



Improving access to safe water and sanitation for migrants
and host communities in Eastern Sudan

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Strengthening resilience for refugees, IDPs and host
communities in Eastern Sudan



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From 2012 to date, the "Delegated Cooperation" has been highly consolidated and today represents an essential element of the Italian Development Cooperation System. Italy so far has been one of the first Member States implementing the EU cooperation programmes, with clear positive returns for the Institutional image, both in terms of volumes of resources available and political visibility.

In Sudan, there are currently two programmes for a total of 14 million euro aimed at supporting migrants and host communities in improving access to safe water and sanitation (SDN11) and at strengthening resilience for refugees, IDPs and host communities in Eastern Sudan (SDN13).

In recent past, two initiatives – for a total of 12.9 million euro - aimed at promoting qualitative health services and improving health status of vulnerable populations have been completed in 2017 and 2018.

In order to guarantee the complementarity, synergy and unity of Italian interventions, AICS Khartoum plays a key role in technical assistance to the programmes, carrying out the function of programme verifier for the coordination and management of Delegated Cooperation interventions.



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Overview

Funded by European Union and implemented by the Italian Cooperation, SDN11 aimed at improving access to water sources for human and livestock, sanitation and hygiene services for host communities, migrants, refugees and IDPs whereas SDN13 aimed at strengthening the locality health system to better deliver basic packages of health services in selected areas in Eastern Sudan.

SDN11



2.000.000 Euro



Kassala
Gadarif

SDN13



12.000.000 Euro



Red Sea
Kassala
Gadarif

SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
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Timeline



SDN 11

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Our Goals

The overall objective is to enhance the living conditions of host communities, migrants, refugees and IDPs in Eastern Sudan.

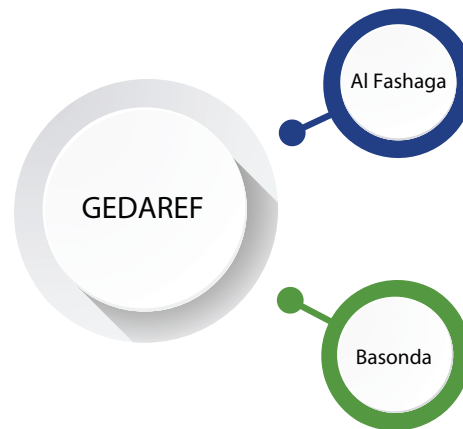
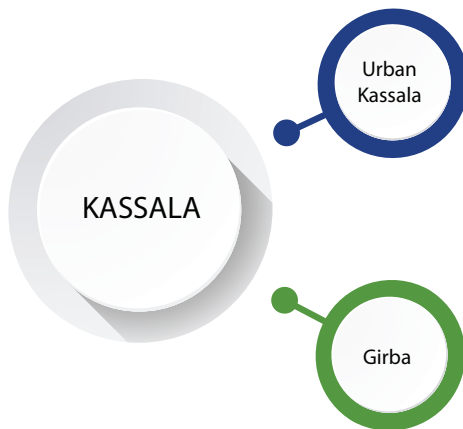
We will work to improve access to water sources – for human and livestock – to sanitation and hygiene services for host communities, migrants, refugees and IDPs, building and rehabilitating water supplies systems and providing technical assistance and capacity building to Ministries, Locality Authorities, NGOs and Communities.

