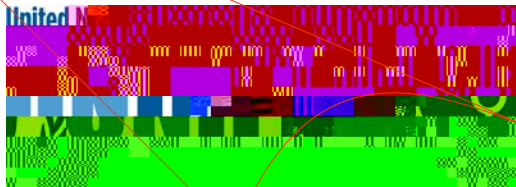


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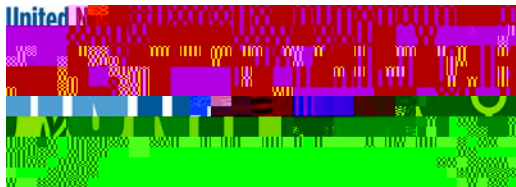
- **One country, multiple realities for women**
- **3 fragile peace agreements, continued humanitarian crisis (Darfur)**
- **Limited space for democratic governance and citizen participation especially for women**
- **Interim constitutions (national, Southern Sudan and State level) with some commitments to women's rights**
- **Country with worst socio economic indicators ie maternal mortality, 90% illiteracy in the south, access to water, infrastructure etc**
- **Fragmented women' movement, fragile and with limited capacities and skills for gender advocacy**



From Peace Agreements to Financing Recovery and Reconstruction

- Guided by SC Res.1325 and BPFA. Sudan has not ratified CEDAW nor the Africa Protocol on Women's Rights
- Protracted peace negotiations for north south conflict barely included women as delegates. Culminated in the 9th of January 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement with generic reference to rights commitment a few specifics on gender equality.
- Darfur peace negotiation (Abuja series) included women in 7th round, Darfur Peace Agreement has substantive at least 30 article on women's empowerment, equality and rights. However the agreement is fragile and talks are resuming.

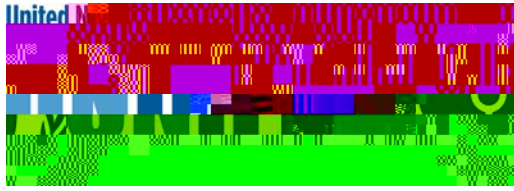
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- o Post Conflict Needs Assessment of Sudan (JAM 2003-2005) defined the reconstruction priorities. UNIFEM involved in supporting gender mainstreaming. Gender included in analysis and NOT in costing.
- o Oslo Donor's Conference on Sudan, April 2005 was the space for resource mobilisation and confirmation of Financing Modalities.
- o Gender Symposium across political and regional divide enabled Sudanese women to develop their priorities and recommendations for reconstruction and Development for prioritisation in funding.
- o Sudanese women and gender expert/advocates were NOT involved in the dialogues and negotiation of the actual financing modalities and financing tools for reconstruction and development

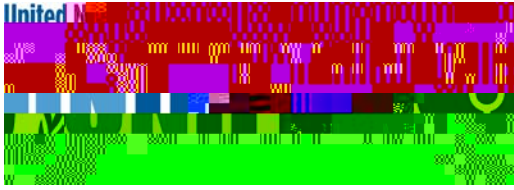
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Equality, Rights and Empowerment

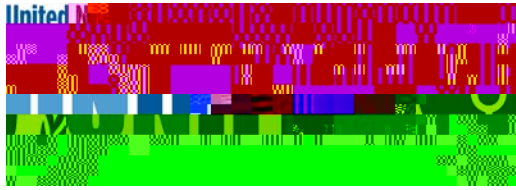
- Protection of women and their rights
- Participation in decision making spaces and defining the reconstruction agenda
- Capacity strengthening for gender advocacy, planning, budgeting, M& E
- Socio and economic empowerment through literacy/skills, income, employment
- Sectoral gender actions for empowerment and rights

Successful Initia



- National Resources (Budgets, Oil Revenues etc)





Multi-Donor Trust Funds – WB Managed

MDTFs objective: ensure coordinated, flexible and swift donor responses

Recommendations

- Advocacy and technical policy advise on integrating gender equality, rights and empowerment principles, tools and monitoring in MDTF for Sudan (Sudan Consortium meeting, Nov 2007).
- Establish special financing windows for gender equality and women and civil society within the existing MDTFs
- In-depth study to define approaches and methodologies to gender equality and women empowerment financing in fragile states
- Take opportunity of CSW, Peace

