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First Year Report

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Khartoum & Red Sea States
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1. Rehabilitation & Supply of equipments
2. Training & raising awareness
3. Socio-education services
4. Loan funds & Support startups
5. Technical assistance
5. Capacity building



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Funds	4.150.000,00 EUR
Total expenditure updated: 30.09.2019	1.021.532,21 EUR
Sector	Social Protection (gender equality and women empowerment, disability, child protection)
Duration	3 years
Implemented By	Italian Agency for Development Cooperation of Khartoum (AICS)

Institutional Partners:

Ministry of Security and Social Development, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Agriculture, gender and Development Unit, Family and Child protection Unit System, Sudan DDR Commission, National Council for Persons with Disabilities, National Council for Children Welfare, Council for Combating Violence against Women and Children, Ahfad University for Women, University of Khartoum, Red Sea University, State Ministries (Khartoum and Red Sea) of Social Health and Social Affairs

Civil Society Organizations:

Baladna Organization, Child Rights Watch, Hope Organization, Women Awareness Raising Group, Health Supporting Services Organisation, Life Appeal Society Organization, Ea'tanena Women Development Society, Sudanese Foundation for Persons with Disabilities, Unions of Persons with Disabilities (Federal and State level), Mazaya Organization, Friends of Fishery Women's Development Association, Alraydat Women Association, Afkar Organization for Development and Research, Usratuna VTC Center, APEX Africa Consulting

Overall Objective:

To support inclusive governance models aiming to promote rights and social protection of vulnerable and discriminated groups within migrant and hosting communities in Khartoum and Red Sea States.



Specific Objective:

1. To improve the Sudanese Welfare system by supporting the institutions for the development of statistical data and national policies and programs in order to promote social inclusion and gender equality.
2. To promote the development of human capital and to increase the resilience of groups of minors at risk, such as orphans, street-children, children in contact with the justice system and children on the move.
3. To promote the protection of women's rights in terms of sexual and reproductive health, combating gender based violence, socio-economic rights and equal participation to public life in the States of Khartoum and Red Sea.
4. To contribute to the reduction of social marginality and discrimination of people with disabilities, through the promotion of school inclusion, vocational training and job placement.

Expected results:

1. National policies and programs, aimed at promoting social inclusion of particularly disadvantaged groups of people, are developed and adopted.
2. The participation of women and people with disabilities to politics and public life is improved, also through the strengthening of civil society.
3. Human capital and resilience of vulnerable children, especially abandoned children, street-children and children on the move are increased.
4. The access of women to the services of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and protection from gender based violence in the States of Khartoum and Red Sea is improved.
5. The socio-economic situation of women in distress (survivors of gender based violence, migrant women, women in conditions of extreme poverty and social marginality) is improved.
6. The access to education of people with disabilities is improved through the promotion of access to school and the application of models of inclusive education.
7. The social marginality of people with disabilities is reduced, through activities of vocational training and job placement.

Brief Description of the Initiative

The initiative aims to promote the social inclusion of children, women and persons with disabilities, belonging to hosting and migrant communities and refugees, by supporting the development of their human capital, by promoting equal access to goods and services and by increasing their resilience through activities of poverty reduction.

The program adopts an approach to "migration" based on "development"; this implies actions focused on the following dimensions: fighting poverty, shared prosperity and human rights.

Beneficiaries of the program are minors at risk (non-accompanied children, abandoned children, children and youth in street situations, children in contact with the law), vulnerable women (survivors of gender based violence - including FGM, divorced women, victims of trafficking) and persons with disabilities. The program is implemented in Khartoum and Red Sea State.

The strategy is based (i) on technical assistance to the public institutions at the policy level; (ii) interventions in the field - respectively in the sectors of child protection, gender and disability - considering risks connected to the illegal migration as a cross-cutting issue.



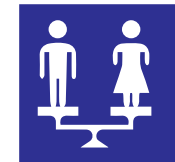


Programs in the three sectors includes the following actions:



Child protection

- Strengthening the Sudanese welfare system of child protection.
- Promoting the kafala care systems, social services and vocational training for abandoned children in Khartoum State.
- Developing social reintegration models for street-children.
- Supporting the reactivation of the Family and Child Protection Unit system targeting minors subject to legal proceedings and protection of child victims, or at risk of violence in the Red Sea State.



