

AAO Annual Report - 2025





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To our valued partners, stakeholders, and the communities of Sudan, The year 2025 marked a definitive turning point for Alswaid Alkhadara. In a period defined by both immense challenge and profound resilience, our organization remained steadfast in its commitment to transforming the social and economic landscape of East Darfur and beyond. Our vision has always been clear: peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of justice, reconciliation, and social cohesion.

Throughout 2025, we successfully bridged the gap between emergency relief and sustainable progress. By fostering a "culture of peace" through active engagement with diverse tribal groups, we have begun to repair the social fabric torn by decades of division. We are proud to report that our integrated development programs—focused on resource management and capacity building—reached record numbers of beneficiaries, proving that when communities have the tools to improve their own lives, peace becomes sustainable.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, our local community leaders, and our international donors. Your unwavering support has allowed us to turn a vision of unity into a lived reality for thousands. As we look toward 2026, we remain dedicated to the belief that development is the bridge to a prosperous, unified society.

Sincerely,

Kbar Brsham
General Director
Alswaid Alkhadara Organization

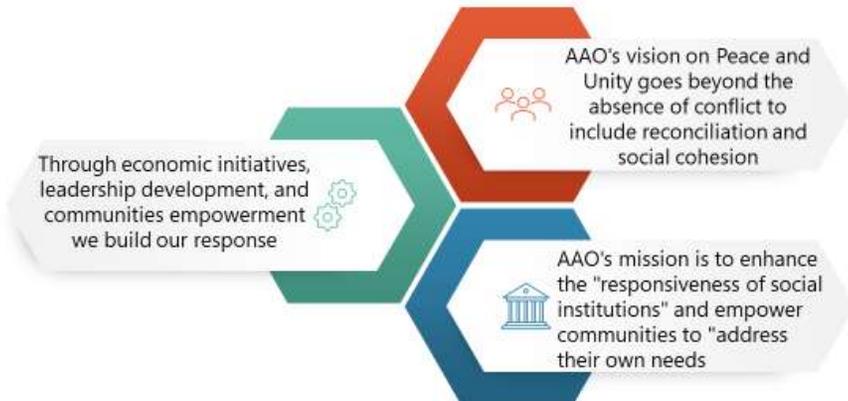
Dears German Humanitarian Assistant, Scottish Government, Sudan Humanitarian Fund, UNOCHA, UNICEF, WFP, FAO, UNFPA, Alight, World Vision, Care International, ZOA, World Renew, NRC, Dutch Relief Alliance, and Tear Fund.

On behalf of everyone at Alswaid Alkhadra Organization – AAO, thank you for your incredibly generous gift of donation. Your support is not just a financial contribution; it is a vital investment in our shared mission to respond to the emergency in East Darfur due to the conflict that erupted in Sudan. Thank you for your commitment to our causes. Your support is a beacon of hope for the families we serve. We are so grateful for your kindness. Your trust and generosity empower us to continue our vital work."

With deepest gratitude, we look forward to keeping you updated on the progress you've made possible.

AAO Team

AAO Strategic Visualization



AAO Cluster Lead



2025 Key Achievements

1. **Peace & Unity:** Facilitated over 20 inter-tribal reconciliation workshops in East Darfur, directly reducing localized conflict and fostering mutual respect.
2. **Sustainable Development:** Established 15 community-led agricultural cooperatives, providing resources and training to over 500 households to improve food security and economic independence.
3. **Health & WASH Response:**
 - a) Connected water supply to the Cholera Treatment Center in El Deain.
 - b) Chlorinated 11 water yards in El Deain for four months.
 - c) Constructed 300 emergency latrines to improve sanitation in high-risk areas.
 - d) environmental Health Campaigns
 - e) Conducted 12 cleaning campaigns, vector control, and solid waste management activities. Implemented in El Deain, Assalaya, Al Ferdous, and Assalaya localities.
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- e) Assisted 50 GBV survivors with psychological support, financial aid, and safe referral services.
- f) Institutional Capacity Development
- g) Enhanced AAO staff skills in project cycle management, monitoring & evaluation, report writing, PSEA, and anti-fraud measures

Programmatic Impact & Achievements:

Food Security and Livelihood – FSL Cluster



Achievements of the World Food Programme and AAO in East Darfur

In 2025, the World Food Programme (WFP) made significant strides in combating food insecurity in East Darfur through a strategic partnership with the Alswaid Alkhadra Organization (AAO). This collaboration resulted in the implementation of a comprehensive direct food assistance program across four critical localities: Abu Karinka, Abu Jabra, Adila, and Bahr el Arab.

