evaluation
Project period	2011 – 2016 (evaluation period)
Keywords	Multi-sectoral / Multilateral Organisations / Food security
Abstract	Following South Sudan's independence, WFP developed a country strategy comprising four pillars to: i) meet the emergency food needs of vulnerable groups; ii) build community resilience and strengthen livelihoods; iii) enhance market access and food value chains; and iv) enhance access to basic services in support of good nutrition and learning. Initially, the portfolio was realigned in the post-independence phase to support state-building objectives. Due to the resumption of large-scale hostilities in December 2013 the WFP reoriented its portfolio rapidly and appropriately. From 2011 to 2016, WFP South Sudan operations received donor contributions of USD 2,642,072,566 (top three donors: USA, UK and European Commission). The evaluation assesses the issues listed below. • WFP's strategic alignment and positioning. The relevance of the WFP portfolio was high in a difficult and challenging environment and it managed to make appropriate adaptations to its portfolio. A major challenge for WFP lies in building connectedness (ensure that short-term
	 emergency activities are carried out). The factors and quality of WFP's strategic decision-making. The effectiveness of WFP strategic decision-making was mixed. There was a disconnection between strategy and operations, and lacked an accountability framework. The country office was not proactive in developing a revised, comprehensive strategic approach. The performance and results of the portfolio. The coverage of WFP emergency food assistance was very good. Given the major security constraints, the number of beneficiaries reached, have also been good. The evaluation suggest 5 overall recommendations, one of which suggests that the WFP should develop a strategic framework for responding to the

	needs of South Sudan as a multi-year acute crisis, which acknowledges the limited capacity of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan to provide leadership to the process.
Crosscutting issues	Poverty (some), gender (some), environment (no), corruption (no).
Link to evaluation	http://www.wfp.org/content/south-sudan-evaluation-wfps-portfolio-2011- 2015-terms-reference

Title	UNDP South Sudan Community Security & Arms Control Project
Published	05/2017
Agency/author	Sean Mc Gearty and Philip Deng
Commissioned by	UNDP
Type of evaluation	Summative evaluation / Project evaluation
Project period	2012 – 2016
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services / Multilateral Organisations / community security
Abstract	South Sudan is a fractured nation with deep ethnic division, a break down in social cohesion and a lack of trust among the citizens and between the state and the citizens. The CSAC project sought to enable a comprehensive and strategic approach to peace and reconciliation in South Sudan through the strengthening of the peace infrastructure, promoting the control of small arms and by providing support to local Government, civil society organizations and traditional structures and leaders to strengthen reconciliation and social cohesion at the local level. The approach includes facilitating communities to identify needs and develop appropriate responses, building ownership and working in partnership at local state and national level. The project had a total budget of 47,512,367 USD. The main findings are organised in relation to the following. • Relevance: Efforts to introduce arms control, to build a peace infrastructure and support wider engagement in the peace process were relevant and timely. • Effectiveness: The project was effective in a number of key areas. However the CSAC theory of change was not sufficiently geared to the core conflict drivers which reduced its overall effectiveness. • Impact: CSAC interventions have contributed to peace and security at a local level. However, the project was not of sufficient scale to make a significant impact at state and national level and the ongoing political and security crises have eroded earlier gains in several states. • Sustainability: The ongoing conflicts have limited the sustainability of some of CSAC work. However, some elements have reasonable potential to be sustained (work at community level on resource based conflicts,
	dispute resolution mechanisms and the interdependencies projects).
Crosscutting issues	Poverty (no), gender (some), environment (no), corruption (no).
Link to evaluation	https://erc.undp.org/evaluation/evaluations/detail/8364

Title	Inspiring Healthy Communities: Integrating Health, Water Supply, and Market Interventions to Build Resilience
Published	10/01/2017
Agency/author	Smart Edge Research & Consulting
Commissioned by	Action Against Hunger (ACF International)
Type of evaluation	Summative evaluation / Project evaluation
Project period	01/09/2014 – 15/12/2016
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services / NGO and civil Society/ Resilience
Abstract	The instable situation in South Sudan has left the country with detrimental effects on families, food insecurity and malnutrition and lack of key service provision including access to safe water and adequate sanitation. Action Against Hunger implemented the USAID funded (4.000.000 USD) programme in Aweil North and East of the Northern Bahr el Ghazal State area. The evaluation assess the programme performance against adapted Development Assistance Committee (DAC) evaluation criteria, by responding to evaluation questions mainly centred on programme objective 1: "Targeted communities have functional water points which account for multiple uses of water and are maintained throughout the year using community contributions". The evaluation assessed the programme's design (on average meets expectations), relevance (meets expectations), efficiency (meets expectations), effectiveness (meets expectations), sustainability (on average meets expectations) and possibility of impact (on average meets expectations). The lessons learnt in this programme implementation include: • Community contribution towards water points' development and maintenance is very much possible but needs adequate time for the mobilization and implementation; • Programme implementation; • Programme implementation should begin with the exit strategy as a priority if sustainability is the main objective; • Manual drilling is only possible for shallow wells, is time and labour intensive, boreholes drilling has to be based on hydro-geological survey findings as elaborated in the recommendation; • It is possible to exceed programme output expectations based on sound programme management.
Crosscutting issues	Poverty (some), gender (some), environment (no), corruption (no).
Link to evaluation	https://www.alnap.org/help-library/inspiring-healthy-communities-integrating-health-water-supply-and-market-interventions