What we do

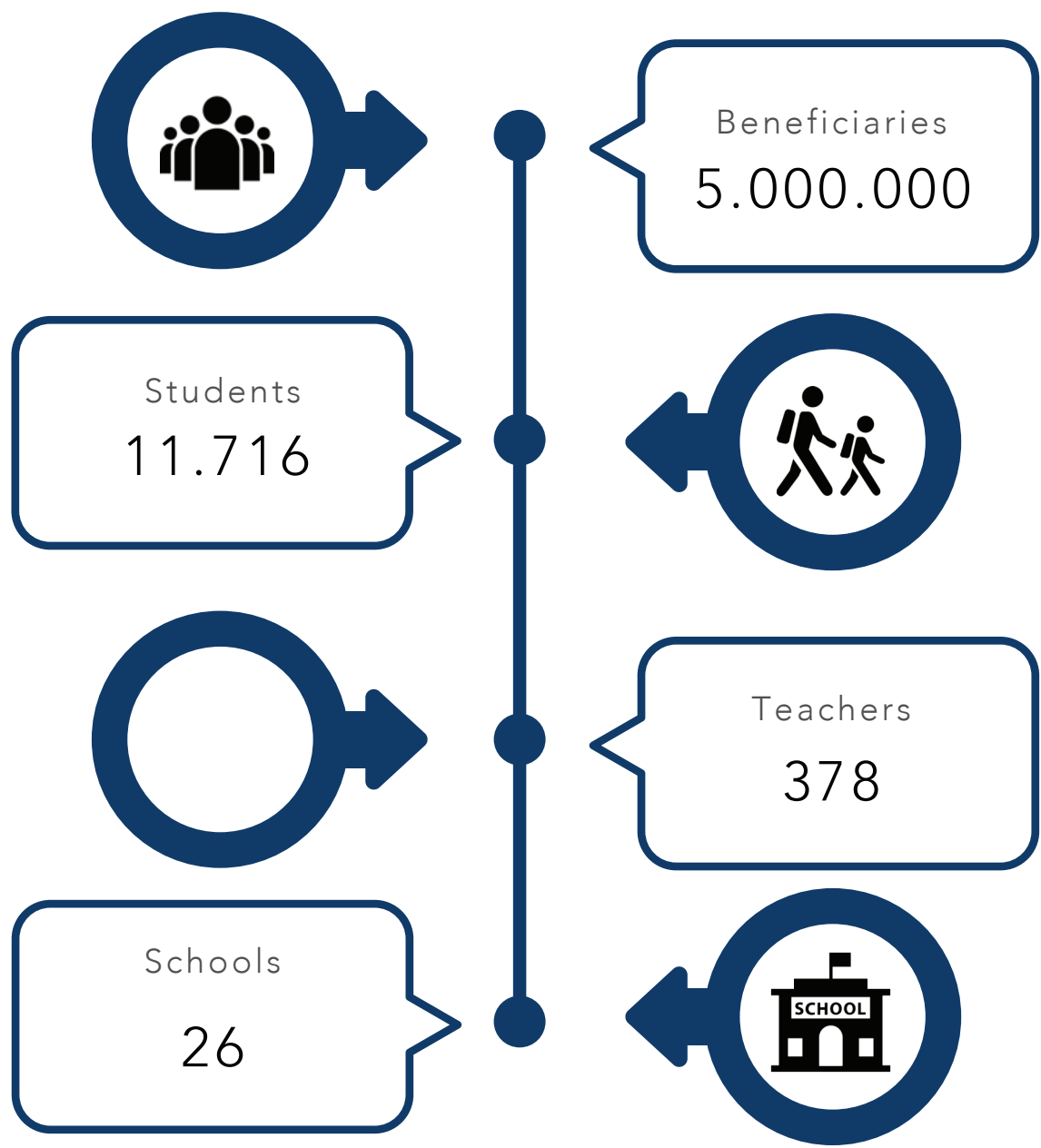
- » Improving access to water sources through:
 - a. Renewable/sustainable energy;
 - b. Sanitation facilities for schools;
 - c. Health facilities in host communities;
 - d. Waste disposal.
- » Providing technical assistance on water sources;
- » Promoting hygiene and sanitation practice through:
 - a. On the job training;
 - b. Pilot sanitation technologies;
 - c. Awareness campaign.

What we expect

- » Improved access to safe water, and to sanitation facilities;
- » Improved Local Authorities skills to administer and manage water systems;
- » Improved hygiene and sanitation practices.



Direct Beneficiaries



Sustainable Development Goals

3 GOOD HEALTH



- Provision of safe water to Health Centres;
- Conduct trainings on environmental health, waterborne diseases and other communicable diseases;
- Conduct trainings in waste management and disposal.

5 GENDER EQUALITY



- Conduct trainings and awareness on gender-based segregation related to water.

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



- Improve access to safe water;
- Build and rehabilitate water supplies systems and distributions points;
- Drill boreholes in areas with scarcity of water;
- Provide technical assistance and capacity building to Ministries and Local authorities on technicalities and management of WASH installations;
- Conduct trainings on WASH management to local NGOs, teachers and communities;
- Organize awareness hygiene campaigns in the schools.



Interviews

1 Niama Abohamad Taher School Teacher - Kassala - Dar Alslam School for girls

"We were suffering lack of water and, because of our limited possibilities, we had to ask for financial assistance to buy it. Today, thanks to the Italian Cooperation, we have access to clean water to fulfill our necessities.

Regarding the bathrooms, we didn't have any. Pupils had to go in the neighbourhood to use toilets. The Italian Cooperation helped us building clean latrines; now we have seven, one for teachers and six for girls.

Students' self-hygiene has improved as well. Moreover, because of the awareness courses, students can actually understand the importance of washing their hands".

2 Ayman Taha Student - Kassala - Dar Alslam School

"Previously, I had to go to the market and local restaurants to drink water. Furthermore, if I had to go to the toilet, I was forced to go back home.

