

Fighting Poverty in Sudan

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Paper Abstract: The paper starts with an introduction to poverty and the status of Sudan in this regard; it highlights poverty in rural areas and also poverty in urban Sudan taking Khartoum as an example.

After the introduction it talks in details about Poverty Diagnostics in Sudan; which include Poverty Profile, Poverty by Gender, Poverty by education of head of household, Food Poverty and Unemployment.

Then it comes to discuss Roots of poverty in Sudan.

The most important topic in my paper is the Poverty Reduction Strategy: in this regard we have its Core Elements and Pillars, Challenges and Opportunities for Shared Growth and Poverty Reduction.

We also have Pillars of the Interim Strategy.

Poverty Reduction Strategy has the following components:

- A. Strengthening Governance and Institutional Capacity which could be achieved by:
 - Peace, security and national unity : Conflict Resolution and National reconciliation
 - The rule of law and human rights: Political institutions, Justice and law enforcement, Human rights, Property Rights.
 - Decentralization
 - Combating Corruption
 - Effective service delivery: Public Financial Management, Financial Controls Procurement
 - Capacity Development in the public sector
 - Challenges and Priorities
- B. Reintegration of Internally Displaced Persons and Refugees, this includes:
 - Reintegration for sustained peace and development
 - Main Challenges
 - International partnership for reintegration
 - Key actions in the short and medium-term
- C. Developing Human Resources by:
 - Empowerment and Building the Capabilities of the People : Empowering the Poor to take advantage of opportunities, Empowering Women: closing gender disparities Challenges and Priorities
 - Meeting the MDG Education Targets Key challenges: Strategy and Priorities for Basic Education, Strategy and Priorities for Tertiary Education.
 - Meeting the MDG Health Targets : Key challenges , Strategy, Priorities and Actions

- Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for Better Life Key Challenges, Strategy and policies ,Priorities and Actions
- Social Safety Net Programs: Protecting the Vulnerable Poor Community Driven Initiatives, Pensions Health Insurance

D. Promotion of Economic Growth and Employment Creation: it includes:

- A New Vision for Sudan Growth Strategy
- Enabling Macroeconomic Environment for Growth : Maintaining Macroeconomic Stability: The Challenges Ahead
- The Enabling Environment for Private Sector-led Growth Key Challenges to private sector-led growth, Priority Actions.
- Productivity and Growth in Agriculture : Key Challenges , Objectives and Main Priorities, Recent Actions and The Revitalization Strategy
- Economic Infrastructure Services for Recovery and Growth: Transport , Electric Power ,Telecommunications
- Protection of the Natural Resources and the Environment : Key Challenges, Strategies and Action.