Program Impact and Reach

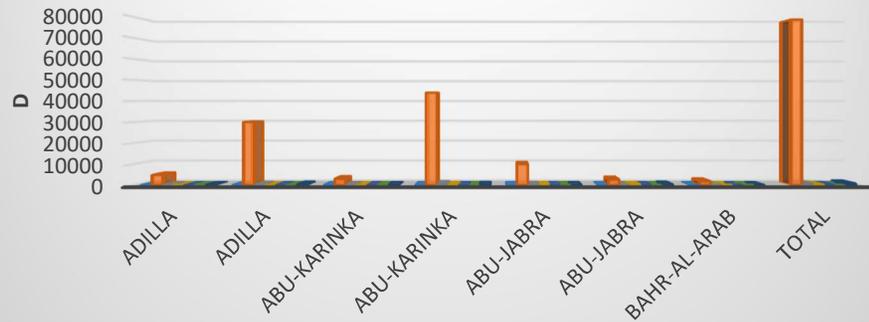
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This vital initiative primarily targeted two vulnerable groups: South Sudanese refugees and local residents facing food insecurity. By providing consistent support, the program



became a lifeline for many, directly addressing the pressing needs caused by the ongoing conflict. The strategic intervention not only alleviated hunger but also mitigated the severe social and economic impacts of the crisis in the region.

Monthly Direct Food Assistance



	Adilla	Adilla	Abu-Karinka	Abu-Karinka	Abu-Jabra	Abu-Jabra	Bahr-Al-Arab	Total
Location	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Planned Ben	4776	30000	2917	44000	9921	2700	1804	78721
Cereal	32.7	190.1	19.02	420	80.121	13.000	10	764.941
Pulses	4.7	21	4.113	77.8	10.9	100.82	1.5	220.833
Oil	2.00	10.3	1.50	39.6	5.20	20.00	1.137	79.74
SaltTotal	0.716	3.300	0.45	2.4	1.488	8.300	0	16.654
total	40.116	224.7	25.083	119.8	17.588	234.540	21.681	766.325

Nutritional Support

Beneficiaries of the program received essential food baskets on a monthly basis, ensuring dietary stability for families in need. The distribution included: wheat, sorghum, millet lentils, fortified vegetable oil, and iodized salt. This carefully curated selection of food items aimed to meet the nutritional needs of the affected populations, promoting health and well-being in communities that have endured significant hardship.

Alignment with AAO's Vision



The partnership between WFP and AAO exemplifies a shared commitment to "saving lives from hunger" while fostering the social fabric necessary for peace. By ensuring equitable distribution to both refugees and host communities, the initiative helps to build mutual respect and reduce resource-based tensions.

This approach transforms emergency aid into a foundation for long-term stability and community resilience.

Looking Ahead

As the situation in East Darfur continues to evolve, the WFP and AAO remain dedicated to monitoring food security in the region. For broader updates, stakeholders can follow the WFP Sudan Emergency Page or the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) portal to stay informed about ongoing efforts and developments.

In conclusion, the achievements of the WFP and AAO in 2025 serve as a testament to the power of collaboration in addressing humanitarian needs. Their work not only provides immediate relief but also lays the groundwork for a more stable and peaceful future in East Darfur.

Supporting Vulnerable Communities: Word Renew's Impact in East Darfur

In a remarkable effort to support vulnerable populations in East Darfur, Word Renew has partnered with the Alswaid Alkhadra Organization (AAO) to implement the OR 2026 004 project. This initiative aims to save lives and improve the well-being of those living in the Al Manar Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp and the surrounding host community.

A Comprehensive Support Initiatives: Through this collaboration, Word Renew has funded the distribution of vital resources, including 300 Food Baskets, each basket is designed to meet essential nutritional needs, ensuring that families have access to sustenance during challenging times. 150 Non-Food Items include essential supplies such as hygiene kits, cooking utensils, shelters and other necessities to improve living conditions and promote health. 100 Dignity Kits aimed at empowering women and ensuring their dignity, these kits provide personal care items that are crucial for maintaining health and well-being.



Community-Centered Approach: One of the key factors in the success of this initiative is the

direct consultation with target beneficiaries. By engaging with the community, Word Renew and AAO were able to tailor their support to meet the specific needs of the individuals and families affected by displacement. Furthermore, coordination with local communities and the Sudanese Association for Relief and Humanitarian Operations (SARHO) ensured that the distribution process was efficient and respectful, fostering trust and collaboration among all stakeholders.

Impact on Vulnerable Groups: The support provided through the OR 2026 004 project has had a profound impact on the lives of those in the Al Manar IDP camp and the host community. By addressing immediate needs and enhancing dignity, the initiative not only



alleviates suffering but also promotes resilience among vulnerable groups.



Key Outcomes

1. *Improved Nutrition: The food baskets have provided essential nourishment to families, helping to combat food insecurity.*
2. *Enhanced Living Conditions: The non-food items have improved living standards, making daily life more manageable for displaced families.*
3. *Empowerment of Women: The dignity kits have offered women the resources they need to care for themselves, thereby enhancing their sense of agency and dignity.*

Looking Forward

The partnership between Word Renew and AAO exemplifies the power of collaborative humanitarian efforts in addressing the needs of vulnerable populations. As the situation in East Darfur evolves, continued support and engagement will be crucial to ensuring the well-being of these communities.