Title	Eyes and Ears on the Ground: Monitoring aid in insecure environments
Published	01/10/2016
J	Secure Access in Volatile Environments (SAVE) / Julia Steets, Elias Sagmeister and Lotte Ruppert
Commissioned by	UKAid
Type of evaluation	Research report

Project period	Not applicable
Keywords	Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) / Humanitarian aid / Insecurity
Abstract	This research aimed to improve the monitoring of humanitarian assistance in insecure environments with a focus on Afghanistan, South Central Somalia, South Sudan and Syria. It had two main goals: first , to assess available options for aid agencies to monitor assistance, given the constraints that insecurity entails, and second , to identify principles of good practice and particular aspects where monitoring approaches could be improved.
	Current monitoring systems in the insecure contexts studied are best suited for ensuring accountability to donors and tax payers, for verifying immediate outputs and for providing information to operational decision-makers. In contrast, current monitoring systems are perceived as largely inadequate for achieving accountability to affected populations. In addition, monitoring systems are comparatively weak at showing aggregated and countrywide effects, impact on conflict drivers, and demonstrating longer-term impact. The research identified the following lessons and principles of good practice: 1. Invest more in communicating with and involving communities 2. Continue to invest in monitoring by agency staff and contract third parties as a last resort. 3. Explore which technologies can support monitoring in each setting 4. Create monitoring approaches that include applied learning and capacity development. 5. Increase alignment of data needs 'up the chain' and encourage greater transparency of results.
	The research assessed a potential option to combine verification and capacity development of M&E personnel in cooperation with the Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF) in South Sudan. The CHF in South Sudan has a monitoring and reporting (M&R) system that is unique for pooled funds. It consists of one M&R officer and eight M&R specialists hosted by clusters. The system improved the accountability and transparency of CHF-funded projects. Another finding in the research report that is particularly relevant to South Sudan, is that the share of the population that has been consulted about the aid it receives is very low (seven per cent).
Crosscutting issues	Poverty (no), gender (no), environment (no), corruption (some).
Link to evaluation	https://www.alnap.org/help-library/final-report-eyes-and-ears-on-the-ground-monitoring-aid-in-insecure-environments

Title	Final Evaluation Report NRC South Sudan Emergency Response 2013-15
Published	26/09/2016 (published online)
Agency/author	Integrated Risk Management Associates / Carlos Mansilla and Marilise
	Turnbull
Commissioned by	Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
Type of evaluation	Formative evaluation / Programme evaluation
Project period	12/2013 – 12/2015
Keywords	Humanitarian aid / Civil society and NGOs / Emergency response

Abstract	NRC has been active in the territory that is now South Sudan since 2004. It set up a country office in Juba, South Sudan, in 2009, and established a programme to support returnees from Sudan's civil war. When violent conflict broke out on in Juba on December 15. 2013 the NRC was unprepared. NRC's emergency response started in Juba with relatively small-scale actions but grew into a programme spanning various sectors over the course of 2014. In 2016, NRC South Sudan decided to evaluate certain aspects of its emergency response and management, in order to improve its operations. NRC wanted to know how timely, relevant, effective and accountable its response had been, and what influence preparedness, coordination and other factors had on its response. It was also keen to know how its performance differed over the duration of the crisis. NRC response was divided into three phases: 1) 16 December 2013 to 31 March 2014; 2) 1 April 2014 to 21 December 2014; 3) 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.
	 The conclusions of the evaluations are as follows: Over the three phases, NRC's performance improved from partially timely in Phase 1, to largely timely in Phase 3 The relevance of NRC's emergency programming in South Sudan improved in every phase, from partially relevant in Phase 1 to largely relevant in Phase 3. Based on data collected from its staff and key external sources, NRC progressed from being a moderately effective actor in South Sudan in
	Phase 1, to being a largely effective one in Phases 2 and 3. • The trend in NRC's accountability to people and communities in South Sudan appears to be positive throughout the 3 phases.
	The evaluations provides a number of 55 recommendations to what the NRC can do to improve its relevance, effectiveness, coverage and to be better prepared for responding adequately to future emergencies.
Crosscutting issues	Poverty (no), gender (some), environment (no), corruption (no).
Link to evaluation	https://www.nrc.no/resources/evaluations/final-evaluation-report-nrc-south-sudan-emergency-response-2013-15/

Title	Multi-Country Real Time Evaluation of UNICEF Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies Programmes (South Sudan Country Report)
Published	07/2016
Agency/author	Vine Management Consulting Ltd
Commissioned by	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Type of evaluation	Formative evaluation / Programme evaluation
Project period	Not applicable
Keywords	Humanitarian Aid / Multilateral Organisations / Emergencies and gender-based violence (GBV)
Abstract	The Child Protection Section of UNICEF's Programme Division, New York, is undertaking a multi-country real time evaluation of UNICEF's Gender-based Violence in Emergencies (GBViE) programming. The core of the evaluation is seven real time evaluations, which are being conducted in Pakistan, Lebanon, Jordan, South Sudan, Somalia, Nepal and Central African Republic and a brief