Although we still face some difficulties, the installation of water pumps and toilets has improved our life situation.

I learned the importance of washing my hands before and after eating, as well as going to the toilet".

3 Ahmed Abdelkader Teacher/Father of students – Kassala - Dar Alslam School

"In the past, we used to buy water through donkey carriage providers, but it cost us a lot of money. Regarding the school, we had problems related to hygiene facilities. In 2001 we had nothing, but now we have access to clean water, bathrooms and we live in a better and clean environment".



SDN 13

Strengthening resilience for refugees, IDPs and host communities in Eastern Sudan



Our Goals

The overall objective is to improve the living conditions of refugees, IDPs and host communities and to address the root causes of irregular and forced migration.

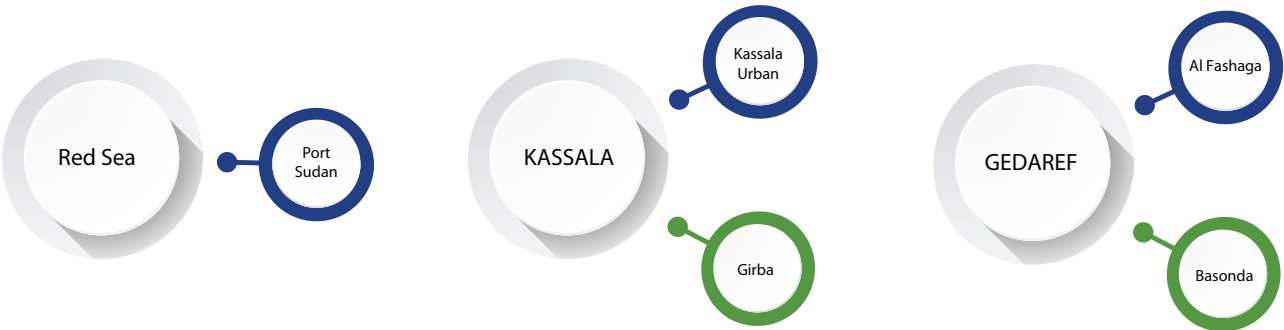
We will work to strengthen the local health system to better deliver basic packages of health services in selected areas of Eastern Sudan, with the final aim of creating a more conducive and sustainable living environment for host communities, displaced populations and refugees.

What we do

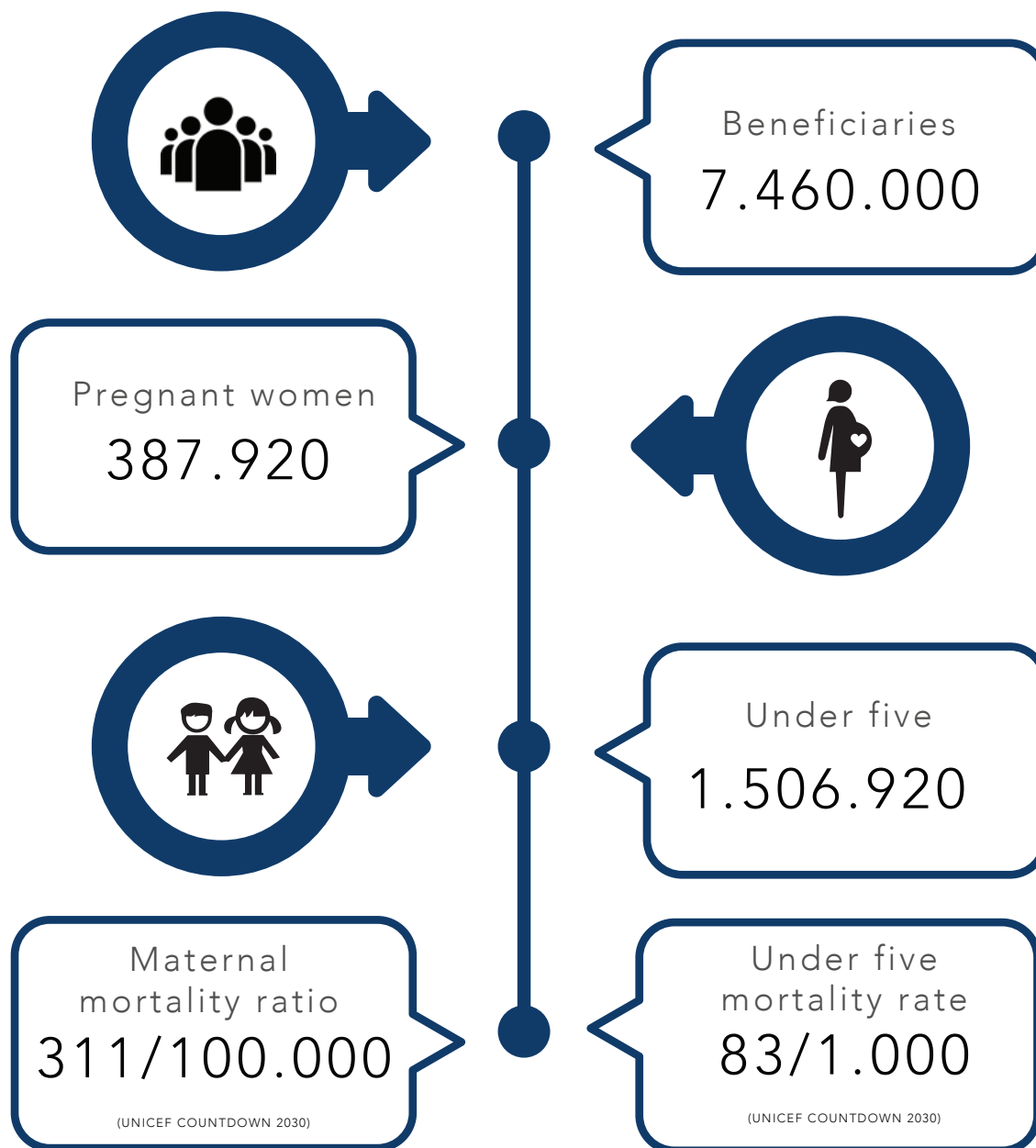
- » Strengthening the National Public Health System;
- » Improving access, quality and coverage to Primary Health Care (PHC), Reproductive Health (RH) and Nutrition services through:
 - a. Rehabilitation of health facilities;
 - b. Training on the job;
 - c. Drug distribution;
 - d. Cervical and breast cancer screening;
- » Improving Primary Health Care and Maternal Health Care services.

