



# 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 on promoting community level peacebuilding and governance, livelihoods, and social cohesion as well as women inclusion and empowerment. Despite the political climate 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 activities. During this month;

➤ Field monitoring visits were carried out by the DCPSF team in;

- **South Darfur** (13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October): The M&E officer for the State monitored project activities in Al Malam locality implemented by Emergency Relief Rehabilitation and Development Agency (ERRADA). The IP is progressing well with its activities in the communities. During the visit, the IP had just completed providing vocational training for 40 young people on making Stabilized Soil Blocks (SSB). The training was intended to provide the youth with skills that will enable them make income and also protect the environment since this type of bricks doesn't not require drying by a furnace - hence reducing deforestation and carbon emissions.

- **North Darfur** (15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October): The area M&E officer visited SOS Sahel projects in Darelsalam locality. The IP was handing over a newly rehabilitated borehole/water tower in Darelnaeim village. The water is pumped from the borehole to a water tower using a newly installed solar panel. This will guarantee the community water all year round. In addition, an old hafir was also desilted to allow collection of water during the rainy season and beyond. In total the two stations will provide water to an estimated 8,500 people and 10,000-animals (5,000-person & 3,000-animal for the Borehole and 3,500-person and 7,000 animal for the hafir).

- **Khartoum** (29<sup>th</sup> September): As part of due diligence, the UNDP Finance Management Unit associate carried out three spot checks for Practical Action, Sahari Sudan Organisation and SOS Sahel Sudan.

- **Peace Building Working Group (PBWG) meetings:** Three meetings were held in this month. In South and West Darfur respectively. DCPSF IPs shared the progress of their activities in their respective localities. In West Darfur, the PBWG meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October was attended by DCPSF IPs, UN agencies along with new actors in the area including; Pro Mediation, Carter Centre, Hope Organisation, UNITAMS, IOM and UNFPA. Partners discussed the renewed interest and interventions in youth programmes in areas of peer education, empowerment in the civic space for peacebuilding as well as building economic resilience for the young people in the state. They agreed to share information their youth engagement for impactful results. UNFPA invited

## Introduction

Welcome to the October 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 November 2022.

## Updates on key programme activities

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

- Followed up on the progress of Implementing Partners (IPs) projects in Darfur through monitoring visits.
- Held the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of gender forums.
- Carried out financial spot checks.
- Resource utilisation update.

PBWG members to actively participate in preparations for a PBF donor mission to West Darfur in December 2022.

In South Darfur, the meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> October. IPs reported relative calm due to farming season, the increased rainfall amounts however led to flooding in various localities which slowed down cultivation.

In North Darfur, a PBWG meeting was also held on 12<sup>th</sup> October for all the DCPSF IPs and three other local NGOs. Participants shared updates on their work particularly on the success of women IGA groups solving cases on rape in their communities. They also discussed the sustainability of CBRMs – which they are now supporting to register as community-based organisations so that they have legitimacy to follow up with different state offices.

- **Gender Forums:** Two gender forums were held in El Fasher, North Darfur and Nyala, South Darfur. They were attended by all DCPSF IPs as well as staff from UNITAMs, government and academic institutions in the state. Discussions focused on the legal framework for gender and peace in Darfur. IPs were taken through the Sudan National Action Plan (NAP) for women peace and security, which was approved in December 2020, as well as a review of Juba peace agreement from gender perspective. Meeting participants recommended more training in these legal frameworks to enable them educate communities about their role in achieving them and protecting women from the violence perpetrated during conflict. In South Darfur, participants were encouraged to prepare specific areas of intervention on the 1325 NAP which UNITAMs would share further for resource mobilisation and support.

### Inter – Communal Conflict in Darfur

The security situation in the Darfur region remained fragile in the month of October. While conflict seems to have reduced, general crime has continued to affect the region. DCPSF IPs reported the loss of two CBRM members in West Darfur. The head of the CBRM in Agri community, Sirba locality was gunned down on 22<sup>nd</sup> October by armed men on motorcycles, while Sheik Adam Ibrahim from Habila locality was killed on 11<sup>th</sup> September. CBRMs are continuing to build awareness on peace in their communities to avoid any clashes as the harvesting season approaches.

### DCPSF resource utilisation update

In the last 12 months of implementation, a total of USD 5,898,173 has been disbursed to 17 INGOs/NNGOs. Expenditure as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, is USD 5,556,666.85

### Indicative activities for November 2022

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

- Continue with field monitoring visits projects in South and West Africa.
- Hold 2<sup>nd</sup> Gender Platform meetings for Central and West Darfur.

- Hold meetings with various IPs to check project implementation progress, determine what activities are left to complete as the Fund gets into its last quarters.
- Preparation of end of project Terms of Reference (ToRs). To be shared with Steering Committee for endorsement once completed.