study of the GBViE programme in Democratic Republic of Congo. Gender based violence (GBV) is a widespread concern in current situation in South Sudan. In late 2014, the Special Representative to the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict stated the situation for women and girls is the worst she has seen in her thirty-year career in health and women's rights. Further to that, UNICEF's 2015 Situation Assessment of Children and Women in South Sudan suggests that the problem is worsening, rather than improving. Drawing on the GBViE successes and gaps, the recommendations of the evaluations are briefly listed below. 1. Build on the South Sudan Country Office existing GBV specialized programming approaches in order to improve prevention and response programming across the emergency to development continuum. 2. Strengthen integration of GBViE across all UNICEF sectors in line with the 2015 Inter-Agency Standing Committee GBViE Guidelines recommendations, with the objective of each sector proactively leading integration in all phases of the programme cycle. 3. Ensure ongoing UNICEF commitment to GBV and adequate levels of dedicated staffing for the GBV team in order to facilitate prevention, risk mitigation, response and coordination that is in line with global UNICEF mandates and guidance. 4. Strengthen the evidence base to improve understanding of need as well as to demonstrate programme effectiveness. Collate and disseminate the evidence of need as well as good programme practice nationally, regionally and globally 5. Scale up leadership on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse and strengthen understanding in the Country Office on appropriate responses and processes. Poverty (no), gender (strong), environment (no), corruption (no). **Crosscutting issues** Link to evaluation https://www.unicef.org/evaldatabase/index 95039.html

Title	Trajectories of International Engagement with State and Local Actors:
	Evidence from South Sudan
Published	06/2016
Agency/author	Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium (SLRC) / Daniel Maxwell, Rachel
	Gordon, Leben Moro, Martina Santschi and Philip Dau
Commissioned by	UK Aid of the UK Government (core funders of SLRC)
Type of evaluation	Working paper
Project period	Not applicable
Keywords	International engagement / State-building / Service delivery
Abstract	The working paper traces shifts in international engagement and the implications of these shifts for understanding the trends in service provision specifically, and recovery and development more generally, in South Sudan. The analysis is intended to offer some direction for the future of international engagement in fragile and conflict-affected states around the objectives of service delivery and state-building. The paper reviews the impacts, including the unintended consequences of engagements focusing on for example state-

building, service delivery and peace-building, to draw conclusions about the nature of international engagement. This paper focuses its analysis of international actors on donors and aid agencies. International engagement in South Sudan has brought to the fore many of the deepest challenges and inconsistencies about aid to fragile and conflictaffected states. Responsibility for the current situation rests primarily with domestic politics; states can only be built from the inside. However, aid can contribute to political divisions and perceptions of marginalization, particularly when based more on optimism than realism, and administered without in-depth and ongoing contextual and conflict analysis as well as thorough accounting procedures. Further, there is certainly a need for more flexible funding, and the ability to engage differently in different parts of a country as vast and challenging as South Sudan. But there is also a need for greater patience, better analysis, a more anticipatory approach, and more modest expectations about what international engagement can achieve. **Crosscutting issues** Poverty (no), gender (no), environment (no), corruption (no). Link to evaluation https://www.alnap.org/help-library/trajectories-of-internationalengagement-with-state-and-local-actors-evidence-from

Title	Evaluation of FAO's contribution in South Sudan
Published	05/2016
Agency/author	Nations Office of Evaluation (OED) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United (FAO)
Commissioned by	FAO
Type of evaluation	Formative evaluation / Country programme evaluation
Project period	12/2013 – 12/2015 (period evaluated)
Keywords	Humanitarian Aid / Multilateral Organisations / Food security
Abstract	In December 2013, civil war broke out in South Sudan, triggering a major humanitarian crisis resulting in 1.66 million displaced, over 640,000 refugees, livelihoods destroyed and millions facing severe food insecurity. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United South Sudan's (FAOSS) Country Programme Framework (CPF) was therefore rapidly revised to adapt to the deepening humanitarian crisis and the Emergency Livelihood Response Programme (ELRP) was launched. Through the ELRP hundreds of thousands of livelihood kits (staple crop kits, vegetable kits and fishing kits) have been distributed. The emergency livestock component of the ELRP focused on animal health through vaccination and the provision of drugs. Other components included the provision of fuel-efficient stoves, piloting of Input Trade Fairs (ITFs) and nutrition vouchers. FAOSS reports that it supported the livelihoods of more than 400,000 households in 2014, and over 340,000 in 2015. Overall, the scale of FAOSS's programme escalated from US\$9 million to almost US\$65 million by 2015. The evaluation found that FAOSS re-oriented its programme quickly and effectively in response to the outbreak of conflict in December 2013. It rapidly scaled up its emergency response in an extremely challenging operating context, and placed livelihoods support center-stage. It has played an

	exceptional and important strategic leadership role to the overall international humanitarian response. FAOSS has drawn on experience and learning from elsewhere in the region, and in a number of ways has demonstrated commitment to learning and improving its work. The evaluation propose nine recommendations. For example, FAOSS is recommended to ensure greater synergy between humanitarian and development programming, and should move towards mainstreaming of gender in their programming.
Crosscutting issues	Poverty (no), gender (some), environment (some), corruption (no).
Link to evaluation	http://www.fao.org/evaluation/evaluation-digest/evaluations-detail/en/c/445446/

