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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 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. Field monitoring visits were carried out by the DCPSF M&E officers. These were in;

- **North Darfur** (5th-14th June): The DCPSF TS team from Khartoum met with several partners in El Fasher to discuss project progress and also success stories identified so far. Partners met include; Welthungerhilfe (WHH), Kebkabiya Small holder Chartable Society (KSCS), Al Rayan Organisation for Social Development (RSD), Practical Action and SOS Sahel.

In addition, the team visited Kabkabiya locality in North Darfur to see Practical Action areas of implementation. The team was able to meet and talk to some of the CBRM and women's groups who are making good progress in promoting peacebuilding within their communities. Practical Action has revived the old CBRM networks at locality level and these are supporting the new CBRMs in promoting social cohesion. The team also visited the completed market in Girgo village, and a rehabilitated hand pump located within the community, the women requested for more hand pumps to be built within the villages since it made their life easier and safer.

- **East Darfur** (26th-30th June): The team met with the DCPSF IPs in the state (DDRA and Alight) and visited their project implementation areas – Keryo Village in Bahr al Arab locality and Al Ferdous and Abu Sanaird localities. In these areas, they met with CBRM members, women's savings groups and also visited Alight's rehabilitated schools which were completed using a cash for work approach with the community, community members were trained in construction and paid to complete the rehabilitation of two schools. The communities also contributed bricks to the process while Alight paid for the labour and provided the required tools.

- **West Darfur** (1st – 2nd June): The DCPSF M&E officer for West Darfur carried out a monitoring visit to the Concern Worldwide project in Geneina locality. Due to the prevailing situation in the State, most of the IP's CBRMs are located in the IDP camps of Elryad, Krinding, Ardamate and Abuzar. The CBRMs are actively supporting communities living in the camps to settle their disputes. On the flipside, the Elryad CBRM does not have active participation of women and the IP has been advised to provide more support for them. The IP also formed Early Warning System groups with 5 members from each of the CBRMs. The groups have been equipped with mobile phones and talk time credit which they

Introduction

Welcome to the June 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 July 2022.

Updates on key programme activities

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

- Followed up on the progress of all 17 Implementing Partners (IPs) projects in Darfur through various monitoring visits.
- Organized a Peacebuilding Working Group (PBWG) meeting in North Darfur
- Resource utilisation update

use to alert relevant authorities of any likely conflicts so that they can be addressed in time.

- **Financial spot checks** - These were carried out for partners in North and West Darfur. These included Siyaj Charity Organisations (SCO) and Rural Community Development Organisation (RCDO) from West Darfur as well as Al Rayan for Social Development (RSD) and Sudan Organisation for Recovery (SORO) in North Darfur

2. **Peacebuilding Working Group (PBWG)** meeting was held on 8th June 2022 in North Darfur; The PBWG was hosted and chaired by the University of El Fasher's Peacebuilding Centre. It was attended by all DCPSF Partners in the state who shared their activities and results for the months of May and June.

Inter – Communal Conflict in Darfur

The security situation in the Darfur region still remained fragile in the month of June. In East Darfur, reports of car hijacking continued to rise with a specific target on UN and INGO/NGO cars. UN agencies and NGO Partners have all taken to using cars rented from the community since they offer some form of protection from the hijackers. With the start of the rainy season in the region, all IPs, communities, and State authorities are on alert from migratory related clashes between the farming and nomad communities. In South Darfur, the state authorities held a conference on migratory routes and invited various members of DCPSF CBRMs to share knowledge on the routes and encourage community members and leaders to ensure that these routes, rest areas and shared water points are known to avoid clashes between communities.

The prevailing security situation in West Darfur particularly localities along the north corridor has temporarily affected accessibility for some of the DCPSF implementing partners particularly Concern Worldwide and Rural Community Development Organization. This is due to tribal clashes that erupted between the Gimir tribe and some Arab Rezigat clans in the Kulbus and Krenik localities of West Darfur over cultivation land that resulted in killing over 125 people and several injuries. 25 Gimir villages were attacked and burnt down while three Arab settlements were also burnt. Humanitarian reports¹ estimate that 33000 persons were displaced and are living in open spaces. High delegation led by Vice president of Sovereignty Council and Commander of RSF Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo (Hemetti) arrived in West Darfur in June 2022² supporting several reconciliation agreements between the conflicting tribes including (Massirya Jabal and Arab, Massalit and Arab, Arenga and Arab, Awra/Shala and Tama) however the one between the Gimir and Arab is still pending.

DCPSF resource utilisation update

In the last 12 months of implementation, a total of USD 4,446,715.95 has been disbursed to 17 INGOs/NNGOs. Expenditure as of June 30th, 2022, is USD 4,045,267.76.

Indicative activities for July 2022

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

- Receive and review Q2 reports which will contribute to the DCPSF bi-annual report for 2022.
- Continue with field monitoring visits projects in South and North Darfur.

¹ <https://reports.unocha.org/en/country/sudan/card/5BQNv9VsvA/>

² [Hemeti attends tribal reconciliation and asserts RSF role on Sudan stage | Radio Dabanga \(dabangasudan.org\)](https://radio.dabangasudan.org/)