

## DCPSF Final Narrative report

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter project status progress report from second week of February to the 25 April 2021 as quarterly progress report.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Please fill in all sections of the template. If information is not available, note the reason.
- Kindly submit the report along with any photographs or communication products as well as other relevant documents to [dcpsf.sd.team@undp.org](mailto:dcpsf.sd.team@undp.org).

### Section 1: Contact and Project Details

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| Project Title                                         | Peace building for sustainable return in ElGeneina Rural -DCPSF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Project Code                                          | 00125220 or DCPSF/20-SCO-INGO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| State                                                 | West Darfur State - Sudan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Localities and their Population                       | Eish Bara, Azaza, Ranga, Mara Jerabi, Ade Kong, Kandari, Hashaba Koru, Undeta, Babanosa, Jackjagei, Usari, Kadadul Medina, Khartirta, Kurti, Rejile Elkubri, Elban Jadeed, Dar elsalam, Riweana, Gelo, Beer Khadija, Jemiza, Godarei, Tendalti                                                           |
| Communities/villages                                  | Eish Bara, Azaza, Ranga, Mara Jerabi, Ade Kong, Kandari, Hashaba Koru, Undeta, Babanosa, Jackjagei, Usari, Kadadul Medina and Khartirta all these villages are in (Eishbara admin Unit) (2) Kurti, Rejile Elkubri, Elban Jadeed, Dar elsalam, Riweana, Gelo, Beer Khadija, Jemiza, Godarei and Tendalti, |
| Project start & end date (as per the signed contract) | 1st Feb 2021 – 31st Jan 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| No Cost Extension (NCE) dates if any                  | 30-June-2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Project Budget (as per signed contract)               | USD 379,307                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Total Expenditure                                     | USD 336,723.69                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Reporting period                                      | 30-June-2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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## Section 2 – Introduction/Executive Summary (MAX. 700 words)

### Please provide a summary of your project;

- What is your project about? Brief summary on main goal, outputs, expected outcomes and its relevance in current Darfur context.
- Summary of your key achievements, key challenges and key lessons learnt in this quarter, key challenges, and lesson learnt.
- A brief on budget and delivery rate for the quarter

This project aims to address grassroots peacebuilding challenges in West Darfur by establishing seven Community-Based Conflict Resolution Mechanism Committees (CBCRMs). The project is being implemented in the administrative units of Eish Barra, Tendelti, and Geneina—areas historically marked by instability and intercommunal tension. By restoring trust and confidence within and between communities, the initiative seeks to indirectly enhance security and stability in adjacent localities and border areas with Chad.

### Key Outputs

1. **Operational CBCRMs:** Community-based mechanisms actively resolving local conflicts.
2. **Peace Dividends Delivered:** Tangible benefits that encourage coexistence and collaboration.
3. **Women's Empowerment:** Inclusion of women's organizations, including pastoralist women, in peacebuilding platforms at local and state levels.

## Section 3 – Project progress review (500 words for each section)

Using the output breakdown below, please list at least **five significant achievements made in this quarter.**

- Highlight any achievements towards gender equality and inclusion.

### Section 2: Executive Summary

This project was designed to foster peaceful coexistence and strengthen sustainable social cohesion among displaced populations, returnees, nomadic groups, and host communities in El Geneina Rural. Through a community-driven approach, the initiative implemented a series of integrated interventions aimed at addressing the root causes of conflict and promoting resilience.

Key achievements included:

- Establishment of 20 Community-Based Conflict Resolution Mechanisms (CBRMs) to mediate local disputes and foster reconciliation.
- Provision of livelihood support to women and youth groups, enhancing economic stability and reducing vulnerability to conflict.
- Rehabilitation of critical water sources and construction of market shelters to improve access to basic services and stimulate local trade.
- Development of a tree nursery with 30,000 gum Arabic seedlings, contributing to environmental restoration and income generation.

Despite ongoing tribal tensions and security challenges, SCO demonstrated adaptability by leveraging strong community engagement and strategic partnerships with El Geneina University and local authorities. These efforts not only ensured the successful implementation of project activities but also laid a solid foundation for long-term peacebuilding and sustainable development in the region.

**Narrative: Achievement/project results**

[Section 3: Project Progress](#)

### Key Achievements

- Formation and operationalization of CBCRMs in targeted administrative units.
- Successful village-level peace dialogue conferences engaging diverse community members.
- Inclusion of marginalized voices—especially youth, women, and elders—in conflict resolution discussions.
- Initiation of reconciliation efforts between farmers and pastoralists in high-conflict zones like Gelow.

