



THE DCPSF MONTHLY UPDATE

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ABOUT DCPSF

The Darfur Community Peace and Stability Fund (DCPSF) is a multi-donor fund established in 2007. Its core mission is to provide peacebuilding, conflict mediation and resolution support to communities in the Darfur region of Sudan.

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Implementation of DCPSF Phase II (2021-2023) Projects

Implementation of DCPSF's 17 projects is ongoing in all five (5) states of Darfur. The projects focus remains to promote community level peacebuilding and governance, livelihoods, and social cohesion as well as women inclusion and empowerment. Despite the political changes in Sudan and the conflict flare-ups in parts of Darfur, all 17 Implementing Partners (IPs) are making progress in reaching communities through Community Based Reconciliation Mechanisms (CBRMs) and other groupings.

During this month;

1. The DCPSF TS field team carried out three monitoring visits to check on project progress and identify key challenges facing IPs in Central and North Darfur.

- In Central Darfur (14 – 21 March) – two IPs – Sahari Organisation for Development which is implementing in Azum locality, Central Darfur. The IP is progressing well with its planned activities and one of its key wins was the rehabilitation of 11 water hand pumps in its target communities. The water serves over 1000 people in the villages of Silo and Rongatas in Azum locality. During the visit, they were advised to ensure that hygiene measures were met at these water points to avoid infection of the users.
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) was also monitored in March. They are implementing in 5 villages in Wadi Saleh and Mukjar localities in Central Darfur. Their biggest win so far is the establishment of 48 Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILCs) which are popular with women since their participation is most welcome there. The groups are important for saving and accessing small loans to start businesses. Although 35 groups were originally planned, they were increased to 48 due to the community demand.
- Lastly in North Darfur, SOS Sahel was visited in early March (2nd – 3rd). The project has promoted youth inclusion in its activities after an initial push back with the elderly members who were previously part of the native administration. At least each of their 8 CBRMs has youth representation. The project has set up 9 youth committees to ensure that the young people continue to play a key role in peace building.

Introduction

Welcome to the March edition of the DCPSF monthly update. This edition will highlight the key Fund activities carried out during this month, resources updates; and Upcoming/planned activities for April 2022.

Updates on key programme activities

In March 2022, DCPSF Technical Secretariat (TS) undertook the following programme activities:

- Follow up on the progress of all 17 Implementing Partners (IPs) projects in Darfur.
- Review of GaPI final reports with the IP (CIS).
- Resource utilisation update

2. In addition, the DCPSF TS team also organised for a joint donor field visit with the Peace Building Fund (PBF) team to the projects in East Darfur – the visiting donor representative from the Embassy of Sweden was able to interact with beneficiaries in Al Firdous and Ed Daein localities where DCPSF projects are implemented by Alight and the just concluded GaPI project by CIS.

3. The DCPSF TS also carried out a one-day (15th March) financial reporting training for all its 17 IPs as part of efforts to help them understand the UNDP requirements and style of financial reporting. The interactive training was attended by 20 IP finance representatives and also emphasized the issues of value for money and ensuring that the finance and programming components work together to ensure appropriate implementation of projects.

The Gender and Peacebuilding Initiative (GaPI) in Darfur region

Implementation of the DCPSF's GaPI (*Sawtaha – Her Voice in Peacebuilding and Recovery Action*) project by CARE International Switzerland (CIS) in East and South Darfur was completed on 31st December 2021.

Currently DCPSF is working with CIS to review all end of project reports.

DCPSF resource utilisation update

In the last 12 months of implementation, a total of USD 3,530,537 has been disbursed to 17 INGOs/NNGOs so far. Expenditure as of Feb 26th, 2022, is USD 2,890,908.

Indicative activities for April 2022

The DCPSF Technical Secretariat will be working on the following activities in March:

- Submission and review of IPs quarter one reports.
- Completion of the mini-rapid review of projects.
- Host the peacebuilding actors in North Darfur (El Fasher) to the 34th Peace Building Working Group (PBWG).