

# ***Socio-economic and opportunity mapping Assessment report for River Nile and Northern States***

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River Nile State :



Northern State :



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## ***Abstract(summary):***

Socio-economic opportunity mapping assessment for River Nile and Northern state was conducted during on 12<sup>th</sup> .October 2010 the assessment was carried out by Central Sector Commission. The main purpose of the assessment is to identify the operational environment, institutional setup, community services, and socio-economic situation in River Nile and Northern state which may enhance or delay implementation of reintegration activities and to use the gathered information for better planning for the reintegration services to DDR programme.

The assessment adopted different approaches for information collection and gathering such as meetings, using questionnaire and individual interviews.

The assessment for River Nile and Northern state indicated that the most potential employment opportunities providers with possible job opportunities for ex-combatants in the state is in agriculture , trade, livestock and small business ..

These states are connected together with good roads transportation on ground to Khartoum.

## ***Back ground information:***

### **River Nile and Northern state:**

River Nile State is located between Latitudes 16-22North, and Longitudes 32-35South. From the North, it's bordered by the Arab Republic of Egypt from the East Kassala and Red Sea States and on the South Khartoum State and from West the Northern State. The River Nile traverse the lands of the State on its way Northwards towards its Mouth, where it is joined by Atbarah River. The State's area is 122.1 thousand square Kilometers. It is ranked as sixth State in terms of area among the Northern States, where it is headed by Northern State- Northern Darfur- Red Sea- Northern Kordofan- South Darfur with total population of 1,240,440 persons.

Northern State is located northern of Sudan; Arab Republic of Egypt delimits it from the north, Greater Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and North Darfur State from the west, North Kordofan State from the south, Khartoum State from southeast, the River Nile State from the east. With an area of 348,697 Kilometers square and population of 578,760 persons.

## **Objectives:**

- Availability of employment opportunities for XCs to achieve social justice, and afforded a psychological environment for XCs of integration into civil society.
- To enable reintegration assistance to correspond to the dynamics of the local labour market and economy to maximize the chance of success in the immediate and long term

## **Methodology**

Collecting secondary data from various sources.

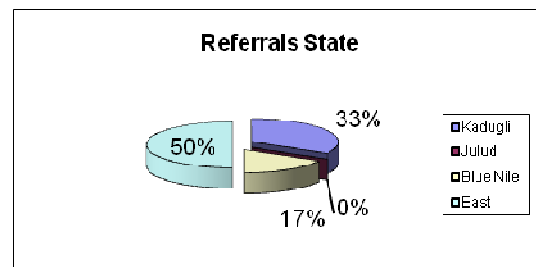
## **Target groups:**

### **1- Stakeholders:**

State government and relevant line ministries present (Agriculture, livestock, education, social Welfare, humanitarian aid commission etc), NGOs, Private sector, education and training institutions.

Beneficiaries that requested to be reintegrated in River Nile and Northern state : 6 XCs

<b>Referrals State</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>%</b>
Kadugli	2	<b>33</b>
Julud	0	<b>0</b>
Blue Nile	1	<b>17</b>
East	3	<b>50</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>



## ***Outcomes:***

### **Main Towns/Districts and population**

#### **River Nile state:**

<b>Name of town</b>	<b>Population</b>
Atbarah	<b>134,586</b>
Ad-Damir	<b>284,148</b>
Shendi	<b>269,446</b>
Berber	<b>152,377</b>

#### **Northern state**

<b>Name of town</b>	<b>Population</b>
Dongola	
Wadi Halfa	
Merowe	
Karima	

### ***Government Departments/Ministries that will be working with DDR :***

- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of employment
- Ministry of Finance.
- Ministry of social welfare.

### ***Government Departments that have potential job opportunities for ex-combatants:***

- Agriculture projects.
- Local Authorities.






- Social Welfare.

