

LESOTHO UNDAF (2019-203) MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

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Recommendation	Follow up/Discussion	UNCT Decision
<p>Recommendation 1: Complement the common country analysis with separate deeper analysis of gender and marginalized population to inform the next cooperation framework.</p> <p>Action to be taken: Conduct the Leaving No one behind analysis including gender analysis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was clarified that the \$5000 resource implication has already been budgeted for, UNCT would not be asked for additional resources. • The LNOB will be a deeper analysis that will identify groups and where they are located, data from the Bureau of Statistics will be used, and the analysis of the data will be done with support from the National University of Lesotho • It will be used to inform programming, assisting to identify the gaps. • It was raised that the work of the LNOB should complement what is already in the CCA. • <i>Follow up action: RCO with support of PCT to prepare concept note to clarify the approach and expected outcome including expectations from each agency by 27th June.</i> <p><i>Draft into statement (should also include agencies to contribute) - How about doing this analysis as part of the joint GBV Program that is in proposal form (from its funds)??</i></p>	<p>Accepted</p>
<p>Recommendation 2: Strengthen mechanism for UN engagement with government at the highest level of government; and explore a mechanism for more strategic engagement with civil society.</p> <p>Actions to be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Through the Joint Steering Committee and Aid Coordination mechanisms strengthen UN engagements with government at ministerial level and PM level on demand. b) Establish the standing forums /mechanisms of regular engagements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the Coordination mechanisms it was highlighted that this recommendation was given as there are currently systematic structures in place for engaging government • <i>Follow-up action: the actions to be taken for this recommendation need to be revised</i> 	<p>Recommendations accepted; actions need to be revised.</p>

<p>with private sector. This will be included in the Partnership and Resource Mobilization strategy.</p> <p>Engagement structures to be clearly reflected in the ne CF.</p> <p>This is similar to recommendation 5.</p> <p>To adopt activities under recommendation 5</p> <p>Responsibility: UNCT and PCT</p>		
<p>Recommendation 3: UN should include evidence generation as a cross cutting issues and develop a joint programme on evidence generation and strengthening of M&E systems in the next cooperation framework.</p> <p>Actions to be taken: Conduct the Leave No One Behind analysis, including gender analysis.</p> <p>Responsibility: PCT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This recommendation recognizes that there are data gaps which need to be addressed. • <i>Suggested action: Resuscitate the conversation on the joint UN programme on Data, to facilitate capacity building on data collection, analysis and literacy and strengthen coordination of UN support to the BoS. The joint programme to be led by the M&E team</i> 	Accepted
<p>Recommendation 4: Integrate coordination and monitoring of the cross-cutting themes within the existing UNDAF coordination structures through reviewing the roles of ORGs and PCT.</p> <p>Actions to be taken: Cooperation Framework coordination structures to include a Gender and PSEA Group and the Human Rights element covered by the Programme Coherence Team</p> <p>Responsibility: UNCT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was raised that this recommendation is currently speaking to the existing UNDAF ending 2023 • It needs to be reworked to speak to the new Cooperation Framework • <i>Suggested action: Review the existing coordination mechanisms, roles, and membership to inform coordination in the new CF and Establish and/or integrate the Gender and PSEA Groups in the existing coordination structures.</i> • <i>Follow-up action: The recommendation to be reflected in the Cooperation Framework</i> 	Partially accepted
<p>Recommendation 5: In the next cooperation framework, strengthen UNDAF coordination mechanisms through (i) strengthening government participation in the JSC; (ii) continuing with Government participation in ORGs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was raised that including CSOs in ORG's would be a problem if they are not implementers of the planned actions. • Further it was mentioned that it could be just representatives of the CSO's to be a part of the ORGs for manageability. 	Accepted

<p>and consider including CSOs; (iii) strengthen results-based management practices; and (iv) increase joint programmes (and joint programming).</p> <p>Actions to be taken: New Cooperation Framework coordination structures to include co-chairing by government, participation of government and other stakeholders in the ORGs and a strengthened JSC with clear ToRs as decision making body and advisory body for joint planning, monitoring, reporting and resource mobilization.</p> <p>Responsibility: UNCT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The participation of CSOs will also need be looked at in relation to the NSDP 2, or structures which the government already has. • The RC raised that local capacities need to be strengthened and therefore bringing in local ownership would be important. • Agencies should indicate which outcomes they would want to lead on • <i>Follow up action: The recommendation needs to be revised for clarity on participation of civil society.</i> • <i>The Civil Society will be represented by their umbrella bodies in respective ORGs – e.g., LCNGOs, Lesotho Chamber of Commerce</i> 	
<p>Recommendation 6: UN should collaborate with other development partners to advocate for efficiency in financing of SDGs and improvement of institutional accountability while prioritizing support for institutional capacity development.</p> <p>Actions to be taken: Develop the Partnership and resource mobilization strategy.</p> <p>Responsibility: PCT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The resource implication of \$15000 has been budgeted for in the CF budget 	Accepted