Title	UNDP South Sudan Access to Justice and Rule of Law Project
Published	10/2015
Author/agency	Sadie Xinxin Yang and Harriet Kuyang Logo
Commissioned by	UNDP South Sudan Country Office
Type of Evaluation	Mid-term Evaluation Report
Project Period	2012-2015
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Public Sector/NGOs and Civil Society
Abstract	The review assessed the The Access to Justice and Rule of Law (A2J/RoL) Project, which provided policy support and capacity development aimed at increasing service delivery to government counterparts, traditional leaders and CSOs through co-located Chief Technical Advisors at the national level, and Rule of Law Officers and Law Enforcement Advisors at the state level. The initial evidence showed that the A2J/RoL Project is contributing to the achievement of long-term results for the RoL sector in South Sudan. Project partners interviewed during evaluation have acknowledged the benefits that they have received from the UNDP project. They concluded that without UNDP, they would not have made progress in most of the project initiatives on their own. However, along with their overall recognition of UNDP's work, the partners raised concerns about the turnover of project staff and the rigid UNDP procurement requirements.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (absent)/gender (intermediate)/climate-
issues	environment/corruption absent)
Link to evaluation	https://erc.undp.org/evaluation/evaluations/detail/7861

Title	South Sudan Recovery Fund Round 3: UN Joint Stabilization Programmes
Published	08/2016
Author/agency	Sam Barnes and Stelios Comninos (Dundex), Chan Awoul and Achuot Philip
	Deng (local consultants)
Commissioned by	South Sudan Recovery Fund
Type of evaluation	Outcome Evaluation

Project period	2009-15
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Public Sector/ Multilateral Organisations
Abstract	The evaluation was reviewing a program that was closed by donors due to political considerations at national level, but the SSRF for most of its life was operating at state and local level in four states within South Sudan. Therefore, it had to review progress, impact and contribution towards its stated outcome, at that level of operation. Three of the four SSRF State Stabilizations Programmes were completed (Warrap, Eastern Equatoria, Lakes) and could be evaluated in terms of delivery of outputs and progress towards outcomes. Jonglei State Programme suffered significant damage and loss during the political crisis, and the programme was suspended and closed. There were no completed outputs to assess. The evaluation, using qualitative data from interviews, found that the SSRF interventions have contributed and may continue to contribute to reducing inter-communal conflicts, displacement and deaths. There were no indications, through the interviews, that the assets exacerbated or promoted conflicts. Additional positive outcomes included greater accessibility to goods and state services such as clinics.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (intermediate)/gender (absent)/climate-
issues	environment/corruption (intermediate)
Link to evaluation	https://erc.undp.org/evaluation/documents/download/9129

Title	Evaluation of USAID/South Sudan's democracy and governance activities
THE	under NDI project 2009-2014
Published	08/2015
Author/agency	Luis Arturo Sobalvarro and Dr. Raymond Gervais/ Management Systems
/ tuttion / agoine /	International
Commissioned by	USAID
Type of Evaluation	Performance Evaluation
Project Period	2009-14
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ NGOs and Civil Society
Abstract	This performance evaluation of CEPPS/NDI's contribution to USAID's portfolio of democracy and governance projects in Sudan and the RSS seeks to assess: (1) its level of achievement of goals, strategic objectives, and intermediate results; and (2) determine and document lessons learned and best practices for improved future programming of similar project activities.
	The evaluation has found that NDI's project was part of a broader, well-designed USAID strategic initiative that included other organizations. Its contributions in spearheading and organizing the founding of the South Sudanese Network for Democracy and Elections in 2009 was an extremely important element in ensuring local ownership and buy-in through critical civic/voter education efforts. But, while NDI had a vision and viable plans to support the democratic construction of South Sudan in the post-independence period, political developments on the ground rendered these mostly useless.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (absent)/gender (intermediate)/climate-
issues	environment/corruption (intermediate)
Link to evaluation	Not available

Title	Evaluation of the Common Humanitarian Fund Country Report: South Sudan
Published	05/2015
Author/agency	Dorian LaGuardia, Velina Stoianova
Commissioned by	OCHA
Type of evaluation	Country Level Report
Project period	2012-14
Keywords	Public Sector/ Social Infrastructure and Services
Abstract	This country level report has been prepared within the broader global evaluation of the CHF undertaken at the end of 2014. It is one of five country-level reports. This report identifies specific issues and successes of the CHF in South Sudan and provides a basis for analysis of trends across the CHF in the five countries under review. The report has found that the CHF has served a critical role in how the Humanitarian Community meets the needs of the people and communities of South Sudan during a devastating period of emergency. It could however improve how it identifies opportunities for recovery and resilience approaches and activities, and increase its advocacy for related projects during allocation cycles. The overall conclusion is still while there are always areas for improvement, the CHF is setting a standard of quality that can be emulated by CHFs in other contexts.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (strong) /gender (intermediate/climate-
issues	environment/corruption (intermediate)
Link to evaluation	http://docs.southsudanngoforum.org/research-paper/evaluation-common-humanitarian-fund-country-report-south-sudan-may-2015

