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Project Name:	<i>Capacity Development Project for the Provision of Services for Basic Human Needs in Kassala, the Republic of Sudan (K-TOP Project)</i>		
Country:	Sudan		
Status:	Leading Firm	Associate 1: Earth System Science Associate 2: System Science Consultants	
Project Duration:	Current Year	Start Date:	End Date:
FY 2011	1 st Year	2011.5.30	2012.3.28
FY 2012	2 nd Year	2012.5.2	2013.8.15
FY 2013	3 rd Year (Final)	2013.9.20	2015.4.30
Assignment Description:			
<p>The Republic of Sudan is one of the biggest nations in Africa. Since its independence in 1956, the country has faced internal conflicts. In the eastern states including Kassala, Gedaref and Red Sea, local groups frustrated by developmental marginalization, draught, famine and poverty formed the Eastern Front and opened conflicts with the Federal Government which intensified from 2005. The conflict in eastern Sudan ended after the signing of the Eastern Sudan Peace Agreement (ESPA) between the Government of Sudan and the Eastern Front in 2006 and the situation has been gradually improved. Kassala is a state of the Republic of Sudan located next to Eritrea and has a population of 1.8 million. The state is characterized by its significant presence of internally displaced people (IDPs) due to economic hardships, droughts and conflict in the region, and refugees from Eritrea. The state economy largely depends on agriculture and livestock. However, frequent droughts and conflicts have weakened production base and, therefore, currently about 91% of the households cannot produce a self-sufficient level of food. Socio-economic indicators of Kassala show the underdeveloped situation. To prevent the recurrence of a conflict, the measures to improve Kassala's chronic poverty through economic (agriculture) and social (water, health and education) development is in urgent necessity.</p> <p>In January 2010, the State Government of Kassala requested assistance from the Government of Japan for the Capacity Development Project for the Provision of Services for Basic Human Needs in Kassala (K-TOP Project). The main objective of the K-TOP Project is to strengthen the capacity of public service providers in the state's priority sectors, i.e. water, agriculture, health and vocational training as well as planning capacity. JICA experts are assigned to each cluster in order to facilitate capacity development through various training and pilot activities (rehabilitation, operation and maintenance of wells, demonstration of improved agricultural production and income generation activities, development of reproductive health facilities and improved reproductive health service, etc.). Through these activities, the K-TOP Project aims to improve the provision of public service and contribute to improved livelihoods of the local population.</p> <p>The Implementation Phase of the K-TOP Project started in May 2011 six months after the Preparation Phase.</p>			