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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** (13th-19th November): The DCPSF team (M&E/SD + Gender officer) monitored project activities implemented by DCPSF IP - Peace Bridge Association (PBA) Al Rihead, Dimso and Tulus localities. The IP has established 8 CBRMs which are active and functioning in all the 8 targeted villages in those localities. The CBRMs are leading on monthly open community dialogues including community members and local leaders to promote peace and social cohesion in their localities. Through the initiative, CBRMs were able to collaborate with local authorities and the native administration to re-open closed roads between Buram-Tulus- Sergeala- Gereada and Um Dawanban, now markets are accessible in these communities. In addition, the IP has built two schools and two community centres and established 8 sports teams including one volleyball team for young women to promote cohesion among the youth.

- **West Darfur** (21st-24th November): The DCPSF team (M&E/WD + Gender officer) visited World Relief (WR) projects in Krenik locality, Mornei Admin unit. This area includes communities of Mornei IDPs camp, Hashaba, Ganderni and Magmari. The project CBRMs have been active in promoting peace in their communities and have been applauded by the local authorities including the HAC officer and the Executive director of the locality for their peacebuilding efforts in the community.

- **Central Darfur** (28th – 29th November): The DCPSF team also visited Azum locality in Central Darfur where Sahari for Development Organisation is implementing DCPSF supported project in 8 villages. The project has been very key in promoting social cohesion through the eight CBRMs formed in the locality. The CBRMs from the different villages formed a network led by one of the most senior members of the CBRMs. The network meets every month to compile their cases and see how they can continue to promote peace in their respective areas. Several other activities are ongoing such as women's groups which have been skilled in cheese making and have now added it to the products for their small businesses.

- **Khartoum:** As part of due diligence, the UNDP Finance Management Unit associate carried out a spot check for

Peace Building Association (PBA), organised a mandated micro-assessment for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) since their last one had expired and reviewed quarter three financial reports for all Ips.

- **Gender Forums:** One gender forum was held in West Darfur on the 27th of November. Discussions centred around the role of women in peacebuilding and ensuring that they were included in all peacebuilding activities. Participants were taken through the legal frameworks that call for and guide women's inclusion such as the UN security council resolution 1325 on women, peace and Security - National Action Plan (NAP). The Forum also had a session on peace agreements particularly the Juba Peace Agreement and how women could be involved in its implementation. The next forum will be held in February 2023.

Inter – Communal Conflict in Darfur

The security situation in the Darfur region remained fragile in the month of November with several incidents reported in all the five states. The major one was reported in Central Darfur where at least 48 people were killed in clashes between the Misseriya and Rizeigat¹.

DCPSF resource utilisation update

In the last 12 months of implementation, a total of USD 6,353,128.61 has been disbursed to 17 INGOs/NNGOs. Expenditure as of November 28th, 2022, is USD 5,995,996.35.

Indicative activities for December 2022

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

- Continue with field monitoring visits projects all the five states to ensure projects are completing core implementation of activities.
- Providing support for evaluations and final reporting.
- Review and advertisement of end of project evaluation Terms of Reference (ToRs).

¹ <https://www.dabangasudan.org/en/all-news/article/ocha-at-least-48-killed-in-central-darfur-nomad-fighting-mediators-killed-too>.