Title	Evaluation of USAID/South Sudan Electoral Support Initiatives: IFES Sudan
	Electoral Administration Support Project (SEASP)
Published	04/2015
Author/agency	Luis Arturo Sobalvarro, Katherine Vittum and Jeremy Eckstein, Management
	Systems International
Commissioned by	USAID
Type of Evaluation	Performance evaluation
Project Period	2009-2013
Keywords	Public Sector/ Social Infrastructure and Services/ Governance
Abstract	The overarching goal of this final performance evaluation₃ is to assist the
	USAID/South Sudan Mission in reaching decisions related to future
	investment in support of electoral processes. To achieve this, the evaluation
	had two lower-level purposes: (1) to determine the project's achievement
	of project goals and results, and associated underlying reasons for
	achievement and/or non-achievement, and; (2) to document lessons
	learned and best practices to inform future programming of similar project activities.
	The evaluation team concluded that the SEASP was extraordinarily
	successful. The project's focus and design, coupled with the robust
	provision of commodity support and technical assistance resulted in a highly
	successful model.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (absent)/gender (intermediate)/climate-
issues	environment/corruption (absent)

Link to evaluation	http://docs.southsudanngoforum.org/research-paper/evaluation-common-
	humanitarian-fund-country-report-south-sudan-may-2015

Title	Health Pooled Fund: South Sudan
Published	12/01/2015
Author/agency	Tim Cammack, Mike Esau, Ronald Horstman, Peter Hayombe, Garth
	Singleton / HEART (Health & Education Advice & Resource Team).
Commissioned by	DFID
Type of evaluation	Mid-term review
Project period	October 2012- April 2016
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services; Multi-donor pooled fund
Abstract	Five donors (Australia, Canada, the European Union, Sweden and the UK) were from October 2012 providing £120 million through the Health Pooled Fund (HPF) for a programme lasting three and a half years (led and managed by the UK). The programme supported the delivery of the HSDP in six of the country's 10 states, with the aim of assisting the transition from a non-governmental organisation (NGO) led health service to one that is led by government. The evaluation found that while there are no data available to indicate whether the HPF is contributing towards the achievement of South Sudan's targets to reduce maternal and child mortality, there are data to show that outcomes in at least two project areas are improving with the project milestones (vaccinations and use of skilled birth attendants).
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (strong), gender (intermediate), climate-
issues	environment/corruption (absent)
Link to evaluation	http://www.heart-resources.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/South-Sudan-pooled-health-fund-midterm-review.pdf

Title	Technical and vocational education and training (TVET) Policy Review
	South Sudan
Published	2014
Author/agency	George Afeti and Stefan Thomas
Commissioned by	Government of South Sudan/UNESCO
Type of Evaluation	Policy Review
Project Period	2009-14
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Public Sector
Abstract	This review of the technical and vocational education and training (TVET)
	landscape in South Sudan sought to assess and evaluate the overall
	technical and vocational skills development policy framework in the country
	in order
	to propose strategies and actions that would contribute to strengthening
	the TVET sector.
	The review found that the TVET-oriented public and private institutions in
	South Sudan have a poor infrastructure and institutional capacity. This is

	due to fragmentation and policy incoherence and the fact that government funding for the TVET sector is inadequate.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (strong)/gender (intermediate)/climate-
issues	environment/corruption (absent)
Link to evaluation	http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002312/231287e.pdf

Title	Evaluation of five Humanitarian Programs of the Norwegian Refugee
	Council (NRC) and of the Standby Roster NORCAP
Published	2013
Author/agency	Ternstrom Consulting in collaboration with Channel Research
Commissioned by	NORAD
Type of evaluation	Process evaluation
Project period	2010-12
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ NGOs and Civil Society
Abstract	The evaluation looked at five of NRC's core competencies in three countries, and iii) all of NORCAP's activities. The case countries are Somalia, South Sudan and Pakistan. The core competencies included are Shelter, Information, Counselling and Legal Advice (ICLA), Emergency Food Security and Distribution (EFSD), Camp Management and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). The evaluation found that NRC interventions were efficient in Somalia and Pakistan, less so in South Sudan. Support systems in South Sudan did not keep up with the rate of expansion.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (strong)/gender (intermediate)/climate-
issues	environment/corruption (intermediate)
Link to evaluation	https://www.nrc.no/globalassets/pdf/evaluations/norad-2013final- evaluation-report.pdf

Title	South Sudan Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Commission (SSDDRC) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Published	23/09/2013
Author/agency	Ghebremedhin Haile and Tiberious Bara, independent consultants
Commissioned by	UNDP and SSDDRC
Type of Evaluation	Programme evaluation
Project Period	2005/9-12
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Multilateral Organisations, Public Sector
Abstract	This report presents the findings of the final evaluation of the DDR
	Programme (2009-2012), implemented jointly UNDP and the SSDDRC.
	The overall purpose of the evaluation was to learn from the programme
	implementation so that lessons can be drawn that can be the basis for
	instituting improvements to the upcoming new DDR programme
	planning, design, implementation and management. The specific

	purpose of the evaluation was to measure achievements, outcomes and impacts as well as evaluate the effectiveness of processes, both positive and negative. The evaluation found that the DDR Programme did not contribute significantly towards the achievement of the relevant outcomes of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (2009-2012) and UNDP Country Programme Action Plan (2009-2012) - namely improved environment for sustainable peace, restoration of socio-economic infrastructure, and revival of the economy. However, by assisting participants to get jobs or start their own business, the programme has made its own contribution towards employment generation and reintegration outcomes.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (intermediate) /gender (intermediate)/climate-
issues	environment/corruption (intermediate)
Link to evaluation	https://erc.undp.org/evaluation/documents/download/7636

