

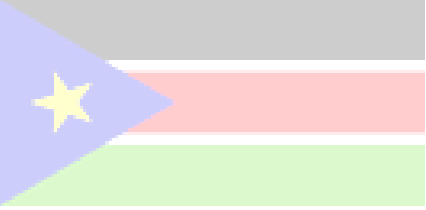


Aid & South Sudan: a new way of thinking

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Overview

- Where is South Sudan coming from;
- Aid to South Sudan;
- Getting stuck;
- Making aid effective, and;
- Lessons for others.





Where is South Sudan coming from?

- Prior to 2005 the region was a void, characterised by:
 - High levels of insecurity;
 - 4.5 million displaced people;
 - Damaged or destroyed infrastructure;
 - Limited access to basic services such as clean water, health care and education;
 - Fragmented and low capacity government institutions.



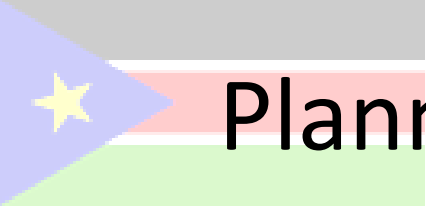
The challenge – moving from policy to action



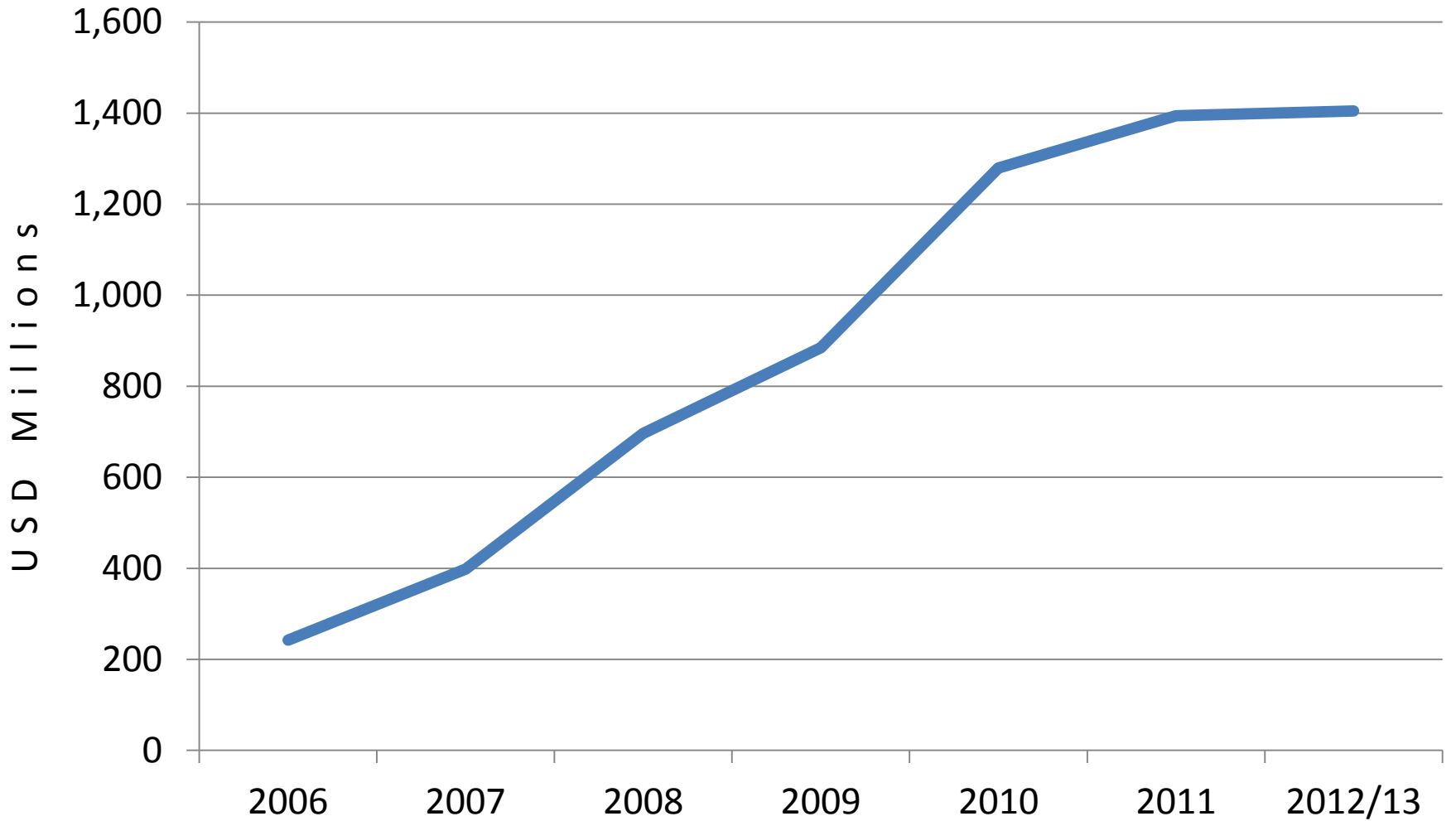
The Challenge in South Sudan

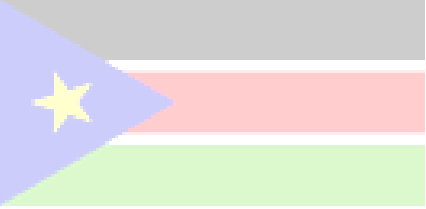
- Our challenge: taking policy, prioritising it and turning it into action.
- We have to overcome three constraints to action:
 - Prioritisation
 - Capacity
 - Complexity





Planned Aid Contribution to South Sudan

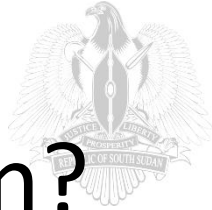




Were we stuck?

- Government & Donors in South Sudan could have done better. There have been blockages.
- The Government has struggled:
 - to improve transparency and accountability
 - Build human capacity
 - Support under-developed institutions and build systems.
- The Donors could have done more by over-coming a short term approach to aid.





Has aid been effective in South Sudan?

What has worked?

Rapid impact funding mechanisms (BSF, CBTF)

Linking aid to the budget

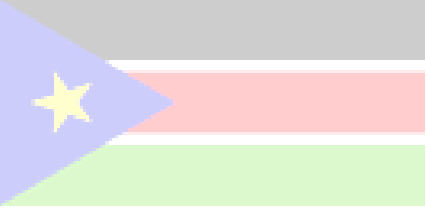
Government aid policy and strategy

What did not work?

