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Section 1: Contact and Project Details

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Project Title	Together to build peaceful coexistence in Al Ferdous Locality in East Darfur
State	Sudan, East Darfur state
Localities and their Population number	East Darfur: Al-Firdous Locality- in Four Admin unit of Al Riyadh, Abu Sineadira, Hebeail & Al Firdous
Specific villages covered	Alferdous, Hebeail, Abuseneadirra, Alsarj, Almabrouk, Umbenin, Algadi and Senoon(pastoralists)
Project start & end date (as per the signed contract)	1 st February 2021-31 st March 2023
No Cost Extension (NCE) dates if any	NA
Project Budget (as per signed contract)	\$800K
Total Expenditure	
Reporting period	February 1st, 2021, to March 31st 2023

Section 2 – Executive Summary (MAX. 700 words)

Please provide a summary of your project:



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- What was your project about? Brief summary on main goals, relevance in the Darfur context and key output results during this DCPSF Phase (2021-2023).
- A brief on budget and delivery rate for the entire project

Executive Summary (650 words maximum)

ALIGHT is a non-profit organization that works to promote peace and conflict resolution in Sudan. It has established CBRMs, which are groups of trained community members who mediate and resolve conflicts. It has also supported women peacebuilding committees, which discuss and address women's interests and issues. ALIGHT has organized sports events and peace culture promotion events, which foster community engagement and encourage healthy competition and cooperation. ALIGHT has facilitated the provision of 8 motor tuktuks and stationery materials to the CBRMs, which enable them to reach and document conflict areas. ALIGHT has also trained 400 people on conflict resolution skills and knowledge. As a result, ALIGHT has helped to resolve 441 conflicts and promote a culture of peace in Sudan.

On Peace dividends for community interdependence and coexistence, Alight implemented various initiatives to improve the literacy, numeracy, vocational, and entrepreneurial skills of the local community members, especially women and youths. Alight has also rehabilitated and constructed 10 educational facilities which benefited over 500 students, established 12 producer associations community infrastructures, and producer associations, creating employment opportunities to over 200 people and enhancing local governance. Alight's interventions aimed to promote community interdependence and coexistence, as well as to foster economic empowerment and social development.

By this project women are empowered to meaningfully participate in local and state-level peacebuilding platforms. They formed organisations, including those representing pastoralist women. ALIGHT supported by conducting them a series of workshops and trainings in Sudan to promote gender equality and women's empowerment. 16 women groups established and provided start up grants. women leaders sensitized on gender-based violence (GBV) and related legal frameworks, women leaders also received training on advocacy and networking skills and communication and media. A two-day campaign to raise awareness about the negative impact of gender harmful practices was carried out in Alferdous town. Workshop also carried out for local government on sensitization on national policies and laws related to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). These initiatives have contributed to increased awareness and understanding of gender issues, promoted gender equality and inclusivity, empowered women to actively participate in community development and peacebuilding initiatives, and promoted gender equality and women's economic empowerment. They have also contributed to the prevention and response to GBV, created a more informed and empowered community that is equipped to address and combat GBV effectively, and promoted the use of networking and media platforms to advocate for women's issues and interests.

Regarding Improved networking, coordination and learning between local and state-level peacebuilding institutions, ALIGHT collaborated with NIDO and the Peace Study and Research Center to provide training, mentoring, and dialogue forums for local residents on topics such as advocacy, gender equality, gender-based violence, and peacebuilding. ALIGHT also equipped 150 community-based resource persons with mobile phones to enhance communication and conflict prevention. ALIGHT aimed to improve the skills, knowledge, and participation of the local

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community members, especially women and youths, in advocating for their rights and interests and in promoting social cohesion and development.

Overall, Alight has made a significant contribution to the development of Alferdous locality. The works done in the project has helped to improve the lives of many people and continue to work towards a more sustainable and prosperous future for the community.

Project budget and final expenditure (100 words maximum)

Section 3 – Project activities and results (500 words for each section)

Using the output breakdown below, please list all your activities and significant results achieved made during the project implementation period (2021 -2023).

Highlight any achievements towards gender equality and inclusion.