Gender

- Supporting the elaboration and implementation of the National Policy of Gender Equality.
- Promoting the application of a gender mainstreaming approach in all areas of public and community life in order to promote gender equality.
- Activating counselling points in health centres to ensure access to orientation, awareness and quality information services, with a particular attention to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Gender Based Violence.
- Supporting vocational training programs and start-up development.
- Supporting NGOs and networks of volunteers for activities of community mobilization and increasing awareness.



Disability

- Promoting the mainstreaming disability approach in strategies and policies.
- Supporting the access to schools, the establishment of vocational training and the access to work of persons with disabilities, including orphans with disabilities, in line with the CRPD art. 7, 9, 24, 27;
- Supporting organizations of persons with disabilities for the implementation of training activities on inclusive languages and building of networks for advocacy.
- Promoting increasing awareness campaigns and community mobilization events for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in line with Art 8 of the CRPD.



Activities Realised During The First Year

In March 2018, the Joint Statement was signed with the Ministry of Security and Social Development, as the institutional counterpart of the initiative.

a. Social Services

The initiative has contributed to the development of inclusive and quality social services through the following macro-interventions:

- Supply of equipment, materials and furnishings for schools, orphanages, women's counseling centers and selected day centers for children at risk. Specifically, the following items were purchased:
 - Materials and furnishings for 10 community nurseries in Port Sudan;
 - Benches and doors for Al Yarmouk primary school in Mayo (Khartoum State) attended by more than 2,000 children;
 - Furnishings for 5 women's associations in Port Sudan;
 - Purchase of a generator for the Al Selam Refugees Eritrean School in Port Sudan, a nursery, elementary and secondary school founded by the Eritrean community in 1998, recognized by the Sudanese Ministry of Education. To date, the school has about 600 students, including second- and third-generation Eritrean children and teens, South Sudanese, Ethiopians and even some Sudanese;
 - Furnishings for 2 day centers for minors at risk in vulnerable and street situations in the areas of Mayo Mandella and Abuzaid / Ondurman (Khartoum State);
 - Furniture for the meeting room of the Gender Mainstreaming Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture;
 - Drawing material and games for the Dar Almustakbel for Boys and Dar Almustakbel for Girls orphanages in the city of Khartoum.



- Training, sensitization and awareness-raising activities at community level and to the staff employed in the selected welfare and health facilities. In particular, the following activities were carried out:
 - 1 training on the promotion of leadership and women's participation at community level carried out by Afhad University for Women, organized for 60 women identified as potential agents of change, in the States of Khartoum and Red Sea;
 - 1 awareness-raising activity for health personnel for an improved access of women to sexual and reproductive health services, carried out by the association of women who are part of the staff of the Soba Teaching Hospital in Khartoum;
 - 3 vocational training sessions for 203 people with disabilities at three vocational training centers in the city of Khartoum. The service was entrusted to the Sudanese Foundation for Persons with Disabilities which was already active in three public VTCs providing a specific training service for people with disabilities.
- Activities to promote sexual and reproductive health rights in counseling centers:
 - In the first year at the Tagadom Hospital in Port Sudan an information, orientation and education service has been set up on issues related to maternal and child health, sexual and reproductive health, awareness of the consequences of FGM/C, family planning, promotion on the importance of health services, referral to the structures of competence. The service of female counseling has been entrusted to HSSO community organization;
 - Promotion of sexual and reproductive health rights at community level, carried out by the local Al-Salam NGO at the hospital of Port Sudan Omar al-Kitab.
- Enhancement of socio-educational services and outreach activities in the CBOs, orphanages, day centers, FCPU. Specifically, the following activities were carried out:
 - Educational and social reintegration of minors at risk in the day centers of Mayo-Mandella and Abuzaid-Ondurman in the city of Khartoum for more than 200 minors. The service was entrusted to the NGO Baldna which started educational activities, literacy courses, vocational training courses, sports and recreational activities for children in street situations and children in vulnerable conditions;
 - Social-recreational activities, psychological counseling, training in income-generating activities and family-tracing service carried out by the NGO Life Appeal Society for over 700 children in the peripheral areas of Port Sudan;
 - Support for the National Council for Children Welfare for the first assistance, protection and temporary care of 85 migrant children victims of trafficking in the State of Khartoum, waiting for the family-tracing activities to be completed and for their legal status to be defined at the institutional level and in collaboration with UNICEF and IOM;
 - Support to socio-educational and recreational activities carried out by the NGO Child Rights Watch in the Dar Almustakbel for Boys and Dar Almustakbel for Girls orphanages for a total of 50 abandoned children;
 - Legal and psychosocial support and material assistance activities for women in prison in the city of Port Sudan, carried out by the NGO WRG in Port Sudan.



b. Professional Start-Up and Business Training

- The main activity carried out was the financial contribution for the start-up of a Master in Business Administration (MBA) for high social impact entrepreneurship at the UMST University in Khartoum, in collaboration with the E4Impact Foundation and the Catholic University of Milan. The program has funded 6 scholarships for aspiring female young entrepreneurs residing in the states of Red Sea, Kassala and Gedaref, as well as financially contributed to the ToT of local trainers.
- In addition to the scholarship program, the initiative has supported 9 women's associations in Port Sudan and Suakin with revolving loan funds to support multiple small business development projects.



c. Civil Works

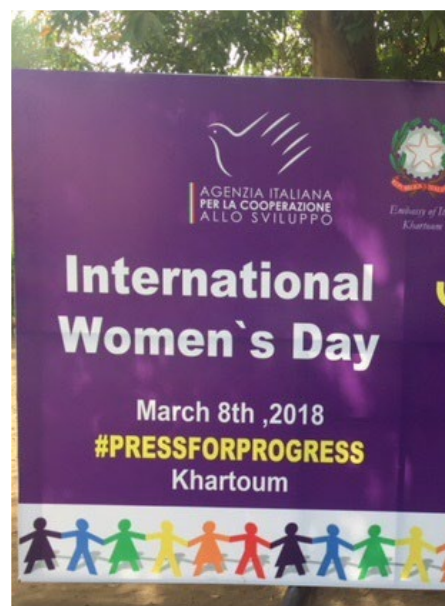
- Rehabilitation interventions were carried out in the Al-Yarmouk Primary School in Mayo area in Khartoum (class floors and windows, tank rehabilitation and supply of taps).
- The feasibility study for civil works was completed and the executive planning started for the following interventions:
 1. Construction of the new office of Nesa Diem Wad Haj Women Development Association in Port Sudan.
 2. Construction of the new office of Alkhairat Women Development Association in Port Sudan.
 3. Rehabilitation of the Women Development Center in Port Sudan.
 4. Construction of the new Family and Child Protection Unit of Port Sudan.
 5. Rehabilitation of the Eritrean School in Port Sudan.
 6. Rehabilitation of Wasat Almadina Primary School in Port Sudan.
 7. Construction of the new Deaf Association office in Port Sudan.
 8. Construction of the new Blinds Association office in Port Sudan.
 9. Construction of the new Association of the physically disabled office in Port Sudan.
 10. Construction of a counseling center at the health center of Samara (Suakin).
 11. Construction of a counseling center at the Soba health center (Khartoum).
 12. Rehabilitation of the M. Suliman Primary School in Khartoum.



d. Awareness Raising and Advocacy Campaigns

- Campaign against all gender-based forms of violence during the 16 Days of Activism in November 2017, organized and conducted by Ahfad University for Women.
- Advocacy and community awareness-raising activities on women's rights during the International Women's Day on 8th March 2018.

- On 7-8th May 2018, the TADMEEN initiative launch event was held at the Holiday Villa in Khartoum. For the event, thematic working groups were organized which saw the participation of all project partners and the actors involved: federal and state institutions, civil society organizations, UN Agencies and the European Union Delegation.



e. Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

- **Sectoral studies:**
 - Based on the priorities expressed by the national counterparts in the Gender sector, a study was carried out on "Female Farmers in Urban Agriculture", to explore the dynamics and gender inequalities in the Agricultural sector in the urban context of the State of Khartoum. The study was entrusted to the faculty of Rural Extension of Afhad University for Women.
 - A study on the correlation between maternal psychosocial condition and malnutrition of children in the first 5 years of age was financed to the Red Sea University;
 - A study / mapping on migrant minors and victims of human trafficking was developed and funded. The study will constitute a solid information base to define strategies and priorities of intervention in this sector.
- **Development of National Strategies:**
 - **Strategic lines and National Action Plan for the protection and inclusion of vulnerable children in street situations.** The activities have been entrusted to the National Council for Children Welfare (NCCW). The intervention is titled "*National Policy and inclusive governance model for social inclusion of Children in Street Situations in Sudan*", currently in progress.
 - **Update of the Guidelines for the protection of vulnerable children in contact with Justice.** Activities include updating the Ministry of the Interior Guidelines in the context of the *Child Protection Mechanism* and strengthening the national *Help Line* for child protection. The activities were entrusted to the *Family and Child Protection Unit System* (FCPU);

- **Support for the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources for the development of the Country Strategy on Gender, agriculture and forest resources and animals 2019-2023.** In this regard, four data collection and field research missions on gender disparities in the agricultural sector were conducted in the Red Sea, Gedaref, Kordofan and South Darfur states by the Gender Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture;
- **Capacity building activities for representatives of Sudanese institutions in Italy.** In order to increase the skills of public officials and policy makers and strengthen inter-institutional links and synergies, the program supported the participation of representatives of institutions in the training course in Project Cycle Management and Humanitarian – Development Nexus Strategies organized in Rome by CISP (4 officials of the Sudanese Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Commission, the director of the Family and Child Protection Unit of the State of Khartoum, the General Director of the Ministry of Education, an official of the National Council for Children Welfare, an official of the Ministry of Health).
- Technical assistance activities for the *Ministry of Education* for the development of the *Strategy and Action Plan on Inclusive Education 2019-2021*, in partnership with the *National Council for Persons with Disabilities* and with the technical collaboration of UNESCO.
- Technical assistance activities for the *National Council for Persons with Disabilities* for the preparation of the mid-term report on the implementation of the UN-CRPD Convention in Sudan 10 years after its ratification.

○ Training of ministries staff:

- The Director of the Planning Department of the Sudanese Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Commission (DDR) attended a training supported by the program and organized by the Austrian Study Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution on the exchange of good practices for the protection and promotion of the rights of vulnerable groups and social pacification, held in Vienna for 7 days.
- 1 training in English Language for 20 officials of the Sudanese Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Commission (DDR) was organized by the Sudanese Bradford Center in Khartoum.
- Participation of 4 officials from the Directorate of Women and Family Affairs on the topic of Transformative Leadership, organized by the UN WOMEN Training Center Campus in Istanbul for 6 days.
- 1 training on CRPD, policies and good practices for focal points for the Disability Sector from ministries and representatives of civil society.
- Participation of the Director of Planning and Monitoring Department of the SDDRC in one-week course in International Migration Law at the International Institute of Humanitarian Law of San Remo in September 2018.
- Organization of one visit of the Director of Planning and Monitoring Department of the SDDRC to the Municipality of Castelnuovo di Porto in Italy to attend as speaker the conference on migration and vulnerable groups and to visit the Asylum Seekers Reception Center (CARA) of Castelnuovo di Porto in October 2018;
- Support for the participation of 3 representatives of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities of the Red Sea State at the Arab Conference on Women and Disabilities, held in Cairo in April 2018.

Conclusions

During the first year of implementation phase, the program strategically succeeded in strengthening the relations between the Ministry of Security and Social Development and the SDDRC, in line with the Humanitarian – Development Nexus Strategy, in order to create favorable conditions to inter-institutional synergies aimed at facilitating continuity between emergency and reintegration activities and medium and long-term development and social inclusion interventions.

What's Next?

The second year will be dedicated to the following main activities:

1. Realization of the planned civil works.
2. Start of technical assistance activities for the Directorate for Women of the Ministry of Security and Social Development.
3. Start the technical assistance to the National Bureau of Statistics for the development of gender indicators and gender disaggregation in data collection and analysis.
4. Continuation of the activities in centers for minors in vulnerable conditions, women's associations, counseling centers, organizations for persons with disabilities, CBOs, NGOs.
5. Organization of launching workshops for consultations and presentations of first drafts of strategic guidelines and actions plans in the three sectors of intervention – Gender, Disability and Child Protection.

