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CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY PARTNERSHIP (PHASE II)

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CONTEXT

Climate change and environmental degradation are increasingly recognised as **drivers** of **fragility**, **insecurity** and **displacement**, particularly in regions already affected by conflict or weak governance. **Their effects** — ranging from resource scarcity to food insecurity and forced migration—can exacerbate existing tensions and overwhelm the coping capacities of communities and states.

Established in 2017, **the EU-UNEP Partnership on Climate Change, Environment, Peace & Security** aims to support fragile and crisis-affected regions, countries and communities to identify environment and climate-related security risks at the community, national and global levels, and to programme effective risk reduction and response measures, with a focus on nature-based solutions.

€ 14 000 000 (2 phases)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS
UNEP (UN Environment Programme)

+5 years (2 phases)
From October 2022 to December 2027

COUNTRIES/REGIONS COVERED (2 phases)
Bangladesh, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Sudan, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan.

In its first phase (2017-2022), with pilot interventions in North Darfur (Sudan) and Western Nepal, the partnership delivered global, national, and local analysis of climate-security risks, successfully tested integrated programming approaches to resilience-building in conflict-affected and fragile settings and strengthened institutional capacities to address climate-related security risks through training, and technical support. Phase 2 (2022-2027) expands Phase 1 approaches to new regions and aims to address critical gaps in data and capacity for analysis, policy formulation and intervention design in order to help scale preventive action on climate-related security risks to the transboundary and regional levels, where critical ecosystems are shared by communities and States.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

This project aims to **support** partners at community, state and regional levels to build resilience to the impacts of climate change on transboundary peace and security dynamics.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To **foster** local tools and solutions by providing capacity-building and technical assistance to communities for locally owned, science-based, conflict-sensitive climate adaptation.
- To **connect** practitioners within and across regions through platforms that build communities of practice and foster cooperation between local and regional actors.
- To **close** the policy–practice loop by supporting evidence-based decision-making, documenting and sharing good practices and lessons learnt on integrated action for climate, peace and security.

- To **address** gaps in data and institutional capacity for analysis, policy formulation, and intervention design, particularly focusing on transboundary climate-security linkages in vulnerable regions.

CONCRETE ACTIVITIES

Action 1 (Climate adaptation as a tool for peacebuilding):

- Strengthen community resilience to climate-related risks in Côte d'Ivoire through Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) and integration of climate risks into sub-national planning.
- Support resilience-building interventions and inter-communal dialogue in Abyei (Horn of Africa) and Lebanon, including livelihoods and food security initiatives, in partnership with UN peacekeeping and political missions.
- Restore and protect forest ecosystems and integrate local, national, and regional climate adaptation interventions in northern Lebanon (Akkar).

Action 2 (Climate adaptation as a tool for conflict prevention):

- Equip local communities in selected target countries with the tools for planning and anticipation, and support implementation of contextually appropriate solutions for climate adaptation, inclusive natural resource governance, consensus-building dialogue processes, and technological innovations. This also includes a sub-granting mechanism run through UNEP's regional partners.
- Support beneficiary communities to engage with each other within and across regions by establishing or facilitating platforms to discuss common challenges, exchange experiences and identify opportunities for cooperation.
- Connect these networks to political processes and policy mechanisms, ensuring that local perspectives and experiences on effective solutions feed into decision-making at national, regional and global levels.

Capacity-building and training:

- Open Online Course for policymakers, practitioners, and researchers on the links between climate change, peace, security, and social/gender inclusion.
- Knowledge Hub on Locally Led Action for Climate, Peace and Security (CPS) which provides practitioners with an Action Toolkit for self-guided capacity-building, including a training package for local actors to undertake conflict-sensitive climate adaptation initiatives.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Communities in targeted regions demonstrate **increased resilience to climate-related risks** affecting peace and stability.
- Strengthened **regional cooperation and integration** of local solutions into national and regional policymaking.
- **Enhanced knowledge, technical capacity, and implementation** of evidence-based interventions at local and regional levels.

EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Widespread **adoption of locally-led** CPS solutions across pilot regions, with a focus on NBS.
- **Documentation and sharing of best practices**, lessons learnt, and evidence-based approaches to inform future programming.
- Establishment of the **Knowledge Hub, hosting tools, guidance, and resources** for locally-led CPS action, including self-guided training packages and an Asset Flowchart for resource navigation.

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