Output 1: Community-based conflict resolution and reconciliation mechanisms are in use and working effectively to resolve conflict

Output Activity	Result
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hire Consultant for Baseline survey and community consultation workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a base line survey conducted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re activate / Establishment of Community-based Conflict Resolution Mechanisms (CBRMs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 CBRMs established with total member 150 (15 Women, 47 girls, 30 Boys, 58 men).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize CBRM TOT workshops including equipment and materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT conducted two workshops for the CBRMs attended by 153 participants, 108 participants out of the total are CBRM members (62 M; 46 F) have been trained as trainer of trainers in conflict resolution.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize inter community sports activities for youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT successfully organized sports events in football in Alferdous locality, involving a total of eight sports clubs from Alferdous, Alryadh, Abusenadirra, and Hebeail. The events spanned over 15 days, providing a platform for the participating clubs to showcase their skills and compete in a friendly and competitive environment. These sports events fostered a sense of community engagement and promoted healthy competition among the clubs, encouraging physical activity and sportsmanship in the local area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and strengthen local women's peace committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIDO, the local partner, successfully established 8 women peacebuilding committees with a total of 32 members. These committees were provided with in-kind support, including refreshments and women's dresses (Sari), which facilitated their regular meetings. The support

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	<p>enabled the women peacebuilding committees to actively participate in discussions on urgent and general women's interests, promoting a culture of peace and addressing peacebuilding issues.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide technical & material support to traditional / local leader to resolve community conflict 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT facilitated the provision of 8 motor tuktuks to the Community-Based Reconciliation and Mediation Structures (CBRMS) led by selected community leaders. These motor tuktuks served as a means of transportation for the CBRMS to reach areas where conflicts had occurred. Additionally, ALIGHT provided stationery materials such as registration books and pens, empowering the CBRMS to effectively fulfill their responsibilities and play their roles in conflict resolution efforts. As a result, a total of 441 conflicts were successfully resolved, demonstrating the positive impact of the support provided by ALIGHT in promoting peaceful resolution of conflicts through the facilitation of transportation and essential materials for the CBRMS.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conflict resolution training for govt officials & native administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT organized and conducted 4 training sessions on conflict resolution, which were attended by a total of 400 participants. The beneficiaries of these trainings were drawn from various areas of intervention, including Alferdous, Abuseneaddirra, Almabrouk, Alsarj, Senoon, Umbenin, Algadi, and Hbeail. These trainings aimed to equip the participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively address and resolve conflicts in their respective communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peace Culture promotion (Arts activities) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT successfully organized 2 peace culture promotion events in Alferdous and Hebeail. These events were attended by an estimated total of 4000 people, reflecting the significant outreach and engagement efforts made by ALIGHT in promoting a culture of peace.
<p>Output 2: Peace dividends for community interdependence and coexistence are delivered</p>	
<p>Output Activity</p>	<p>Result</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy & numeracy skills workshops for youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project's local partner, NIDO, collaborated with the education department to organize a workshop training on literacy and numeracy skills in Alferdous locality. This workshop aimed to enhance the literacy and numeracy skills of community members, providing them with valuable tools for personal and educational development.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide start up grants to young entrepreneurs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In coordination with the targeted community, ALIGHT successfully established 12 producer associations, comprising a total of 144 members. These producer associations were provided with start-up grants, with each association receiving one grant. The grants were intended to support