In conclusion, the OR 2026 004 project stands as a testament to the commitment to saving lives and fostering resilience among those affected by conflict and displacement. Through targeted support and community involvement, Word Renew and AAO are making a meaningful difference in East Darfur, paving the way for a brighter future for its residents.

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Seeds of Resilience: Strengthening Farmers in East Darfur

East Darfur has a large herd of livestock, estimated at 46,862,000 (East Darfur State Ministry of Livestock, 2013). This number represents more than 20% of the total animal population in the whole of Sudan. The animal population in the state is expected to reach 49,730,537 by 2016, and this will represent a challenge for the authorities as farming continues to expand, encroaching on grazing land. This could lead to more future conflicts between farmers and herders.

The ongoing conflict in Sudan had a devastating impact on food security and livelihoods in Darfur, pushing over half the population into a state of acute food insecurity. The fighting has crippled agricultural production, destroyed critical infrastructure, and severed supply chains, leading to a catastrophic humanitarian crisis. With large-scale displacement and economic collapse, famine conditions have been confirmed in several areas, including Abu Karinka, Abu Jabra, Yassin, Adilla, and Shearia localities, leaving millions facing severe hunger.

AAO, in collaboration with Alight, supported conflict-affected communities in the Abodangal area of Sheraia locality, East Darfur. The "Multi-sector IDP and Famine Emergency Response" initiative, guided by the Country-Based Pooled Funds (CBPF) life-saving criteria tailored to Darfur, focused on bolstering food security and building resilience through integrated services. The project delivered a variety of assistance

East Darfur state is characterized as a subsistence economy with two major dominating sectors, namely small-scale rain-fed farming and semi-nomadic pastoralism. These two sectors are the main sources of income and livelihood for most of the population in the State. The population could be described by three main modes of subsistence. These include people living in rural areas who make their living from small-scale rain-fed agriculture and livestock rearing. These constitute the majority of the population. The second group includes nomadic or semi-nomadic pastoralists, mainly cow herders who constitute about half of the population, whilst a quarter of the population lives in urban areas.

Livestock rearing represents the first major activity in East Darfur, and it is practiced by nomadic agro-pastoralists as well as sedentary farmers.



project aimed to address the acute food insecurity and livelihood challenges faced by the most vulnerable populations in the region.



to residents, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and vulnerable agro-pastoralists and pastoralists, including:

1. Agricultural inputs: Distribution of a total of 8,300 kg of seeds, including 3,500 kg of sorghum, 4,500 kg of millet, 300 kg of okra, and 300 kg of watermelon.
2. Farming tools: Provision of 200 donkey ploughs and other agricultural tools to help farmers improve their techniques.
3. Storage materials: Distribution of 1,060 storage bags to help protect harvests.
4. Emergency support: Training on improved farming techniques and practices as part of an emergency agricultural livelihoods response. By integrating food security and livelihood (FSL) support with health, nutrition, and protection services, the

Achievement in the Agricultural Sector

From 21–25 June 2025, Alswaid Alkhadra Organization (AAO), in collaboration with the East Darfur Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, successfully organized a five-day Agricultural Extension workshop in Abo Dungal village, Shearia locality. Supported by the Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SHF) through Alight, the program brought together 60 participants, equipping them with practical knowledge and skills to transfer modern agricultural technologies and practices to local farmers.

This achievement directly contributes to improving agricultural productivity, promoting sustainable farming methods, and enhancing rural livelihoods. The training covered essential topics such as improved crop varieties, livestock management, water management, pest control, and farm management, ensuring participants are better prepared to address challenges in their communities.

Agricultural extension, as delivered through this workshop, provided farmers with informal yet impactful education, offering advice and solutions to everyday farming problems. By strengthening their capacity, the initiative not only increased the efficiency of family farms and boosted production but also raised the standard of living for rural households. Importantly, it helped farmers adopt a more positive outlook toward their difficulties, empowering them to identify solutions and make informed decisions for long-term resilience.





Cash in Crisis: A Lifeline for Sudan's Most Vulnerable amid Deepening Humanitarian Catastrophe

As the lean season sets in across Sudan, humanitarian agencies are turning to an increasingly vital tool in their response arsenal: cash assistance. In a landscape marred by conflict, displacement, and severe access constraints, direct financial support has emerged as one of the most effective ways to deliver aid to those who need it most. Despite these efforts, the broader humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate, pushing millions toward famine and malnutrition.

The Lean Season and the Push for Cash-Based Interventions

The period from April to May 2025 marks the onset of the lean season in Sudan—a time when food stocks are depleted, market prices surge, and families already weakened by conflict face intensified hardship. In response, organizations like Tear Fund have implemented targeted cash transfer programs aimed at alleviating immediate suffering.

Through one such initiative, 500 highly vulnerable households received a one-time cash distribution of \$75 per family. This injection of funds enabled recipients to purchase food and other essential items based on their specific needs, offering not just sustenance but also a degree of autonomy in decision-making.

