



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

What we do. Our main sectors of intervention are health, education, water and sanitation and humanitarian assistance.

We are going to broaden our actions in rural development and poverty alleviation.

Where. Focus of initiatives on eastern States, in particular 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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Midwifery training in Kassala

Promoting Qualitative Health Services in Eastern Sudan



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# Joint action for the most vulnerable

## The Programme

Promoting Qualitative Health Services - PQHS in Eastern Sudan is funded by the European Union under the program Strengthening Sudan Health Services - SSHS, the first one in this needy sector.

Italian Development Cooperation will implement the E.U. program in Kassala, Gedaref and Red Sea with a budget of 12,8 M Euros.

**PQHS** will contribute to better the health and welfare of the served communities, **increasing quality and accessibility of basic health services**.

Since 2008, Italy has focused health initiatives in Eastern Sudan to respond to the lack of coordination in health service delivery; the shortages of infrastructures, equipment and medicines; the limited availability of medical and non medical staff, in particular in the most remote areas.

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

- Improved access and quality of health care.
- Integrated management of health system.

### Actions in the field

- Training of front line providers and new health staff.
- Capacity building of State Ministries of Health (SMOH) and Local Health Authorities.
- **Rehabilitation of health facilities** and building of new ones.
- Increase of **drugs availability**, strengthening procurement and delivery process.
- Developing an **emergency care system** at Localities and States level.
- Increase community health awareness, supporting health education and sensitization programs.
- Strengthening the **Health Information System**.



### Who will benefit from PQHS

- **1,8 million inhabitants** in the three States especially in rural areas.
- Managers and officers at SMOHs and Locality Health Administrations.
- **Students and teachers** at Academies of Health Sciences in each State.
- Health staff and front line providers.
- Health promoters and their communities.



Training session in Kassala locality