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	<p>the establishment and initial operation of the producer associations, enabling them to engage in productive activities and generate income. By facilitating the establishment of these associations and providing start-up grants, ALIGHT aimed to promote community empowerment, economic self-sufficiency, and sustainable livelihoods among the targeted community.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro enterprise development workshops for young entrepreneurs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This activity was implemented by NIDO, the project's local partner, and a total of 25 participants took part in the workshop. Through this workshop, NIDO aimed to empower the participants with new knowledge and capabilities, contributing to their personal and professional development. The participation of 25 individuals in this workshop demonstrates the engagement and interest of the community in the activities facilitated by NIDO, showcasing the impact of the project on the local beneficiaries.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash for work - local infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALIGHT successfully rehabilitated local community infrastructures, which resulted in the creation of a total of 188 work opportunities for job seekers. These rehabilitated infrastructures provided employment opportunities to individuals in the local community, contributing to local economic development and poverty reduction efforts. The creation of these work opportunities not only helped improve the livelihoods of the job seekers but also contributed to the overall development of the community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash for work - local infrastructure materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALIGHT successfully rehabilitated many local community infrastructures, including a total of 10 facilities. These facilities encompassed various educational institutions such as Alferdous East School for girls (rehabilitation of a classroom, a theater, and a wall with a length of 33 meters), Alferdous West School for girls (construction of a wall for the school with a length of 400 meters), Umbein school (construction of two classrooms), and Abuseneadirra 2 schools, one for girls (rehabilitation of three classrooms). These rehabilitation and construction efforts aimed to improve the quality and accessibility of local educational facilities, providing conducive learning environments for students, especially girls.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOT training for Producers Associations on value addition & quality control techniques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALIGHT conducted a TOT workshop for producer associations, with a total of 100 participants (55 males and 45 females) taking part in the training. The workshop aimed to build the capacities of the participants, equipping them with skills and knowledge to effectively engage with their communities.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing joint management committees for local resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT successfully established 8 joint management committees, comprising a total of 100 members, with 59 males and 41 females. These committees were formed to promote community participation and engagement in the management of local resources and initiatives. The gender-inclusive representation in the committees demonstrates ALIGHT's commitment to gender equality and women's empowerment in community decision-making processes. The establishment of joint management committees is aimed at fostering inclusive governance, ensuring that diverse voices and perspectives are taken into account in the management and development of local initiatives.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocational training / access to education courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT successfully provided vocational training to 101 youths, with 68 females and 33 males participating in the training programs. The vocational trainings offered by ALIGHT included a diverse range of skills such as food processing, pot making, perfume making, improved stove making, welding, and carpentry. These trainings aimed to equip the youths with valuable skills that can contribute to their livelihoods and economic empowerment. The inclusion of both male and female participants in the trainings highlights ALIGHT's commitment to promoting gender equality and providing equal opportunities for skill development.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of startup tools and kits to Vocational trainees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT provided start-up kits to a total of 101 youths, with 68 females and 33 males who had undergone vocational training. These start-up kits included various tools and equipment specific to the vocational skills they were trained in, such as carpentry kits, welding tools, food processing equipment, perfume trading supplies, and water pot making tools. The provision of start-up kits aimed to enable the trained youths to establish their own businesses or pursue employment opportunities in their respective vocational fields. This support from ALIGHT helps the trained youths to set up their enterprises, generate income, and contribute to their economic empowerment. ALIGHT's efforts in providing start-up kits to the trained youths promote entrepreneurship and self-sustainability in the local community.
<p>Output 3: Women's organisations, including those representing pastoralist women, empowered to meaningfully participate in local and state-level peacebuilding platforms</p>	
<p>Output Activity</p>	<p>Result</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender consultant (Research & knowledge development) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT organized two workshops on gender knowledge, one in Alferdous village and the other in Alsarj village. A total of 89 individuals participated in these workshops, with 37 females and 52 males in attendance. The workshops

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	<p>aimed to raise awareness and understanding of gender issues within the community. Based on observations and feedback during the reporting period, it was noted that the knowledge about gender issues has spread among the community, indicating that the project objectives have been effectively absorbed. ALIGHT's efforts in conducting these workshops have contributed to increased awareness and understanding of gender issues, promoting gender equality and inclusivity within the project's intervention areas.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women leadership mentoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALIGHT conducted workshop trainings in Alferdous town, which were attended by 100 women. The audience for these workshops included participants from all the regions in which the project intervened. The workshops aimed to provide valuable training and knowledge to women in various areas of intervention, empowering them with skills and resources to actively participate in community development and peacebuilding initiatives. ALIGHT's efforts in conducting these workshops have contributed to the capacity building of women, promoting gender equality and inclusivity, and empowering them to actively engage in the project's interventions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional capacity development women's groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALIGHT established 16 women groups and provided them with startup grants, enabling them to enhance their skills in small business management and development. These grants have empowered women to start and manage their own businesses, contributing to their economic empowerment and improving their livelihoods. Through this initiative, ALIGHT has promoted gender equality and women's economic empowerment, creating sustainable opportunities for women to thrive as entrepreneurs and leaders in their communities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitization of local leaders on GBV & related legal frameworks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project local partner (NIDO) sensitized a total of 18 women leaders on gender-based violence (GBV) and related legal frameworks. The knowledge gained from the workshop has empowered these women to raise awareness on GBV issues within their communities. This initiative has contributed to the prevention and response to GBV, creating a more informed and empowered community that is equipped to address and combat GBV effectively.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy & networking skills training for women leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALIGHT conducted two trainings for women leaders, with a total of 100 participants from all villages of the project intervention areas. Out of the participants, 80% of the women leaders stated that they are practicing advocacy and networking skills. This indicates that the trainings provided by ALIGHT have empowered these women leaders to effectively advocate for their