Why Cash Assistance Works

In contexts where traditional in-kind aid—such as food sacks and medical supplies—faces roadblocks due to active combat, bureaucratic delays, and systematic looting, cash transfers offer a practical workaround. By empowering individuals to buy what they need from local markets, cash assistance helps stimulate local economies, preserves dignity, and reduces dependency on logistically complex aid pipelines.

Evidence from East Darfur confirms that cash programming is not only efficient but often the only feasible way to deliver timely support. Recipients reported using the funds to secure grains, cooking oil, and medicines—items that are increasingly scarce due to market disruptions and inflation fueled by the ongoing conflict.

Persistent Challenges and a Worsening Crisis

While cash has proven effective where it can be delivered, the overall humanitarian access environment remains severely constrained. Aid convoys are routinely blocked, and humanitarian workers face threats, violence, and deliberate obstruction by warring factions. In some cases, hunger is being weaponized—deepening suffering in regions already cut off from assistance.

The latest reports indicate soaring rates of acute malnutrition, especially among children under five and pregnant or breastfeeding women. Food insecurity has reached emergency levels in multiple states, and without sustained and scaled-up intervention, the situation is expected to worsen.

Conclusion: Cash as a Critical—but Partial—Solution

Cash-based assistance has undoubtedly saved lives and provided a measure of relief in some of Sudan's most hard-to-reach areas. However, it is not a silver bullet. The effectiveness of cash, no matter how efficiently delivered, cannot fully offset the consequences of widespread violence, collapsed health systems, and agricultural disruption.



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The international community must continue to advocate for unimpeded humanitarian access while scaling up multi-sectoral responses that combine cash aid with food, health



Strengthening Protection for Vulnerable Communities



The AAO Protection Unit has been actively providing psychological support and referrals to 50 survivors in East Darfur. In addition to this essential support, the unit has organized five capacity-building workshops aimed at raising awareness about gender-based violence (GBV), sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), and the protection of vulnerable groups. These workshops are crucial for educating the community, enhancing understanding of these issues, and empowering individuals to address and combat violence in their communities. The



initiative reflects a commitment to creating a safer environment for survivors and vulnerable populations.

a significant initiative by

Tearfund related to the Health, Education, and Protection (HEP) project in East Darfur.



This project aims to establish a robust referral system that involves various stakeholders, such as the judiciary, police, teaching hospitals, the Ministry of Social Affairs, mental health services, and humanitarian actors. The goal is to create a coordinated pathway for referrals to ensure that individuals in need of assistance receive the appropriate support and services.

This collaborative approach is crucial in regions facing complex challenges, as it helps to streamline processes, enhance communication among different sectors, and ensure that vulnerable populations have access to the necessary resources and care. If you would like more information on this project or specific areas of interest, please let me know!





Protection and Psychosocial Support – Impact Story

In September 2025, Alswaid Alkhadra Organization (AAO) launched a series of protection and psychosocial support initiatives in Al-Manar IDP Camp, designed to strengthen resilience among women and youth while fostering inclusion and social cohesion

Women’s Coffee Session

On 25 September, women gathered for a “Coffee Session” where they explored self-care, mindfulness, and resilience strategies. Guided by AAO’s psychosocial counselor, participants reflected on overcoming challenges, building supportive relationships, and avoiding harmful

coping mechanisms. To sustain these gatherings, AAO equipped the women’s center with 120 chairs and provided football sets to youth, sparking community competitions that promoted peaceful coexistence.

Youth Tea Cup Gathering

The next day, youth from the camp and host community came together for a “Tea Cup” gathering. Through dialogue, sports, and cultural activities, they built trust, practiced non-violent communication, and strengthened intercultural understanding.

Psychosocial Support Sessions

On 30 September, group and individual sessions focused on emotional wellness, trauma recovery, and interpersonal skills. Youth learned practical techniques for stress management, communication, and



resilience, while individual counseling helped them develop personalized coping strategies.

World Mental Health Day

On 10 October, AAO joined partners to celebrate World Mental Health Day in Al Neem IDP Camp. The event raised awareness, dismantled stigma, and mobilized collective action to support those living with mental health conditions.

Partnerships and Coordination

All activities were coordinated with the Ministry of Health's Mental Health Department, community leaders, and humanitarian partners, ensuring efficiency, inclusivity, and impact.

Key Achievements

- **High participation and positive feedback:**
 - Over **65% of participants were women and youth**, ensuring inclusivity.
 - Post-activity surveys showed **92% satisfaction**, highlighting relevance and impact.
- **Youth engagement initiatives:**
 - Established **3 sports platforms** and **5 dialogue forums**, reaching **480 young people**.
 - Youth reported increased confidence in leadership and community decision-making.
- **Improved mental well-being of IDPs:**
 - Conducted **12 psychosocial support sessions** with **1,200 IDPs** (60% women).
 - Feedback indicated reduced stress and stronger resilience among participants.