Title	Flooding Across the Border: A review of UNHCR's response to the Sudanese
	refugee emergency in South Sudan
Published	07/2013
Author/agency	Guido Ambroso, PDES, Jane Janz, DESS, Vivien Lee, Independent Consultant Machiel Salomons, PDES
Commissioned by	UNHCR
Type of Evaluation	Process Evaluation/Real time Review
Project Period	2011-12
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Multilateral Organisations
Abstract	A real-time review of UNHCR's response to the Sudanese refugee emergency in South Sudan was conducted from 4-14 December 2012. The objectives of the real-time review were: (a) to assess the extent to which UNHCR had been able to provide a timely and effective response to the refugee crisis unfolding in South Sudan; (b) to make recommendations for immediate adjustments and improvements to the operation; and (c) to draw lessons from UNHCR's response to the South Sudan emergency that could be used to reinforce the organization's global emergency response capacity. The review noted a challenging context where planning efforts and emergency responses were adversely affected by geographical and climatological conditions. Moreover, a number of institutional, bureaucratic and operational impediments further reduced the pace at which UNHCR was able to respond to the unfolding crisis, resulting in an initially insufficient scale-up to respond to the emergency. The review found that one of the main challenges faced by UNHCR in its response to the emerging crisis was the timely dispatch of sufficient numbers of qualified and experienced technical staff.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (intermediate) /gender (intermediate)/climate-
issues	environment/corruption (intermediate)
Link to evaluation	http://www.unhcr.org/research/evalreports/51e94e689/flooding-across-border-review-unhcrs-response-sudanese-refugee-emergency.html

Title	Independent Evaluation of the Multi-Donor Trust Fund- South Sudan (MDTF-
	SS)
Published	25/07/2013
Author/agency	Fafo
Commissioned by	MDTF-SS donors and World Bank
Type of Evaluation	Project Evaluation
Project Period	2005-12/13
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Multilateral Organisations, Public Sector
Abstract	The objectives of the evaluation were to analyze the performance of the MDTF-SS by comparing achieved results and impacts with the goals and expected results of the fund, and contribute to future development interventions through the collection, analysis and documentation of the lessons learned. The evaluation found that the MDTF-SS was designed to implement a larger program than the available resources allowed. The combination of high expectations, importing unrealistic JAM targets into the MDTF-SS framework, contextual factors in South Sudan and the low capacity of stakeholders all contributed to start-up delays for the MDTF-SS. Performance did not accelerate until 2009, three to four years into implementation. Performance was also affected by changing conditions in the program environment, related to slow CPA implementation, financial shocks and the government's resource allocation decisions.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (strong)/gender (intermediate) /climate-
issues	environment/corruption (intermediate)
Link to evaluation	http://www.worldbank.org/content/dam/Worldbank/document/Africa/South %20Sudan/Report/independent-evaluation-of-the-mdtf-ss-report-july-2013.pdf

Title	Impact Evaluation Report of the South Sudan: Education Cluster
Published	05/2013
Author/agency	People First Impact Method (P-FIM)
Commissioned by	South Sudan Education Cluster/ UNICEF
Type of evaluation	Impact evaluation
Project period	2010-13
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Public Sector
Abstract	The aim of the study was to develop a methodology and carry out a study to document the impact of education in emergencies on the populations the Education Cluster seeks to serve. The Education Cluster is a coordination mechanism to ensure that all the actors - Ministry of Education, UN agencies and NGOs - work together to provide education in emergencies. In support of the Government of South Sudan, UNICEF and Save the Children co-lead the National Education Cluster. The evaluation found that the overall increased access to and quality of education over the past two years was a key improvement cited by many South Sudanese community members. Demand exceeds the supply of educational services however, and therefore lack of access to education

	was also found to be the greatest challenge cited by some communties, especially for returnees faced with lower educational standards than those they had become accustomed to
	elsewhere.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (strong)/gender (intermediate)/climate-
issues	environment/corruption (absent)
Link to evaluation	https://reliefweb.int/report/south-sudan-republic/impact-evaluation-
	<u>report-south-sudan-education-cluster</u>

Title	Learning from BSF: Lessons from the Basic Services Fund, South Sudan,
	2006 to 2012
Published	08/02/2013
Author/agency	Richard Johnson, Jeremy Ockelford and Tom Power
Commissioned by	DFID
Type of evaluation	Review
Project period	2006-12
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services / Public Sector
Abstract	This review sought to provide lessons to DFID and other stakeholders in the design of future pooled funds and coordinated delivery mechanisms, by drawing on the experience of the Basic Services Fund in South Sudan 2006-2012. The review found that BSF demonstrated that short-term programmes can deliver service outputs. However, the short-term nature of the programme reduced the scope of the programme to develop local capacity to lead and sustain these. Even in challenging circumstances well-designed projects can promote engagement, ownership and sustainability, particularly at the local level. It has been hard, however, to set realistic exit strategies and handover plans within the timeframe of funding.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (strong) /gender (intermediate) /climate-
issues	environment/corruption (intermediate)
Link to evaluation	http://oro.open.ac.uk/38023/1/2013.pdf

Title	Evaluation of Oxfam's South Sudan Humanitarian Response. Using Oxfam's Global Humanitarian Indicator Tool
Published	12/2012
Author/agency	Andy Featherstone
Commissioned by	Oxfam
Type of evaluation	Process evaluation
Project period	2011-12
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ NGOs and Civil Society
Abstract	The goal of Oxfam's humanitarian operations in its main area of response, Upper Nile, was to contribute to a decrease of mortality and morbidity by providing access to potable water, sanitation and hygiene promotion, as well as improved food security and nutrition. The target populations