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	<p>communities and engage in networking activities to promote their causes. The development of advocacy and networking skills among women leaders is crucial in promoting their active participation in decision-making processes, community development, and advocating for gender equality and women's rights.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication & media training for women leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 32 women leaders were trained on communication and media by the project local partner, NIDO, as part of ALIGHT's intervention. During a monitoring visit, it was found that 60% of the women leaders stated that they have been effectively using networking and media platforms to advocate for their community's women's issues and interests. This indicates that the training provided by ALIGHT and NIDO has equipped these women leaders with communication and media skills, enabling them to effectively raise awareness and advocate for gender-related issues in their communities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness campaign on the negative impact of harmful gender practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALIGHT conducted a two-day campaign in Alferdous town to raise awareness about the negative impact of gender harmful practices. The campaign was attended by 60 participants and aimed to educate the community about the harmful effects of practices that perpetuate gender inequality, discrimination, and violence. Through the campaign, ALIGHT aimed to promote gender equality and challenge harmful practices that impede the rights and well-being of individuals, particularly women and girls.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitization of local govt on national policies & laws (FGM /SGBV) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIDO organized a workshop training on sensitization for the local government on national policies and laws related to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). The training was attended by 16 participants, including 5 females and 11 males, from various villages including Alferdous, Algadi, Abusinidira, Almabrouk, Umbenin, Senoon, and Hebeail. The aim of the training was to link the participants with national policies and laws related to FGM and SGBV and seek their support in addressing such cases at the local level. <p>During the workshop, the participants were given opportunities to discuss and share their perspectives on these issues. The workshop also highlighted the overall objective of the project, which focuses on reducing the negative impact of gender harmful practices in order to promote gender equality. The importance of peace building and addressing gender-based violence was emphasized, and the participants were encouraged to spread the message in their respective communities.</p>

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Output 4: Improved networking, coordination and learning between local and state-level peacebuilding institutions	
Output Activity	Result
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical & material support to CBOs capacity building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT provided 150 mobile phones to the Community-Based Resource Persons (CBRMs) as tools for early warning systems to prevent conflicts and facilitate networking on various community issues. The mobile phones were distributed to the CBRMs, who are key stakeholders in the project intervention areas, to enable them to effectively communicate and coordinate with each other, as well as report any potential conflicts or issues that may arise in their communities. The mobile phones served as a means for timely information sharing and communication, helping to prevent conflicts and promote networking among community members for addressing various challenges and issues.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy training for local leaders / native administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIDO, conducted a training on advocacy, which was attended by 26 participants, including 7 females and 19 males. The training aimed to enhance the participants' knowledge and skills in advocacy techniques and strategies, with a focus on promoting gender equality, preventing gender-based violence, and addressing harmful practices. The training provided participants with tools and techniques for effective advocacy, including understanding policy frameworks, building networks, engaging with stakeholders, and using various communication channels for advocacy purposes. This initiative by NIDO and ALIGHT aimed to empower the participants to advocate for gender equality and social justice in their communities and contribute to positive social change through effective advocacy efforts.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity support to Ed Daein Univ Peace Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Peace Study and Research Center, enabling collaboration on project workshops, state-level peace dialogue forums, and providing furniture support to the center.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultant State-level peacebuilding coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT facilitated a one-day peace dialogue forum at the state level, bringing together 173 participants (25 female, 148 male) to engage in constructive discussions and promote peaceful resolution of conflicts.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy mentoring for CSOs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 participants trained (37 Female; 63 Males) on advocacy and leadership mentoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication & media training for CSOs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 participants trained (37 Female; 63 Males) on advocacy and leadership mentoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training officials on human rights, gender and child protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 participants trained. The human right is key issue for the peacebuilding if the community members acknowledge these rights and

