



Doing it for themselves

In February, an accidental fire completely destroyed the PPP community center in Kubum IDP camp. Fortunately, nobody was hurt, but all four buildings, which were built from local materials, and the equipment inside, were lost. The center committee, formed to manage the center as part of DERO's Strategic Plan to work towards sustainable projects, has started to reconstruct the center using the small amount of money they own. Adult education and kindergarten activities have started again.

The ACT-Caritas operation has benefited from millions of dollars given by more than 60 donors worldwide. Since the start of the program in June 2004, ACT-Caritas has helped several hundred thousand displaced people who have sought the relative safety of camps, but also others who have remained in their homes. The multinational ACT-Caritas team works with key local members and partners — Sudan Council of Churches, Sudan Social Development Organization and Sudan Aid. The operation employs some 30 international and 400 Sudanese staff. Our field office covers the provinces of Nyala, Shearia, El Dhein, Edd Al Fursan, Zalingei, Jebel Marra and Wadi Salih. ACT-Caritas collaborates with the Humanitarian Aid Commission of Sudan (HAC), other ministries in the country and a number of U.N. agencies. The joint operation is managed under the legal umbrella of Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) in Sudan.



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Darfur Emergency Response Operation (DERO)

ACT and Caritas have been sharing their resources to work together to help some of the 2.5 million* internally displaced people and conflict-affected communities in south and west Darfur, since the launch of the program in June 2004. The networks represent the vast majority of the world's Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox churches.

* Source: International Organization for Migration

MILESTONES

January – March 2007

In the first three months of the year, the UN verified that over 107,000 people were forced to leave their homes due to fighting between different armed groups. The humanitarian community continues to face bureaucratic impediments and also serious challenges in terms of accessing those in need of support, due to targeted attacks against aid agencies (particularly vehicles).

Emergency response unit (EPRU)

- In west Darfur, essential household items and hygiene kits were distributed to 1,258 vulnerable households in IDP camps, and Amar Gedid village, and to 54 households of Chadian refugees.
- In El Dhein, thousands of households received plastic sheets and essential household items such as bedding and cooking sets as part of an interagency response to a large infl ux of IDPs.



Hygiene Promotion

- 1,560 people participated in clean-up campaigns.
- Over 4,423 individuals and school children sensitized on and attended health and hygiene education sessions.
- Cleaning tools distributed to 14 women and youth groups and school clubs.

Nutrition

- The supplementary feeding program, which targets malnourished children under 5 years, and pregnant and lactating women, has provided rations to 15,221 beneficiaries.
- 80 people have received treatment through the outpatient therapeutic program for persons suffering from severe malnutrition.

Primary Health

- The primary health care clinics, including one mobile clinic, have served 95,614 patients, treating 128,588 cases over the past three months, in both camps and host communities.
- 7,970 MHC clients went to the clinics.
- 9,678 health workers and civilians have received training in various areas of health care and nutrition education. The health care workers' training has focused on HIV/AIDS, PHAST and malaria.

Water and Sanitation

- 31 boreholes drilled and 27 hand pumps were repaired by ACT-Caritas in 4 locations. 7 hand pumps were installed and 7 hand-dug wells were rehabilitated.
- 6 Latrines constructed and over 286 slabs were cast for latrines.
- DERO has constructed 4 latrines & 2 hand-dug wells and drilled 4 boreholes in schools in cooperation with school support.

Protection, Psychosocial and Peace-building

- Small income generating activities continued in some community centers.
- 1,001 children and 311 adults were sensitized when they attended awareness raising sessions, child activities and peace building sessions. 55 women were sensitized on women rights on international women day, March 8.
- 9 workshops on conflict resolution, human rights, protection, coexistence activities and peace-building have taken place, with over 286 participants
- Sport activities and culture & recreation day continued in some community centers.



School Support

- Two national partners in DERO, SCC and SUDO, have distributed school materials to 11 IDP and host community schools.
- The third national partner, Sudan Aid, has constructed 6 classrooms and 1 school.

Agriculture

- One of the national partners, SUDO, has distributed winter seeds to 276 households in Belil area in January.