



Sudan

Recovering from Conflict: Integrated Support for Most Vulnerable Communities in South Kordofan

Background information

Sudan is at a pivotal moment of change on its journey to political and socio-economic recovery. During this period, the international community has a key responsibility to support the government and people of Sudan with coordinated responses that promote peace, address multi-dimensional insecurities, empower people, and leverage opportunities on the ground. In this context, the UN Country Team in Sudan, with support from the UNTFHS, is responding to the complex challenges in the state of South Kordofan that has been at the center of armed conflict between the Government of Sudan and opposition groups in the past. With recent political developments, the government has an opportunity to restore peace and stability. These efforts however require a comprehensive approach, combining humanitarian assistance and peacebuilding with longer-term development.

Goals and objectives

The key objectives of the programme are to: (i) increase safety for people while improving access for humanitarian and developmental actors; (ii) restore human dignity and self-sufficiency for the vulnerable populations; (iii) strengthen social cohesion amongst targeted communities; and (iv) promote the human security approach throughout the programme's implementation.



DURATION

February 2020 – August 2023



UN IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

UNMAS, UNOPS, FAO, IOM, WHO, UNICEF



OTHER KEY PARTNERS

CBOs, CSOs, CDCs, INGOs, NGOs; Ministries of Education, Defence, Agriculture, Social Welfare, Physical Planning and Public Utilities; and the Humanitarian Aid Commission



BENEFICIARIES

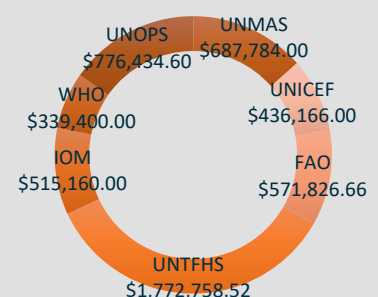
161,051



TOTAL BUDGET

US\$ 5,099,529.78

POOLING OF RESOURCES



Beneficiaries

The programme is the combined efforts of six UN agencies and key partners to ensure and improve the level of human security of approximately 161,051 people in the two localities of Abu Kershola and Dalami in South Kordofan through direct and indirect interventions.

Applying the Human Security approach

The programme strives to bring sustainable recovery to post-conflict communities and enable development by addressing comprehensive humanitarian needs and livelihood concerns so that the affected population can live with dignity.

Human security provides a useful framework for addressing the complex and multidimensional challenges in the South Kordofan State, where comprehensive assistance is required to provide longer-term well-being to the affected people, transcending the traditional boundaries between humanitarian assistance, development and peacebuilding. The required humanitarian assistance addresses urgent needs, with efforts for peace consolidation and prevention of armed conflict aiming at lasting peace among the communities involved, thereby opening up further opportunities for the development of the region and addressing insecurities in a sustainable manner.

The programme employs a participatory approach, focusing on communal dialogue and collaboration to address challenges and promote conflict mitigation strategies that will contribute to social cohesion and human security. Through addressing the root causes and drivers of conflict, the programme aims to create community-based mechanisms as preventative measures to potential future conflicts.

Employing the human security approach is not only ideal in providing support across the humanitarian-peace-development nexus, but it is also crucial in catalyzing comprehensive efforts among six UN agencies and key partners in creating synergies across multiple sectors. The programme can be a major source of lessons learned for future human security and the 'triple nexus' programmes in Sudan and beyond.

Achievements

- The programme achieved significant results in enhancing safety and improving access to communities by clearing 40 km of roads and 500,000 m² of contaminated land. In Dalami, 2,264 m² of land was cleared, removing two anti-personnel mines and nine UXOs, directly benefiting 1,002 people through community liaison and Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE), with 78,853 people benefiting indirectly. In Abu Kershola, 48,450 m² of contaminated land was cleared, and 174 UXOs along with 2,055 small arms ammunitions were destroyed, benefiting 851 people directly and 44,111 people indirectly. The National Mine Action Center was strengthened through technical support, successfully accrediting and tasking two Multi-Tasking Teams and ensuring accurate data reporting through the Information Management System for Mine Action.
- The programme also advanced human dignity and self-sufficiency by distributing farming inputs to 3,000 households, further enhancing agricultural productivity and food security. Community seed stores and demonstration farms were established, livestock health improved through a vaccination campaign benefiting 5,500 households, and environmental sustainability was promoted through pastureland rehabilitation and fire line construction.
- The programme also significantly enhanced communities' water, sanitation, and health security by establishing and rehabilitating water sources, which benefited over 11,000 individuals. It also improved healthcare access and strengthened the local health system's capacity by rehabilitating health centers, providing medical supplies and training, and conducting disease surveillance training.
- Social cohesion, youth empowerment, and child protection were also strengthened. The programme conducted focus groups and a youth forum with over 250 participants, producing 53 recommendations to enhance youth involvement in peace processes. It also supported 2,500 children and youth with Accelerated Learning Programs, vocational training, and life skills development and established child-friendly spaces and adolescent clubs. Additionally, it provided family tracing and reunification for 110 unaccompanied children and supported 12 foster families with donkeys and carts for income generation.



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