- **Strengthened collaboration with government and humanitarian actors:**

- Facilitated **8 coordination meetings** with ministries, ZOA, SARHO, Ministry of Social Affairs and IDPs protection network
- Joint interventions led to faster emergency response and improved service coverage in **4 localities**.

Protection and GBV Response – Achievement Highlight

Miss. Somia Mohammed Hussein, AAO's GBV Specialist, plays a vital role in addressing protection issues across East Darfur. She leads the coordination of referral cases, ensuring survivors receive safe and timely services. Her work involves close collaboration with national authorities, IDP protection networks, and humanitarian partners, creating a strong referral pathway that prioritizes dignity, confidentiality, and survivor-centered support. Through her leadership, survivors are better able to access essential services, including psychosocial support, medical care, and legal assistance. This achievement underscores AAO's commitment to strengthening protection systems and ensuring that vulnerable populations—particularly women and girls—are safeguarded against risks and empowered to rebuild their lives.



Restoring Dignity: UNFPA Kits Distribution in Al Manar IDP Camp

On 13 August 25 Alswaid Alkhadara Organization, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Sudanese Agency for Humanitarian Operations (SARHO), distributed 600 dignity kits to internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the host communities in Al Manar camp, Al Nagah and Osman Digna as IDPs gathering areas in East Darfur state. The support came in response from UNFPA to the newly displaced IDPs. The distributions aim to support women and girls with the necessary supplies to maintain personal hygiene and manage menstruation with dignity. The process was occupied with an orientation session for beneficiaries on Psychological Well-being to reduce feelings of shame and discomfort, contributing to improved mental health and self-esteem during stressful situations.

NRC's Protection from Violence (PFV) – Project Overview and AAO's Role

The Protection from Violence (PFV) core competency of NRC is structured around three strategic pillars:

Protection Risk Reduction: Supporting communities to identify and mitigate protection risks by strengthening coping mechanisms, sharing information on available services, providing material or cash support, and facilitating dialogue between communities and authorities.

Individual Response Services: Delivering tailored support to the most vulnerable groups—including persons with disabilities, female-headed households, older people, returnees, and internally displaced persons—through case management, assisted referrals, and one-off cash or material assistance to address urgent protection risks.

Thought Leadership and Influence: Mobilizing and influencing humanitarian actors and platforms by generating evidence, conducting



analysis, and engaging in advocacy to strengthen collective protection responses.

As the implementing partner for NRC in East Darfur, AAO contributes directly to reducing protection risks through these interventions. By combining community-level risk reduction, individualized support, and evidence-based advocacy, the project strengthens protection systems, enhances accountability, and ensures that vulnerable

populations receive timely and dignified assistance.

WASH Cluster



Hygiene Promoters Training Workshop Report

On 3rd May 2025 Alswaid Alkhadra Organization in collaboration and coordination with East Darfur State Ministry of Health organized three-day Training of Hygiene Promoters Committee Workshop in Om Matariq at Bahr Al Arab locality. A total of 20 participants attended the workshop (12 female and 8 male). The workshop graced by the presence of Mr. Mohammed Aliu, the local community leader.



Distribution of Hygiene Kits Report

On 1st May 2025 Alswaid Alkhadra Organization in collaboration with ZOA distributed **100** hygiene kits to internal displaced women affected by the ongoing conflict in Sudan. The target beneficiaries were selected and registered according to ZOA guidelines and standard procedures, only those who arrived from Al Gazira, Khartoum and Al Fasher to El Deain locality due to insecurity, age between 15 to 35 years. Out of the total number(100), 47 beneficiaries living around the Wali house and ministry of education buildings, 40 at Al Nazir High Secondary school and 13 in Alshahinat area.



AAO Achievements



Water Supply



Hygiene & Sanitation



Dignity Kits



Community Engagement is our strength

At Alswaid Alkhadra Organization (AAO), we believe that meaningful humanitarian assistance begins with listening. Community engagement is not just a principle—it is the foundation of our work. By engaging directly with displaced families, tribal leaders, and local committees, we ensure that the support we provide is relevant, effective, and respectful of cultural traditions. Dialogue with communities reveals their real priorities, preventing wasted resources and ensuring that aid—whether clean water, mosquito nets, or psychosocial support—meets the needs they identify themselves. This approach builds trust and fosters local ownership. When community representatives, IDP committees, and protection networks are treated as partners rather than passive beneficiaries, they gain dignity and a sense of responsibility in shaping their future. Clear feedback loops reinforce accountability and transparency, allowing AAO to adjust interventions, address complaints, and demonstrate that we are answerable to the people we serve. Trust, once established, becomes the cornerstone of long-term collaboration. Community engagement also strengthens protection and safety. By listening to fears and concerns, AAO gains insight into threats that may otherwise remain hidden, such as gender-based violence, forced recruitment, or land disputes. Local protection networks, with their deep understanding of the security landscape, provide early warnings and guidance that make humanitarian operations safer for both aid workers and recipients.