What we expect

- » Improved health system governance and accountability;
- » Improved access, quality and coverage to Primary Health Care (PHC), Reproductive Health (RH) and Nutrition Services (NS);
- » Improved PHC and Maternal Health Care services accessibility for vulnerable groups.



Direct Beneficiaries



Sustainable Development Goals

2 NO HUNGER



- Strengthen and support nutrition intervention for mother and children at Locality and Community level: prevention and early detection, community-based management;
- Contribute in drafting SoP on breastfeeding, complementary feeding and micronutrient supplement.

3 GOOD HEALTH



- Capacity building of Local institution staff (State Ministry of Health and Local Health Authorities);
- Rehabilitation and new construction of key facilities;
- Trainings of frontline staff (doctor, nurses and midwives) in collaboration with the Continuous Professional Department of State Ministry of Health and Academy of Health Science;
- Strengthen Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC) services and the referral system;
- Strengthen drugs distribution and management system and support dissemination of rational use of drugs following the Standard Operating Procedures.

5 GENDER EQUALITY



- Support the Federal Ministry of Health in establishing procedure on early detection and treatment of breast and cervical cancer;
- Conduct community mobilization and awareness on gender-based segregation.

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



- Disseminate good practices on waste management and disposal at facility level and promote good/appropriate infection control practices at facility and community level.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



- Promote the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) scheme to reach the universal coverage;
- Support SMOH and LHA to design a plan for improving health services accessibility for forcible displaced people;
- Support health services management at community and facility level in IDPs areas;
- Organize in host communities mobilization activities and awareness campaigns on equitable health services for migrants, refugees and IDPs;
- Support integration of qualified health workers among IDPs in the health system.

Interviews

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Ali Alameen

Director of Medical Affairs - Red Sea - Hamishkorieb Locality

"The Italian Cooperation in Hamishkorieb Locality helped us through the maintenance of the health facilities, rehabilitation of the hospital, installation of water pumps, building of a birth complex, providing sustainable energy (solar), training courses for nurses and related follow-up of the activities. Today, we are working with ultra-sound equipment provided by Italy. We can make use of Tuk Tuk ambulance too".

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Sittana Mohamed

Nurse – Red Sea -Hamishkorieb Locality

"The Italian Cooperation provided us with solar energy, medical equipment and helped us to organize medical activities. Before, delivery was difficult because of our lack of knowledge. But today, thanks to the trainings, we learned about risks and how to assure a safe childbirth".

Lesson learned

Since 2014, the Italian Cooperation, under EU funds, implemented programmes in Eastern Sudan, to respond to the lack of infrastructure, health workforce and to strengthen the existing health services.

Within the frame of the two previous EU funded projects (PQHS and IHSVP), the Italian Cooperation focussed its intervention on reproductive health services, supporting trainings for midwives and their follow up, especially for those ones operating in remote and rural contexts.







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