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	practiced it as a reference this will defiantly contribute to peace building and this what the training aimed at.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of advocacy platforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT established an advocacy platform with 15 members (3 female, 12 male) representing all targeted areas of intervention, working towards promoting the goals and objectives of the organization.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy platform media support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALIGHT provided the advocacy platform with smart mobile phones.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The evaluation of the project done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of project evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The evaluation results have been attached with this report

Section 4 – Conflict sensitivity and Inclusion (500-word limit)

Conflict sensitivity and Inclusion: Share a brief summary of how you ensured:

Conflict sensitivity was mainstreamed across all the DCPSF project activities

Inclusion of women, youth, pastoralists, and farmers as well as **environmental issues**. Please provide specific examples with numbers of those included.

- Out of the total of 9 Community-Based Risk Management (CBRM) groups established, 15 women have actively participated, showcasing their engagement and contribution.
- Among the CBRM members, there were 77 youth participants, comprising 47 girls and 30 boys, demonstrating a diverse and inclusive representation.
- One specific CBRM group out of the nine has been specifically designated for the pastoralist community, focusing on the Senoon area. This allocation recognizes the unique needs and challenges faced by this particular group and ensures their inclusion in the project's activities.

Alight has a policy that ensures adherence to international standards in terms of environmental management and makes sure that no chemicals are procured that will harm the environment. The environment issues were considered during the project implementation as an example one of the criteria of IGAs provided is to be environmental friendly.

Section 5 – Partnerships (500-word limit)

Partnerships: Share a brief summary of partnerships built during the project implementation. Highlight how these supported peacebuilding.

- In the course of our project implementation, ALIGHT made a strategic decision to collaborate with a local partner called the National Initiative Development Organization (NIDO). NIDO played a vital role as our project's local partner and was entrusted with the execution of certain project activities. This partnership allowed us to leverage NIDO's local knowledge and expertise to achieve our project objectives effectively. Throughout the project, ALIGHT placed great emphasis on community engagement, recognizing it as a cornerstone of successful implementation. We encouraged the active involvement of the community in various ways, and one notable example was their contribution of local materials for the rehabilitation of key local infrastructure. For instance, in Umbenin school and Alferdous West school, the community generously provided materials that were used to refurbish the school walls. Similarly, in

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Abuseneaddirra schools and the youth center, the community also participated by contributing materials for the rehabilitation efforts.

To ensure transparency and foster good coordination, ALIGHT took an additional step at the outset. We established a higher umbrella committee comprising representatives from various stakeholders. This committee acted as a platform for open communication, promoting transparency in decision-making processes, and ensuring efficient coordination among all involved parties.

By leveraging the expertise of our local partner, fostering community participation, and establishing a higher umbrella committee, ALIGHT was able to implement the project effectively, maximizing its impact and fostering positive change within the targeted communities.

Section 6 – Challenges, sustainability and exit strategy, lessons learned and recommendations (500 words)

Share briefly on:
Challenges and risks faced during implementation – how were they addressed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment process delayed due to the technical agreement not being signed by HAC and the line ministry. • Transportation difficulties encountered during the rainy season. • High prices of commodities caused by inflation impacted certain activities. • Some activities, such as the procurement of motorized 3-wheeler tricycles, benefited from the inflation. • Monthly budget spending reviews were conducted by ALIGHT. • Security concerns affected planned activities, particularly in November 2021. • ALIGHT closely monitored the situation and rescheduled affected activities for the next quarter.
Key lessons learnt during the implementation of the project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement of the government as well the beneficiaries including community members, that support in conflict resolution and strengthen ownership.
Sustainability- What measures have you put in place to ensure continuity of initiatives beyond DCPSF funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement in the rehabilitation of the local infrastructure that raised the sense of the ownership of the rehabilitated facilities which will lead to sustainability of the projects. • Raising the knowledge and the skills of the community structures.
Exit strategy: What exit strategy have you employed to ensure that all project components minimise risk. Make mention of how project assets will be transferred to communities or local governments.
Key recommendations DCPSF and other Development Partners can address in similar projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The availability of the education services is key element for reducing the gender harmful practices such as early marriage.