***Main organizations operating in the State:***

Name of organization (National and International)	Main activities	Target Group	Coverage Area (Districts and Towns)
Family planning association	Population	Population structure	Whole states
Alrashad charity organization	Support of poor	Poverty Alleviation among poor people	
Allasharin Charity organization	Orphans support	Reduce poverty among orphans	
Allihsan Charity organization	Provide support to poor	Poverty reduction	

***Names of Banks Operating in the State:***

***The below branches of banks are operating in the state providing various banking services and is considered as an important indicator for the usefulness of economic activity in the state.***

-  Savings and development Bank.
-  Chambers of Commerce bank.
-  Bank of Sudan.
-  Agriculture bank.
-  Khartoum bank.

***Telephone/internet providers and network coverage:***

<b><i>Name of Company</i></b>	<b><i>Network Coverage (good, poor, very poor)</i></b>	<b><i>Comments</i></b>

Zain	good	Covering all the two states
Sudani	good	
MTN	good	

Accommodations and housing condition in River Nile and Northern state is acceptable, while the electricity supply is normal but the electricity supply is not covering most of the two states. Currently the establishment of Maraoye Dam helps in providing sustainable electricity supply for the two states. The public transportation in River Nile and Northern state is only connected the main towns of the states with paved roads as well as with Red Sea and Khartoum.

### **Media**

The two states have their own local radio and television which covered the state area and the national news papers are within reach to the state on daily bases from Khartoum.

### **Security situation:**

The security situation is good.

### **Infrastructure services:**

- Water resources are available at the two states as most of towns and villages near to river Nile and usually water provided by state governments and in remote area by direct collection from river Nile.
- Health services are also available and always been provided by government health facilities like teaching hospital, different health centers and primary health care units with assistant of some health NGOs .
- Education, both general education and higher education are always been provided through governmental institutions within the states and other private educational insinuations
- In general all these facilities and services are available for all citizens of the state equally

### ***The main natural resources/Economic activities in the State are:***

- Agriculture representing 80% of economic activities in the two states.
- General Labor work.

- Private sector and government.

### ***Main economic problems/challenges facing the State:***

- Drought and desertification.
- Poverty.
- Lack of capital.

### ***Employment opportunities:***

- Agriculture, small industries, livestock and trade.

### ***Main obstacles to employment creation are:***

- Lack of training and capacity building opportunities.
- Lack of capital.

### ***Agriculture sector***

The main agriculture products in these states are: wheat, fruits, vegetables and date. Land for agriculture is available in some areas of the states.

Marketing availability is very good due to good paved roads that connected these states with other state of Sudan especially with Khartoum. The main type of livestock is sheep, cattle and goats.

### ***Agriculture constraints facing the State:***

- Adoption of new agriculture technologies.
- Lack of capital for agriculture.
- Provision of agriculture inputs and tools.

***The average distance between State Capital and neighboring States, and road condition:***

<b><i>Name of neighboring State</i></b>	<b><i>Average Distance</i></b>	<b><i>Condition Road (Paved, unpaved, gravel, etc</i></b>	<b><i>Comments</i></b>
Khartoum state	1200 Km	Paved	Good
Red Sea state	600 Km	Paved	Good
Kassala state	820 Km	Paved	Good

***The average distance between the State Capital and major towns, and road condition:***

<b><i>Name of District/Town</i></b>	<b><i>Average Distance</i></b>	<b><i>Condition Road (Paved, unpaved, gravel, etc</i></b>	<b><i>Comments</i></b>
Atbarah – Dongola	600 Km	Paved	Good
Aldamir – Barber	36 Km	Paved	Good
Abu hamaed – Aldamir	132 Km	Paved	Good
Wadi Halfa – Atbarah	750 Km	Paved	Good

## ***Education training providers***

### ***Training Providers:***

<b><i>Name of Training or service provider</i></b>	<b><i>Location (District, Town etc.)</i></b>	<b><i>Field of trainings (Business, Agriculture, Capacity Building etc.)</i></b>	<b><i>Target Group (Men, Women, Disabled etc.)</i></b>	<b><i>Comments</i></b>
Rail way training institute	Atbarah	Vocational training for rail way workers	Men	Rail way workers only
Atbarah vocational training school	Atbarah	Vocational training	Men	
Alshiekh Elbadri technology institute	Barber	Capacity building Women training	Women	