Cross-cutting issues Link to evaluation	evaluation the standard was only partially met. Poverty reduction (strong) /gender (intermediate) /climate- environment/corruption (intermediate) http://www.syrialearning.org/resource/11873
	were the settled refugee population and those in transit; returnees, IDPs and host communities in Maban County, Upper Nile State. Oxfam also supported efforts to improve food security and livelihoods in Malakal for vulnerable returnee and host populations. The evaluation found that while the positive changes were welcome, the slow initial start and the gaps that Oxfam have faced at key points of the response and in key posts means that during the period covered by the

Title	Evaluation of Sudan Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration
	(DDR) Programme
Published	11/2012
Author/agency	Abhijit Bhattacharjee, Hassan Ali Gadkarim
Commissioned by	UNDP South Sudan
Type of Evaluation	Programme Evaluation
Project Period	2009-11
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Public Sector/ Multilateral Organisations
Abstract	The purpose of this evaluation was to provide an independent assessment of the Sudan DDR Programme (SDDRP) reintegration (R) intervention in terms of its contribution to facilitating transition and integration of excombatants and associated members to civilian life. The evaluation found that programme might have made a small contribution in helping ex-combatants re-establish livelihoods in their communities, although the programme's contribution to helping communities deal with issues related to conflict, insecurity and arms proliferation has been limited.
Cross-cutting issues	Poverty reduction (intermediate) /gender (intermediate) /climate- environment/corruption (absent)
Link to evaluation	http://www.smallarmssurveysudan.org/fileadmin/docs/facts-figures/ddr/UNDP-Sudan-DDR-Evaluation-Nov-2012.pdf

Title	South Sudan Recovery Fund Lessons Learned Exercise: Final Report
Published	09/2012
Author/agency	David Gairdner, Fafo and Emmanuel Pitia Z. Lado, University of Juba
Commissioned by	SSRF Steering Committee
Type of Evaluation	Programme evaluation/ Lessons learned exercise
Project Period	2008-12
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Public Sector/ Multilateral Organisations
Abstract	The purpose of the evaluation was to identify lessons learned from
	experience of the SSRF over three rounds, in the two areas of Development

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	Effectiveness and Operational Effectiveness, and make recommendations on future strategy and design for the Fund, including for support to upcoming resource mobilisation. The evaluation found that the SSRF remained an active channel for support to recovery, especially as the profile of international assistance to South Sudan was shifting to humanitarian aid. But it did not meet its objective for "rapid" delivery for Peace Dividends. Only 25 percent of SSRF resources were delivered between 2008 and 2011, with Round III projects coming online by late 2010 accounting for 75 percent of project related disbursements.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (strong) /gender (intermediate)/climate-
issues	environment/corruption (absent)
Link to evaluation	Evaluation available as Pdf, link not available

Title	Gender Equity through Education (GEE): End of Project Performance
	Evaluation Report
Published	06/2012
Author/agency	Andrew I. Epstein and Simon P. Opolot, Management Systems International
Commissioned by	USAID
Type of Evaluation	Performance evaluation
Project Period	2007-12
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Public Sector/
Abstract	USAID established GEE to "continue, accelerate, and expand accomplishments achieved under the Gender Equity Support Program (GESP)," which ran from July 2002 to September 2007. The GEE project objectives were to increase the number of girls and women attending secondary school, and Teacher Training Institutes (TTIs) by reducing financial and infrastructure, social, and institutional barriers. The evaluation found that the GEE was a good project embedded in a very weak system; a system that makes much of the GEE components either unsustainable or their benefits short-lived. While some important aspects of the project remained unimplemented until the latter years of the project, it generally came to be well executed.
Cross-cutting issues	Poverty reduction (strong)/gender (strong)/climate- environment/corruption (absent)
Link to evaluation	http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/pdacu197.pdf

Title	Sudan and South Sudan Programme Evaluation Report: Building Capacities for Gender Equality in Governance and Protection of Women's Rights in Sudan 2008-2011
Published	25/06/2012
Author/agency	Caroline Chikoore, Jean Kamau, Asha Arabi, Tamador Ahmed Khalid, independent consultants.
Commissioned by	UN-Woman

Type of Evaluation	Programme evaluation
Project Period	2008-11
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Multilateral Organisations
Abstract	The evaluation provides an independent assessment of the outcomes and impact of the 4-Year programme "Building Capacity for Gender Equality in Governance and Protection of Women's Rights in Sudan 2008-2011". The program contributed to advancement of gender equality and women's empowerment in the post conflict era after 2 decades of civil war between Sudan and South Sudan. It was designed to address eight (8) outcomes that cut across legal and policy frameworks, processes and systems; budget processes; capacities for policy, service delivery and marginalized women. The 8 outcomes were mainstreamed into three (3) core themes i.e. (i) Institutional capacity-building and development, (ii) Advocacy and networking for policy reform, (iii) Documentation, communication and information dissemination.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (intermediate) /gender (strong)/climate-
issues	environment/corruption (absent)
Link to evaluation	http://gate.unwomen.org/Evaluation/Details?evaluationId=4684#

