



## Italian Development Cooperation We work for the people of Sudan.

**What we do.** Our main sectors of intervention are health, education, rural development and humanitarian assistance.

**Where.** Focus of initiatives on Eastern States of Kassala, Gedaref and Red Sea.

**How we work.** Cooperative approach with local authorities and communities, alignment to national development strategies, harmonization and coordination with other international donors and NGOs, commitment to reach the most vulnerable populations and remote areas.

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## Improve the health status of vulnerable population in Eastern Sudan



Family Health Unit in Red Sea State



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# The Program

“Improve the health status of the vulnerable population” is the new program funded by the **European Union** under the **SSHS initiative** (Strengthening Sudan Health Services).

**Italian Development Cooperation** will implement the E.U. program in **Kassala, Gedaref and Red Sea states** with a budget of 4,5 M Euros.

The new intervention will be managed in a fully integrated way with the E.U. initiative **Promoting Qualitative Health Services in Eastern Sudan** (8.6 M Euros) currently carried out in the same States by Italian Cooperation.

## What the E.U. program aims to achieve

- Strengthen and **enhance coverage, quality and availability of primary health care services.**
- Improve basic and emergency services in rural hospitals, with focus on **referral systems and Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC).**
- Increase **access to safe and potable water sources**, environmental sanitation and hygiene facilities.



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## Actions in the field

- **Support to Community Health Workers and Community Midwives** in providing Basic Health Service Package.
- **Improvement of the quality** of basic and emergency services provided in selected rural hospitals.
- **Review and implementation** of a system for **emergency care and EmOC** at the locality and at State levels.
- **Technical supervision** of services provided in the selected FHCs (Family Health Centers).
- **Awareness on Maternal Child Health** harming attitudes and practices (**focus on Female Genital Mutilation**) at community level.
- **Rehabilitation/construction of water sources** and facilities.



Midwifery school in Kassala State

## Who will benefit from the program

- **1,8 million inhabitants** in the three States, especially in rural areas.
- **Central State, locality and community** leaders and administrators.
- **Students and teachers** at Academies of Health Sciences in each state.
- **Managers and officers** at SMOHs (State Ministry of Health).



A previous water project in Kassala State

Joint Action for the Most Vulnerable People