**There is other training institutes in Atbarah provide training women and disabled.**

### ***UN and other international organizations;***

Name of Organization and Contact Details	Main activities and beneficiaries	Duration of project		Coverage Areas	Reintegration opportunities for ex-combatant (yes/no)	Remarks
		Start	End			
FAO	Provision of agriculture inputs			River Nile state		
UNICEF	Child health care			River Nile state		

***Need assessment for central commission***

***Capacity needs of River Nile and Northern Sector:***

**There is an office for commission in River Nile state located in Ministry of Social Welfare with only one staff from the commission.**

Types of capacities	Current Level (3 = High, 2=Low, 1= None)	Relevance/ Required level ( 3= High, 2=Low, 1= None)	Factors affecting performance
Management (plan, monitor and coordinate reintegration activities)			
Human Resources (recruitment, motivation, etc.)			
Financial Resources (prepare budgets, financial recording, reporting etc.)			
Programme Delivery (monitoring, preparation of progress reports, contracts etc.)			
External Relations (collaboration with NGOS, Government Depts., Donor Agencies, Public relations etc.)			

***Elements that facilitate or impede the Commission from carrying out its DDR mandate:***

	<b><i>Elements that facilitate performance</i></b>	<b><i>Elements that impedes performance</i></b>	<b><i>Recommended Actions</i></b>

***Inventory of human and material resources available to Gazira Sector:***

	Item	Current status	Amount Required/Needed	Gaps	Comments
1.	Personnel (available staff to support reintegration activities)				

2.	Office space (including space for UNDP staff/Case Workers)				
3.	Office Equipment and furniture (computers, internet, chairs, tables etc.)				
4.	Transportation (vehicles)				

***Commission sub offices or focal points in the Central Region States:***

	Name of State	Contact Details	Comments

***Lesson learned and Recommendations:***

- Availability of local media will support to disseminate information and to increase the awareness of communities about DDR programme and peace culture.
- River Nile and Northern state are connected with paved roads with khartoum if the caseload of XCs remain low it can be covered from Khartoum or through using a mobile team .
- The data for the assessment mission is collected by commission staff as the caseload of XCs is very low.

## Annexes:

### SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES

Date: -----

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Target Groups:** State Officials, Private Sector and other stakeholders

#### Section 1: State Background Information

1. Name of State: -----

2. Population: -----

3. Main economic activities of the State:  Agric.  Small Industries  Trading  Livestock  
 Others

Comments:-----

4. Main Towns/Districts and population:

	Name of Town/Districts	Population	Comments

5. Name of Government Departments/Ministries that will be working with DDR

- a.) -----
- b.) -----
- c.) -----
- d.) -----

6. Government Departments that have potential job opportunities for ex-combatants

- a.) -----
- b.) -----
- c.) -----
- d.) -----

7. Awareness/knowledge of DDR Programme among Government Officials, general public etc.

Good  Some  Poor  No knowledge

8. Main organizations operating in the State

Name of organization (National and International)	Main activities	Target Group	Coverage Area (Districts and Towns)

9. Names of Banks Operating in the State

a) .....

b) .....

c) .....

10. Telephone/internet providers and network coverage:

Name of Company	Network Coverage (good, poor, very poor)	Comments

7. Accommodation/Housing condition:  Good  Acceptable  poor  none

8. Electricity supply:  regular  irregular  very seldom  none

- 9. Public Transportation Services:  Good  poor  very poor
- 10. Health Care facilities/Services:  Good  poor  very poor
- 11. Available media channels in the State??  Local TV  Local Radio  Local Newspapers
- 12. Security situation in the State:  Good  Normal  Potential for violence

Comments, if the later:

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13. What are the main natural resources/Economic activities in the State?