Finally, engagement enhances sustainability. Working with local structures helps identify and build upon existing capacities, empowering communities to manage challenges with less external support over time. Continuous feedback ensures that programs evolve based on real-world results, making them more effective and resilient. For AAO, community engagement is more than a method—it is our strength. It ensures relevance, builds trust, improves safety, and lays the groundwork for lasting impact. By walking alongside communities, listening to their voices, and respecting their leadership, we create responses that are not only humanitarian but also human.



Upgrade water yards to solar system one-way to reduce the cost of have sustainable drinking water for IDPs and vulnerable communities.

Community-Led Clean-Up Campaigns Strengthen Public Health in El Deain

On October 7th, 2025, the Alswaid Alkhadra Organization (AAO), in partnership with the East Darfur State Ministry of Health, conducted 15 community-led bi-weekly debris clean-up campaigns. The campaigns targeted the Hai Al Bawrasa (including its market), Hay Oranga, Hay Likalik, and surrounding areas.

The activities included:

- *Removing waste from natural environments, waterways, and seasonal valleys.*
- *Disinfecting waste areas.*
- *Conducting practical hygiene awareness sessions.*
- *Implementing vector control.*
- *Properly disposing of collected waste.*



This initiative is a key part of a broader effort to reduce the risk of a cholera outbreak in East Darfur, which also includes AAO's regular chlorination of local water sources. The primary objectives of the clean-up are to prevent contamination of water sources, remove large plastic debris to stop the formation of harmful microplastics, and protect both the environment and human health by keeping waste out of the water and food chain.

Training of Teachers and Other Educational Personnel Workshop

From April 29 to May 1, 2025, Alswaid Alkhadra Organization (AAO), in collaboration with ZOA and the East Darfur Ministry of Education, conducted a three-day workshop training ten teachers and educational personnel in El Deain. This workshop, part of the Sudan Joint Response funded by the Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA), aimed to

build the capacity of educators amidst ongoing conflict and was recognized by the General Director of the Ministry of Education, Mr. Hamouda Mohammed Ombadi, who emphasized stakeholder collaboration.



Formation of WASH Community Committees in Remote Villages to Support and Monitor Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Activities

As a result of the ongoing conflict in Sudan, government institutes became very weak to provide service to local communities especially in remote villages where people suffer of drinking water to stay alive. In conflict-affected villages such as Komia, Alta'a, Omrakuba and Harigni in east Darfur, water, sanitation, and hygiene faces numerous challenges in providing adequate and safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services. These challenges include: poorly functioning water infrastructure, increased demand due to displacement, lack of coordination, limited resources, and security risks. Furthermore, the

WASH sector often struggles with inadequate funding, lack of preparedness, and difficulty in ensuring service quality.

Four (4) Community committees were established under German Federal Fund Organization -GFFO project to represent the interests of residents, facilitate communication, and address local issues. Their roles vary, but commonly include identifying problems, recommending solutions, and sometimes even implementing them. They also assist with planning, and promoting community engagement. They act as a voice for residents, ensuring their concerns are heard by relevant authorities or decision-makers. They identify local issues, assess needs, and propose solutions that address specific challenges within the community

In Komia, Harigni, Alta'a and Omrakuba villages community committees facilitate communication between residents, AAO, Water Corporation and WES, ensuring that information is disseminated effectively especially in water treatment, management and chlorination. Moreover, they encourage participation in community activities, events, and decision-making processes.

As part of their efforts they conducted two cleaning campaigns in Komia village, One awareness session on proper usage of water and manage water sources and ensuring access to clean water, in Alta'a the committee carried out cleaning exercise to the main market and borehole of the village, led home visits to 23 families to inspect household toilets and promoting construction of improved sanitation facilities and arranged awareness session on the use of latrine and avoiding open spaces.

All in all these committees play a vital role in ensuring the sustainability and effectiveness of water, sanitation, and hygiene programs within their communities. They act as a bridge between the community and the implementing partner, facilitating communication, participation, and

ownership of initiatives. It is worth noting that their key responsibilities include monitoring water facilities, promoting hygiene practices, and ensuring the proper use and maintenance of infrastructure in their remote areas.



Haj Mohamed Ali Ibrahim, 42 years, from Komia village stated that: before World Vision intervention through GFFO project we were scattered and unorganized, but now our committee members are able to identify any risk associated with our health, water supply and we know to who we should report. The issue of coordination and information sharing monthly with the implementing partner and get feedback is one sure way of clearly, thanmk god that we are able to manage the borehole after maintained. *“We are so grateful for the*



Education as a Pillar of Peace: Delivering Essential Learning Supplies in East Darfur

The outbreak of conflict in Sudan in April 2023 forced an estimated 6.4 million children to suspend or abandon their education. Schools across the country were either destroyed, occupied, or rendered unsafe due to ongoing violence. In East Darfur, the situation was particularly acute as many school buildings were damaged or converted into shelters for internally displaced persons (IDPs). Teachers fled conflict-affected areas, and the supply of educational materials was disrupted, leaving children without the basic tools to continue learning. The lack of safe

learning spaces compounded the trauma of displacement, further undermining children's ability to access education.