### Key Challenges

- Deep-rooted mistrust between tribal groups due to historical grievances and recent violence.
- Marginalization of native administration structures, weakening traditional conflict resolution pathways.
- Limited access to basic services (e.g., water, veterinary care, grazing land) fueling resource-based disputes.
- High criminal incidents in areas like Gelow, including the loss of key community leaders.

### Lessons Learned

- Bottom-up approaches are more effective than centralized peace conferences in fostering genuine dialogue.
- Community ownership of peace processes increases participation and sustainability.
- Addressing livelihood and service gaps is essential to reducing conflict triggers.
- Empowering local mediators and traditional leaders can restore trust and strengthen reconciliation efforts.

### Output 1: Conflict Resolution Mechanisms

#### Establishment of CBRMs

- 18 Community-Based Conflict Resolution Mechanism Committees (CBCRMs) were established across Eish Barra, Tendelti, and Geneina administrative units.

| Target       | Status    | Achievements                                                             |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 18 new CBRMs | Completed | 20 CBRMs formed (200 members, 39% women); trained in conflict resolution |

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### Output 2: Peace Dividends

#### community-Level Benefits

- **Improved social cohesion** through inclusive peace dialogues involving youth, women, elders, and tribal leaders.

| Target                      | Status    | Achievements                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Livelihood & infrastructure | Completed | Goat distribution, youth farms, market shelters, water source rehab, migratory route demarcation |

### Output 3: Women's Empowerment

#### Inclusion in Peacebuilding Platforms

- Women's organizations, including those representing pastoralist women, were actively engaged in community-level peace dialogues.

| Target       | Status    | Achievements                                                |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 women CSOs | Completed | Training, funding, 16 Days of Activism, leadership in CBRMs |

### Output 4: Networking & Coordination

#### Strengthening Local Partnerships: Established collaborative relationships with native administration leaders, tribal elders, and community influencers across Eish Barra, Tendelti, and Geneina.

| Target                       | Status    | Achievements                                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Strengthen local-state links | Completed | Partnerships with NFC, ElGeneina University, local authorities |

## Section 4: Inclusion

The project prioritized inclusive participation across all community segments to ensure equitable access to peacebuilding and development benefits:

- **Women:** 78 women were actively engaged in Community-Based Conflict Resolution Mechanisms (CBRMs). They also received goat loans and support for income-generating activities (IGAs), enhancing their economic resilience and leadership roles.
- **Youth:** Young people were supported through access to farmland and vocational tools, empowering them with productive livelihoods and reducing their vulnerability to conflict.
- **Pastoralists & Farmers:** Both groups were intentionally included in peacebuilding dialogues and livelihood interventions, fostering mutual understanding and reducing resource-based tensions.
- **Environment:** A tree nursery was established, producing and distributing 30,000 gum Arabic seedlings to promote environmental restoration and sustainable land use.

## Section 5: Partnerships

Strategic partnerships were instrumental in the successful implementation and sustainability of project activities:

- **Local Authorities:** Collaborations with El Geneina locality and administrative units in Eish Bara and Tendelti ensured alignment with local governance structures.
- **Academic Institutions:** El Geneina University's Peace & Development Research Center provided technical guidance and research support for community engagement and conflict analysis.

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- **Technical Partners:** The National Forestry Corporation (NFC) contributed expertise in environmental rehabilitation and tree nursery development.
- **Community Stakeholders:** CBRMs, women and youth groups, and resistance committees played central roles in mobilization, facilitation, and local ownership of project outcomes.

### Section 6: Challenges & Lessons Learned

#### Challenges

- Persistent tribal conflicts and insecurity disrupted planned activities.
- Delays in workshop implementation due to logistical and safety concerns.

#### Solutions

- Adaptive scheduling and flexible planning allowed activities to proceed in safer windows.
- Community-led facilitation increased trust and participation, even in high-risk areas.

#### Lessons Learned

- Inclusive approaches that engage women, youth, and marginalized groups are essential for sustainable peace.
- Flexibility in implementation is critical in volatile contexts.
- Academic partnerships enhance evidence-based programming and community credibility.

### Section 7: Success Stories

- **Women's Leadership:** Women took on active roles in CBRMs and led IGAs, demonstrating their capacity to influence peace and development.
- **Youth Empowerment:** Young participants launched farming and small business ventures, contributing to household income and community stability.
- **Environmental Impact:** The tree nursery initiative revitalized degraded land and provided economic opportunities through gum Arabic cultivation.

### Section 8: Final Reflections

As the project concludes, SCO has successfully laid the groundwork for long-term peace and development in El Geneina Rural. The inclusive, community-driven approach has fostered trust, strengthened local capacities, and created tangible benefits across sectors. Continued support, monitoring, and adaptive programming are recommended to sustain momentum and respond to emerging needs in the region.