- a) -----
- b) -----
- c) -----

14. What are the main economic problems/challenges facing the State??

- a) -----
- b) -----
- c) -----

**Section 2: Employment Opportunities**

Target Group: Ministries of Labour, Agriculture and Trade

1. Main employment sectors:  Agric.  Small Industries  Trading  Livestock  Others

2. Main source of employment opportunities in the State:

- Government  NGO  Private Sector  Others

3. The most potential employment opportunities providers

- a) -----
- b) -----
- c) -----

3. Main types of employment  Qualified  Semi qualified  Apprentice  Others

4. Which sectors have potential job placement opportunities for ex-combatants??

Agric.  Trading  Small Industry  Livestock  Others

5. What are the opportunities for women entrepreneurship in the State??

Good  Low  None existence

6. What are the main obstacles to employment creation:

- a) .....
- b) .....
- c) .....

**Section 3: Agriculture Sector**

Target Group: Ministries of Agriculture and Trade

1. What are the main types of agricultural produce in the State?  Grains  Fruits  Cash crops  Vegetables  All previous  Others (Specify)

2.

3. Access to market opportunities  Good  Fairly Good  None existence

Comments: .....

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4. Main type of animal husbandry/livestock practiced in the state??

Sheep  Cattle  Poultry  Others

4. Availability of agricultural land:  Available  hardly available  not available

6. What are the main constraints facing agriculture in the State??

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7. What are they main source of agric. credit??  NGO  Government  Banks  Others

**Section 4: Socio-economic Infrastructure**

1. What is the overall condition of roads in the State??

Good  Average  Bad

2. What is the average distance between State Capital and neighboring States, and road condition?

Name of neighboring State	Average Distance	Condition Road (Paved, unpaved, gravel, etc)	Comments

3. What is the average distance between the State Capital and major towns, and road condition?

Name of District/Town	Average Distance	Condition Road (Paved, unpaved, gravel, etc)	Comments

d) What are the main transportation constraints within the State??

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**Sector 5: Education, Training Providers**

Target Group: Vocational Training Centers, Ministry of Education

Training Providers:

Name of Training or service provider	Location (District, Town etc.)	Field of trainings (Business, Agriculture, Capacity Building etc.)	Target Group (Men, Women, Disabled etc.)	Comments
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

1. Type of educational services:  Apprenticeship  Entrepreneurship  Formal  Others
2. Existence of special vocational training facilities for disabled persons, women, etc.

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## MAPPING OF UN AGENCIES AND NGOs

### Target Group: UN and other International Organizations

1. UN Agencies main programmatic activities in the State

Name of Organization and Contact Details	Main activities and beneficiaries	Duration of project		Coverage Areas	Reintegration opportunities for ex-combatant (yes/no)	Remarks
		Start	End			

1a. Availability of service facilities to support DDR

Name of Organization and Contact Details	Availability of office space (yes/no)	Availability of internet (Yes/No)	Transportation, Electricity Generator, etc.	Remarks




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**NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR CENTRAL SECTOR COMMISSION**

**Target Group: DDR Central Sector Commission Staff**

1. What are the capacity needs of the commission??

Types of capacities	Current Level (3 = High, 2=Low, 1= None)	Relevance/ Required level ( 3= High, 2=Low, 1= None)	Factors affecting performance
Management (plan, monitor and coordinate reintegration activities)			
Human Resources (recruitment, motivation, etc.)			
Financial Resources (prepare budgets, financial recording, reporting etc.)			
Programme Delivery (monitoring, preparation of progress reports, contracts etc.)			
External Relations (collaboration with NGOs, Government Depts., Donor Agencies, Public relations etc.)			

2. Which elements facilitate or impede the Commission from carrying out its DDR mandate??

	Elements that facilitate performance	Elements that impedes performance	Recommended Actions
1			
2			
3			

3. Inventory of human and material resources available to the Central Sector Commission

	Item	Current status	Amount Required/Needed	Gaps	Comments
1.	Personnel (available staff to support reintegration activities)				
2.	Office space (including space for UNDP staff/Case Workers)				
3.	Office Equipment and furniture (computers, internet, chairs, tables etc.)				
4.	Transportation (vehicles)				
5.					
6.					

4. Central Sector Commission sub offices or focal points in the Central Region States?

	Name of State	Contact Details	Comments
1			
2			
3			
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6.			