In East Darfur's localities such as Eldaein, Assalaya, and El Ferdous, the influx of newly displaced families overwhelmed existing schools. Many children were unable to enroll due to overcrowding, while others dropped out entirely as their families prioritized survival needs like food, water, and shelter. The absence of structured education exposed children to heightened risks, including child labor, early marriage, and recruitment into armed groups. Preschool-aged children were also affected, losing opportunities for early childhood

development that are critical for cognitive growth. The conflict not only damaged physical infrastructure but also eroded the social fabric that supports education, leaving a generation at risk of long-term educational exclusion.

The rationale for prioritizing education in East Darfur lies in its role as a stabilizing and protective factor during crises. Education provides children with routine, psychosocial support, and a sense of normalcy, which are essential in conflict settings. Restoring damaged infrastructure, supplying learning materials, and supporting teachers are urgent measures to prevent further educational loss. Without intervention, the prolonged absence from school will have irreversible consequences on literacy, skills development, and future opportunities

for thousands of children. Addressing these gaps is not only a humanitarian imperative but also a critical investment in Sudan's recovery and resilience.

AAO, with the support of UNICEF's Education in Emergencies programme, successfully distributed essential educational materials to pupils across East Darfur. The intervention provided exercise books, pens, school bags, and other learning supplies to ensure that children affected by conflict and displacement could continue their education in safe and supportive environments. By equipping learners with the necessary tools, the initiative helped reduce barriers to schooling, promoted classroom



participation, and reinforced the right to education for vulnerable children, including IDPs, returnees, and host community pupils.

The initiative was implemented across three localities—Assalaya, El Ferdous, and El Deain—where it successfully reached 37 schools and provided direct support to 6,160 pupils. By distributing essential educational materials such as textbooks, exercise books, pens, and other learning tools, the program addressed the immediate gaps faced by displaced and vulnerable children in accessing basic education. This intervention not only enabled children to continue their studies despite

the challenges of displacement but also reinforced the importance of education as a stabilizing factor in crisis-affected communities.

Teachers and school administrators reported that the provision of these resources significantly improved classroom participation and reduced the burden on families who were unable to afford supplies.

In addition to supporting school-aged children, the initiative placed special emphasis on preschool learners by providing drawing materials and play toys designed to stimulate creativity and cognitive development. These resources were carefully selected to encourage early learning, problem-solving, and social interaction among young children, laying the foundation for stronger educational outcomes in the future. By integrating both academic and developmental support, the initiative ensured that children across different age groups were given the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in safe and supportive environments, despite the

hardships of displacement. This holistic approach highlights the commitment to building resilience and fostering hope through education in East Darfur's affected localities.

This intervention was particularly impactful for vulnerable groups such as internally displaced children, returnees, and those from host communities, who often face multiple barriers to accessing education. The initiative created a more inclusive learning environment, enabling boys and girls to continue their studies with dignity and hope. Beyond the immediate benefit of equipping classrooms, the distribution also

strengthened community trust in humanitarian actors and highlighted the role of education as a protective measure against exploitation and child labor. In doing so, AAO and UNICEF contributed to safeguarding the future of East Darfur's children by ensuring that education remains a priority in emergency response

The benefit of educational material

1. Enhance Understanding: instructional materials simplify complex concepts, making them easier for students to grasp and apply.
2. Boost Student Outcomes: access to strong educational resources can improve learning results as much as, or more than, costly interventions.
3. Support Teachers: materials give educators a common foundation to plan lessons, align teaching strategies, and collaborate across classrooms.
4. Increase Engagement: textbooks, videos, and interactive tools make learning more enjoyable and dynamic, motivating students to participate actively.
5. Promote Equity: when all students have access to the same high-quality resources, it reduces disparities and ensures consistent learning.
6. Encourage Lifelong Learning. educational materials cultivate curiosity and critical thinking, empowering learners to continue exploring beyond the classroom.

Educational materials are important because they make learning easier and more engaging. They help teachers explain lessons clearly and give students the tools they need to understand and succeed. By providing equal access to books, pens, and other resources, all children have the same chance to learn and grow. These materials also make classrooms more interactive, encouraging students to work together and share ideas. Beyond helping with lessons today, they spark curiosity and build critical thinking skills that children will carry with them throughout their lives.



The photos illustrate the condition of a Grade One classroom in Assalaya locality before and after the distribution of educational materials. In the first image, pupils are seated without adequate learning supplies, highlighting the challenges they faced in continuing their

studies. The second image shows the same classroom after receiving books, exercise materials, pens, and other resources, with children actively engaged in their lessons.

This contrast demonstrates the immediate impact of the intervention, as the provision of materials not only improved the learning environment but also motivated pupils to participate more fully in classroom activities. It reflects how timely support can restore hope and enhance the quality of education for displaced and vulnerable children.

The table below illustrates the schools and the number of pupils who received educational material

Education is a right, not a privilege.

