



## STATUS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN RWANDA AND THE NETHERLANDS

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### Key Issues:

- The total envelope to Rwanda for the 2012-2015 (MASP 3) phase is indicated at **Euro 228.183.000 million** broken down as follows:
  - ✓ Security, good governance and rule of law 33.847.000
  - ✓ Food security 86.421.000
  - ✓ Effectiveness policy on poverty reduction 800.000
  - ✓ Private sector development 31.300.000
  - ✓ Sustainable use of environment 45.815.000
  - ✓ Integrated water management, water and sanitation 30.000.000
- Under the 2013 DoL, The Netherlands shall engage actively in the 3 areas: Sector Budget Support to Justice Reconciliation Law and Order; Private sector development and youth (PSD), decentralization and governance. It shall intervene through silent cooperation in water and sanitation sector
- Rwanda was among the list of fifteen countries approved by the Dutch Parliament that were chosen for continued development cooperation in 2011 which will go on till 2015.
- The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands developed a draft MASP 3 which will run from 2012-2015. This identifies the following three key areas of cooperation: **Integrated Water Resource Management; Security and International Legal Order; Food and Nutrition Security.**

## OVERVIEW AND COOPERATION BACKGROUND

After the 1994 genocide, Netherlands was among the first countries to respond to the crisis through programmes of emergency assistance to help Rwanda. In November 2001, the Dutch parliament decided to include Rwanda on the list of countries that are eligible for regular development co-operation. On 11 March 2005, the Government of Rwanda and the Government of Netherlands signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which set out the basis for development partnership and provided a framework for mutual dialogue and accountability.

The second Multi Annual Strategic Plan of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, for Rwanda, covered the years 2008 to 2011. The total resources envelope provided under this plan is EUR 137 Million. That plan had initially decided on a general budget support programme for 2008 and 2009 totaling EUR 7 Million. However, these plans were suspended on the basis of the UN report that suggested Rwanda was contributing to instability in the region. Negotiation is ongoing to restore the general budget support system.

In 2011 a third multi annual strategic plan of embassy of Netherlands for Rwanda was developed and it covers the period 2012-2015. Under this plan, the total envelope for Rwanda is estimated at **228.183.000 million euros**

## CURRENT DUTCH INTERVENTIONS

Rwanda features among the fifteen countries with which the Netherlands will maintain a long-term

bilateral aid relationship. The foreign policy of the Netherlands is based on three priorities: welfare, security and freedom. Implementation of this policy in the fifteen partner countries requires development programmes and their objectives to be in line with the policy priorities of the host

country and in tune with programmes of other donors, notably EU member states.

In line with the Dutch development priorities and Rwanda's Vision 2020, as well as the Government

of Rwanda's Division of Labour, which coordinates donor programmes, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN) in Kigali has selected three priority areas: Security and Legal Order, Water Resources Management and Food Security in its Multi-Annual Strategic Plan (MASP) for the period 2012-2015.

The Dutch support will contribute to achieving the following country outcomes:

- A just and fair society
- More food-secure persons
- Sustainable use of water resources within the framework of 2011 division of labour, the Netherlands currently intervenes in the following areas: