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Press Release: Inauguration of the Girls Basic School and vocational training course in Al Yarmouk – Block 7 - Jabal Awlia Locality in Mayo – Khartoum State - funded by Italy in partnership with UNDP and SDDR Commission

Today – November 19th 2018 – the inauguration ceremony of the Girls Basic School in Jabal Awlia Locality in Mayo – Khartoum State - took place in the presence of H.E. Fabrizio Lobasso - Ambassador of Italy, Mr. Vincenzo Racalbuto - Director of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, General Salah Eltayeb Awad - Commissioner General of DDR Commission, Salih Mohamed Ahmed - Director of Education representing the Locality Commissioner, Mohamed Abd El Rahman representing Ministry of Education at the state level, and Mr. Selva Ramachandran - UNDP Country Director.

The school has been realized in the framework of the one-year UNDP C2SP project funded by Italy in partnership with the DDR Commission aimed at pursuing development-oriented activities to consolidate peace and social cohesion in Khartoum and Blue Nile States.

The girls' school is composed of 8 new classrooms, 3 latrines and water points for drinking will integrate the needs of the already existing in Al Yarmouk – Block 7 primary school with 13 classrooms for 1800 students.

Through this girls' schools, the Italian Cooperation is not only committed in improving girls' education but is also boosting gender equality and promoting resilience to prevent possible radicalization, crime and violent conflict among youngsters- highlights the Italian Ambassador. We are committed in working together to achieve SDG# 4 aimed at ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all. The school, he added, is the first brick for the development of future society.

The UNDP Country Director Selva Ramachandran recalled that “we need to ensure that we are engaging the communities affected by conflicts and, equally important, to make sure that we prevent youth from engaging in crime and banditry. This is only possible when there are economic opportunities available and social conditions are met. I am therefore happy to see that Community Security and Stabilization Programme (C2SP) in partnership with Sudan DDR Commission and the local authorities planted seeds to deal with their own social issues such as primary education, literacy, conflict management, women empowerment, and livelihood”.

General Salah Eltayeb Awad, Commissioner General SDDRC, in the same way underlined the importance of girls' education and he concluded stating that to invest in women and girls is, quite simply, to invest in a better future. The vocational training and the literacy classes for 100 students will benefit the development of Mayo community.

The ceremony has been the occasion to recall the Community Management Committee whose aim is to conduct a comprehensive capacity building training in project management and monitoring, financial management, vocational training and literacy classes aimed at strengthening women, youths, key community members skills to achieve and enhance peaceful co-existence and resolve conflict peacefully.