It is a fundamental human right that empowers individuals, strengthens communities, and drives sustainable development. Treating education as a privilege denies millions the opportunity to break cycles of poverty and vulnerability. By ensuring equitable access to quality education, societies invest in dignity, resilience, and long-term peace.



quality education, accountability, and community participation. By equipping PTAs with the necessary skills, the project enhanced their

role as a vital link between schools and communities in humanitarian settings where displacement and poverty disrupt learning

As a result, parents and teachers are now better positioned to work together to keep children in school, safeguard them from risks such as child labor and early marriage, and promote inclusive, safe, and resilient learning environments. This achievement demonstrates the project's commitment to empowering local structures and ensuring education remains a right, not a privilege, even in crisis contexts.



Parents Teachers Association Training

Achievement Highlight

Alswaid Alkhadara Organization (AAO), with support from ZOA through the Joint Response Project, successfully conducted a training for Parent Teachers Associations (PTAs) in East Darfur. This milestone strengthened the capacity of PTAs to champion

Staff Well-being!

AAO has demonstrated strong commitment to staff welfare, recognizing that humanitarian work in emergency contexts places significant



emotional and psychological strain on personnel. To mitigate stress and prevent neglect, the organization has embedded psychosocial support into its outreach activities, ensuring staff remain resilient and motivated even under pressure.

As part of these efforts, the Protection Unit, led by psychosocial support specialists Mr. Mohammed Borma and Ms. Somia Mohammed, has organized a series of social activities designed to foster solidarity and peer support. These include short picnics, community festivals, and informal tea and coffee sessions where staff can connect, share experiences, and support one another. Such initiatives provide safe spaces for relaxation, strengthen interpersonal bonds, and reinforce a culture of care within the organization.



humanitarian service delivery. This achievement reflects the organization's understanding that resilient staff are the backbone of effective emergency response, and that investing in their welfare directly translates into better outcomes for displaced and vulnerable communities.

By prioritizing staff well-being, AAO not only safeguards its workforce against burnout but also enhances the quality of

Financial Insight

AAO's audited financial report demonstrates how donor contributions were strategically directed to achieve its humanitarian goals. Major partners—including UNICEF, UNFAO, WFP, World Renew, Tear Fund, ZOA, and World Vision—provided essential funding that enabled large-scale WASH interventions, such as water trucking to displaced communities, latrine rehabilitation, and the installation of innovative

for long-term sustainability. A portion of funds was allocated to administration and governance, covering staff, logistics, and compliance to guarantee transparency and accountability. This clear alignment of donor support with AAO's mission highlights how financial resources were transformed into tangible outcomes that improved health, dignity, and resilience among vulnerable populations.



handwashing stations. Resources from these donors also supported education initiatives, ensuring thousands of pupils received learning materials and early childhood resources, while capacity-building workshops strengthened local committees and ministry collaboration

Our Mission

- we built a foundation of trust through exceptional service delivery
- Our operations focus on meaningful impact on our communities, and needy people without discrimination.
- Donor requirements and obligations are priority.
- Continues learning and improvement, and our ability to adopt new innovations and ideas

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The Wayforward !

As we built a foundation of trust through exceptional service delivery, we are committed to enhancing efficiency and effectiveness in operations by focusing on meaningful impact on our communities, our donor requirements, and obligations. As we move forward, our focus remains on the humanitarian principles: humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence. The principles guide humanitarian action to provide assistance based on need alone, preventing discrimination and ensuring the aid is appropriate and timely. This distinguishes humanitarian aid from political, military, or religious activities. Moving forward is a collaborative effort, and every team member plays a vital role. This will guide our decisions and actions as we work toward our goals. My colleagues, AAO staff, let us get the ball rolling and move toward our shared vision. We are dedicated to this mission and the positive changes it will bring.



One of the strategic priorities for AAO is to pass a Humanitarian Fund (SHF) capacity assessment and receive direct funding. Therefore, we exert efforts to enhance our institutional, managerial, financial, and technical capabilities. The assessment determines if an organization has the necessary capacity to deliver humanitarian assistance and be accountable for the funds received. In this regard, we count on the guidance and technical support of our partners through their feedback on reviewing our policies, community

engagement, implementation, and capacity building for our staff. AAO is open to learn, positive criticism, and improvement.

Expanding our operation is a key future outlook in South, West, and Central Darfur, not only for our organization's capacity but mainly to serve people in need and provide a model for a national NGO that the community can depend on. That cannot be achieved unless we plan for it and allocate resources, and before all dedicate ourselves to it.

Through our active participation in different clusters meetings, assessments, and reports, we do understand the key humanitarian gaps in East Darfur, exacerbated by recent conflict, include critical needs across multiple sectors. These gaps are driven by ongoing displacement, severely damaged infrastructure, and disrupted supply lines. The region faces alarmingly high rates of malnutrition, with millions at risk of famine across Darfur. Treatment for children with severe acute malnutrition is often unavailable due to a collapsed healthcare system. The destruction of medical facilities and poor

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