Large pooled funds

Linking humanitarian aid to development aid

Joint Assessment Mission



Making aid effective?

It starts with the Government

- Establishing a plan – the South Sudan Development Plan
- The Aid Strategy Benchmarks – steps towards using Government systems;
- Making use of the New Deal – making use of FOCUS and TRUST.
- Committing to improved transparency.
- A COMPACT with clear commitments.





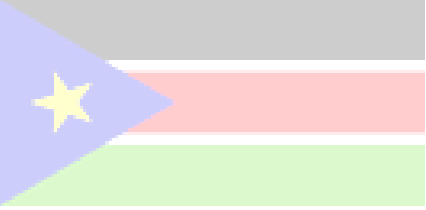
(NEW) The New Deal is important an important tool

The New Deal

- Is based upon the 5 peace building and state building goals.
- It is implemented through:
 - FOCUS: A new country-owned, country-led way of engaging.
 - TRUST: a set of commitments to achieve better results.

Implementing it in South Sudan

- We have sought to align ourselves with these principles.
- This has been achieved by:
 - Demonstrating that our aid policy is aligned to the New Deal
 - Establishing a national plan and working to improve transparency.



Lessons for others...

<p>Donors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actively considering a move towards Government systems over time through a dialogue with Government;• Be clear that support is long term;• Focus support on key areas;• Engage with the New Deal;• Engage in the government budget and planning process.
<p>Other 'fragile states'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take the lead;• Embrace the New Deal;• Establish and communicate a clear aid policy, that lays out a road map towards strengthening government systems;• Accept that you will have to increase transparency and accountability – but these are good things.



Thank you