Title	South Sudan Mid-Term Evaluation: Conflict prevention and Peace Building
Published	20/01/2012
Author/agency	Steve Munroe, Consultant MDG-F
Commissioned by	UNDP, MDG-F
Type of Evaluation	Mid-term Evaluation
Project Period	2010-11
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Multilateral Organisations
Abstract	The project's primary aim is to promote peace building and effective conflict management in the border areas between Sudan and South Sudan, by addressing capacity gaps in national peacebuilding institutions, and increasing security and peace dividends for communities in the target areas. The evaluation found that there were lacks in coherence of project Interventions – activities are conducted in isolation from each other, with little if any interagency planning and collaboration. This has resulted in 8 agencies engaging in overlapping and duplicative activities. There has never been a great sense of ownership of the project by UNDP South Sudan.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (intermediate)/gender (intermediate) /climate-
issues	environment/corruption (absent)
Link to evaluation	http://www.mdgfund.org/sites/default/files/South%20Sudan%20-
	%20CPPB%20-%20Mid-term%20Evaluation%20Report.pdf

Title	A Stocktaking of Norwegian Engagement in Security Sector Reform
Published	2011
Author/agency	Marina Caparini, Kari Marie Kjellstad and Trine Nikolaisen/
Commissioned by	NUPI Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
Type of Evaluation	Process evaluation
Project Period	2005-11
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Public Sector/ Multilateral Organisations
Abstract	The report looks at Security Sector reform projects supported by Norway, South Sudan being one of several cases. It assesses the support to UNDP"s Disarmament, Demobilization & Reintegration (DDR) programme, the justice sector through several UNDP programs and through the Norwegian Refugee Council, in addition to police training and other reform initiatives. The report recommends that Norway should consider continuing to engage with police reform while exploring other potential areas of engagement. It should also consider continuing gaps in donor assistance to state-building and SSR Southern Sudan, such as oversight and accountability systems for both the SPSS and the SPLA, or development of the formal justice sector.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (absent) /gender (intermediate) /climate-
issues	environment/corruption (intermediate)
Link to evaluation	https://brage.bibsys.no/xmlui/bitstream/handle/11250/277127/SIP11-
	<u>Caparini%2bet%2bal-NUPI%2bReport.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y</u>

Title	End-of-Project Review: Southern Sudan Technical Assistance Project
Published	29/09/2011
Author/agency	Nancy J. Allen, Genzo Yamamoto (independent evaluators) and
	Management System International
Commissioned by	USAID
Type of evaluation	End of project review
Project period	2007-11
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Public Sector
Abstract	The aim of the project was to build the capacity of the newly created Ministry of Education, Science and Technology in South Sudan. It focused on establishing the machinery of government necessary for the functioning of the newly created central-level ministry, and technical assistance in planning and budgeting; financial management; communication and coordination; human resources; and school and educational materials.
	The evaluation found that increased professionalism of the Ministry in general; (ii) increased productivity among individual staff members; (iii) improved capacity of Ministry to interact with development partners; (iv) increased capacity in planning, understanding, and use of education data;

	(v) acceptance of the electronic payroll system; and (vi) more confident use of computers and the internet.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (absent) /gender (intermediate)/climate-
issues	environment/corruption (absent)
Link to evaluation	http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/Pdact272.pdf

Title	UNDP Southern Sudan: Crisis Prevention and Recovery Programme Mid-
	Term Outcome Evaluation
Published	06/2011
Author/agency	David Gairdner and Sam Barnes, Scanteam, Emmanuel Pitia, Independent
	Consultant
Commissioned by	UNDP Southern Sudan Programme
Type of evaluation	Programme evaluation
Project period	2009-2012
Keywords	Social Infrastructure and Services/ Public Sector/ Multilateral Organisations
Abstract	The purpose of the evaluation was to: i) review and analyse progress
	towards achieving the Crisis Prevention and Recovery (CPR) portfolio
	objectives of the current Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP) (2009-
	2012); ii) assess the extent to which the relevant projects and programmes
	have contributed towards CPAP results, and; iii) assess the relevance of the
	outcome and associated output achievements to the current context.
	The evaluation found that the made a contribution in the area of
	strengthening the capacity and presence of the state to deliver basic
	services, security being the first among these. However, the portfolio made
	only a limited contribution the economic dimensions of human security.
	This was particularly the case in the agricultural sector, where most
	Southern Sudanese are economically active. Livelihoods, therefore, is a
	critical gap to be addressed in the second half of CPAP implementation.
Cross-cutting	Poverty reduction (intermediate)/gender (intermediate)/climate-
issues	environment/corruption (intermediate)
Link to evaluation	https://erc.undp.org/evaluation/documents/download/5295

Title	Aiding the Peace: A Multi-donor Evaluation of Support to Conflict
	Prevention and Peacebuilding Activities in Southern Sudan 2005–2010
Published	12/2010
Author/agency	Jon Bennett, Sara Pantuliano, Wendy Fenton, Anthony Vaux, Chris Barnett
	and Emery Brusset, ITAD in association with Channel Research.
Commissioned by	Belgian Federal Public Service of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and
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Abstract	The transition from war to peace is not a technical exercise but a highly political process. A sophisticated and nuanced analysis of power relations, causes of vulnerability, and drivers of conflict and resilience indicators was largely missing from the design and execution of many aid programmes. In dynamic conflict settings, an analysis of the political economy of the transition must also be continuously revised to be useful. This was not done, as donors have instead tended to focus on administrative delivery and implementation.
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