



## EMPOWERING WOMEN IN AGRIBUSINESS AND FISHING VALUE CHAINS IN THE RED SEA STATE 2017 - 2018



#### Introduction

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This project is developed to enhance women's economic empowerment in the context of Sudan's current efforts to end poverty, strengthen social cohesion, stability and build lasting peace, while bridging the Humanitarian-Development and Peace pillars. This first phase will build women's capacity in agribusiness focusing on 'baby food making, fish preservation, fish processing and fish net making'.

### **Problem Identification**



Poverty affects women and men, girls and boys differentially in both urban peri-urban and rural settings. Women in communities around urban areas are often increasingly vulnerable.

#### **Aim/Vision**



The aim of the project is to contribute to sustainable development, economic transformation, women empowerment and improved livelihoods in Sudan through women's effective contribution to employment, job and income creation.



#### Outcome

By 2021, "People in Sudan, with emphasis on small producers and micro-entrepreneurs, have access to improved productive capacities that contribute to inclusive and sustainable livelihoods, job creation and ending extreme poverty".

#### **Strategy of intervention**

Enhanced access to skills and technology, supporting women organized in cooperatives or networks, improving access to business development and finance, as well as access to markets.



#### **Specific objectives**

a) Increase productivity of women small farm/business holders in food processing and support technology that reduces their physical burden of work.

b) Improve women's access to financial services and increase their capacity to invest in agribusiness, especially processing baby food and fish preservation and processing.

c) Promote women's opportunities to move up the value chain in food and fish processing by building their business development skills.

The project sets to reach 500 women and girls (300 in Suakin and 200 in Port Sudan) as direct beneficiaries over a period of 12 months. This will include women and girls with disability, internally displaced people and migrants, GBV survivors and young women prospective entrepreneurs. Given that the average family size in Red Sea states 5.4, the project is expected to reach at least 2,000 indirect beneficiaries.

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