



# 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;

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

- **West Darfur** (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> August): The M&E officer for the State monitored project activities for Siyaj Charity Organisation (SCO). The organisation has projects in Eish Bara and Tendalti Administration Units in Geneina locality. The IP has completed a number of activities including demarcation of a 20km migratory route before the rains and the harvest season, it is hoped this will reduce on harvest season related conflicts between farmers and nomads in the locality. In addition, the IP has trained youth groups in various skills including metal welding, provided women's groups with funds for their income generating activities and rehabilitated several hand pumps in selected villages.

**El Geneina** (28<sup>th</sup> August – 31<sup>st</sup> August): The DCPSF Team including the UNDP Finance Management Unit associate visited the State to carry out financial spot checks and also review IPs project progress. The financial spots indicated that the INGOs were performing well in their financial reporting while the local NGOs performed moderately and were provided with guidance on how to improve their reporting systems. The project activity review indicated that most IPs had carried out at least 60% of their activities and agreed to ensure that the balance of activities is completed by the end of the year to enable them start on their end of project activities early 2023.

**North Darfur** (3<sup>rd</sup> September): The DCPSF Team including the UNDP Finance Management Unit associate visited El Fasher to carry out a financial spot check and project progress for Sudan Organization for Recovery and Development (SORD). The team noted that the IP had improved its financial management and recording system and was progressing towards achievement of all its activities.

## 2. Peace Building Working Groups (PBWG) meetings:

The North Darfur PBWG held its 36<sup>th</sup> meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August at University of El Fasher Peace Centre. Participants from the DCPSF IPs and other development actors discussed various issues including; CBRM (Community Based Reconciliation Mechanisms) sustainability. One of the ideas shared was registering them as community-based organisations so that they can be organised legally and remain sustainable even after the project ends. Other issues discussed include;

## Introduction

Welcome to the August 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 September 2022.

## Updates on key programme activities

In August 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.
- Carried out financial spot checks and project progress reviews for IPs in West Darfur and one in North Darfur.
- Organized a Peacebuilding Working Group (PBWG) meeting and Gender Forums in West, South and North Darfur.
- Resource utilisation update.

inclusion of emergency funds in project budgets to address unplanned emergencies in project areas as well as the increasing participation of women in the PBWG meetings.

## **2. Gender Forums for DCPSF Implementing Partners:**

The goal of these forums is to provide a platform for discussing gender issues among the DCPSF IPs and other peace actors in the five States. The forums, led by DCPSF gender specialist, focus on gender from a peacebuilding perspective and have therefore been incorporated with the DCPSF Peacebuilding Working Group (PBWG) meetings. The first forum was held on 29<sup>th</sup> August in El Geneina (for West and Central Darfur IPs), it was closely followed by another on 31<sup>st</sup> August in Nyala (for South and East Darfur IPs and the last one in El Fasher for North Darfur IPs. Discussions focused on sharing good practises, challenges and lessons learned as IPs endeavoured to incorporate gender and women participation in their field activities with communities.

The IPs and other stakeholders endorsed the idea of establishing a gender platform with regular meetings for information sharing between development partners (UN, NGOs etc), the government and academia. They also agreed an agenda for the next meeting which will focus on a legal framework for gender and peace.

### **Inter – Communal Conflict in Darfur**

The security situation in the Darfur region remained fragile in the month of August as communities focus on cultivation during the ongoing rainy season.

### **DCPSF resource utilisation update**

In the last 12 months of implementation, a total of USD 5,250,377 has been disbursed to 17 INGOs/NNGOs. Expenditure as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, is USD 5,295,732.

### **Indicative activities for September 2022**

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

- Complete the compilation DCPSF 2022 bi-annual report and share with all Development and Implementing Partners.
- Continue with field monitoring visits projects in all the States.