Section 7 – Success stories and communication products

From your achievements/results, please highlight key success items that DCPSF can highlight in its public communication. These include; success stories highlighting beneficiaries, photographs (in high resolution), videos, media/news story links related to your project. If available, women and youth

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success stories are encouraged in this section. (Items can be shared as attachments; your organisation will be credited for items shared).

Success story:

Success Story: Overcoming Gender-Based Violence through Legal Reform

Introduction:

Gender-based violence against women, particularly young women, has plagued our society for far too long. Acts such as early marriage, non-consensual marriage, physical abuse, and even murder have been committed against women, driven by outdated customs and traditions that restrict women's roles and rights. This success story highlights a significant amendment to the arbitration reference for such cases, showcasing how legal reform can bring justice and deter future acts of violence.

The Challenge:

One of the major challenges in combating gender-based violence is that many of these crimes go unreported or do not reach the judicial authorities. Often, the perpetrators are family members, and fear of conflict within the family prevents victims from seeking justice. This results in a cycle of violence that remains unaddressed.

The Case:

In one of the villages targeted by the peacebuilding project, two young girls tragically lost their lives at the hands of their family members in Alsarj. Their crime? Simply possessing a mobile phone without their families' knowledge, which angered them and triggered a violent retaliation. The family feared that the girls' communication with the outside world would challenge their control and influence over their daughters. This incident, fueled by a culture of male dominance and control, was condemned by the village community. However, as usual, the perpetrators believed they would escape legal consequences.

The Change:

The incident served as a wake-up call for Mayor Youssef, the head of the Community-Based Risk Management (CBRM) in Abu Sneidra. He expressed deep sadness and frustration at the way the victims were treated, especially in light of ongoing efforts to raise awareness about human rights and women's rights. Driven by this incident, Mayor Youssef and other community leaders within the Peacebuilding Committee were determined to put an end to such crimes.

A criminal complaint was lodged against the perpetrators, resulting in their arrest by the police. They will now face trial under Sudanese criminal law, which explicitly prohibits such heinous acts. If found guilty, they could face the death penalty.

The Result:

The legal proceedings initiated against the perpetrators serve as a powerful message that society will not tolerate gender-based violence. By upholding the law and bringing offenders to justice, human rights are respected and strengthened within the community. This landmark case sends a clear warning to potential perpetrators that their actions will be met with legal consequences, discouraging them from committing such acts of violence in the future.

Conclusion:

The successful handling of this case highlights the importance of legal reform in combating gender-based violence. By taking decisive action and holding perpetrators accountable, discrimination and violence against women can be reduced. This victory marks a significant

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step towards a more just and equal society, where the rights of all individuals, especially women, are protected and respected.

Photos:



Success story;

Use of community structure improves co-existence and brings peace (The higher Umbrella committee (CBRM))

Success Story: Resolving Conflict and Promoting Compensation for Affected Families

Background:

The border region between East Darfur's Al-Firdous locality and South Darfur's Al-Sunta locality has a long-standing issue of animal theft, leading to a broader conflict between the Habania Tribe of Al-Sunta and the Rizeigat Tribe of Al-Firdous. This conflict not only resulted in injuries but also disrupted transit and commerce, causing tension, and suffering for the communities involved. Previous attempts by Native Administration and community leaders to resolve the conflict had proven unsuccessful, leaving the situation unresolved.

Intervention and Approach:

With the support of the UNDP-DCPSF project, Alight took the initiative to establish Community-Based Risk Management (CBRM) structures in the area. A total of nine CBRMs were established and trained to address conflicts at the community level. Utilizing these structures, Alight organized a mediation meeting in Algorra village, home to approximately 4,000 residents from both conflicting parties.

Conflict Resolution Process:

The CBRM members from Alferdous locality facilitated the mediation meeting. The initial focus was on enlightening the participants about the dispute and the negative impact it had on both sides. The CBRM then sought the consent of both parties to work towards a solution that the committee deemed appropriate.

The process continued with the CBRM members actively listening to both parties, allowing them to present evidence and evaluate the extent of the damages caused by the conflict. This step was crucial in estimating the compensation that each party should pay to the affected individuals.

Successful Resolution:

Through the mediation meeting, the CBRM members skillfully guided the two sides towards an agreement. Tribal customs and customary guidelines were employed to

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negotiate the disputes, and financial compensation was determined for those affected by the conflicts. Importantly, the cost of compensation was shared collectively by all members of the tribes involved.

The Outcome:

The successful resolution of the conflict brought joy and relief to all parties involved. The affected families were particularly pleased that they would receive compensation for the damages they had suffered. The use of traditional customs and collective responsibility ensured a fair and equitable outcome, fostering a sense of justice and unity within the communities.

Conclusion:

This success story exemplifies the transformative power of community-based conflict resolution and the positive impact it can have on individuals and communities. Through the establishment of CBRMs and the facilitation of mediation meetings, Alight effectively addressed a longstanding conflict, provided compensation to the affected families, and contributed to fostering peace and harmony among the tribes involved.

Photos:



Figure 1 the inception mediation meeting for resolving the conflict.

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Figure 2 The impartial committee identified from the root causes of the conflict by listening to the two parties that participated directly in the conflict events.



Figure 3 The impartial committee secretariat informed the participants from the two parties of the decision and the solution they made.

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Success Story: From Job Seeker to Successful Businesswoman and Trainer

Background:

In Alferdous locality, some community members faced challenging economic conditions, struggling to establish sustainable businesses due to limited capabilities and various life obstacles. The Peacebuilding Project, funded by the Darfur Community Peace and Stability Fund (DCPSF) through the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), provided solutions by enhancing skills and offering startup kits to create income generation opportunities. Nagwa, a member of the Income Generating Activity (IGA) group, became a shining example of transformation.

Nagwa's Journey:

Nagwa, a married woman, and mother of eight children, faced hardships as her husband frequently traveled in search of employment. She found herself responsible for caring for the children while dealing with her husband's chronic illness. However, Nagwa's life took a positive turn when she was selected by her local committee to join the improved stove-making IGA group established by ALIGHT. She received training and a startup kit, including cement, frames, a ruler, a shovel, and gravel.

Business Expansion and Success:

With determination and the skills she acquired, Nagwa started her stove-making business. Initially, she gifted one stove to her mother and kept another for personal use. Soon, word spread about Nagwa's high-quality stoves, and she received orders from other women in the community. Her production rate reached an impressive 8 to 10 stoves per week. The income she earned allowed her to fulfill her family's needs and invest in her farm, cultivating groundnut crops that yielded 16 sacks (1,600 pounds). Nagwa saved diligently and accumulated 73,000 Sudanese pounds (SDG).



Venturing into New Opportunities:

Inspired by her success, Nagwa seized an opportunity in the local market. She purchased wholesale women's clothing (robes) and resold them, generating a profit of 48,000 SDG. She even sent a portion of the earnings to support her son's education. Nagwa's entrepreneurial achievements caught the attention of World Vision, an international non-governmental organization (INGO). Impressed by her skills and products, they interviewed her and eventually hired her as a permanent facilitator.

Future Plans and Growth:

Nagwa's income-generating activities have had a transformative impact on her life. She has become a role model for others in her community, showcasing the power of skill development and access to resources. With her savings and expanding business, Nagwa plans to further expand her work in the coming months, providing more opportunities for herself and contributing to the economic growth of her community.

Conclusion:

Nagwa's journey from being a job seeker to a successful businesswoman and trainer exemplifies the positive outcomes achieved through the Peacebuilding Project's interventions. Through skill enhancement, access to startup kits, and support from ALIGHT and the UNDP, Nagwa overcame economic challenges and built a thriving

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business. Her story inspires others to pursue entrepreneurship and showcases the transformative potential of empowerment programs in improving lives and fostering sustainable development.