



EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN SUDAN: Food and Non-food relief for IDPs in Sudan

Overall Objective: To provide essential food, medical, and educational support to 350 vulnerable Christian families in Sudan over a three-month period, helping them to survive the ongoing conflict and maintain their faith and hope.

Project Period: 3 months

Date of Proposal Submission: 29th August 2024

Project Budget: \$30,250

Implementing Partners: Sudan Evangelical Alliance (SEA) and Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA)

Location: Refugee camps and safe areas in Sudan

Project Background

Current Situation and Needs Assessment

The crisis in Sudan, escalating since April 15, 2023, originates from longstanding political, military, and economic tensions. These conflicts can be traced back to the 2019 revolution that overthrew President Omar al-Bashir, leading to a fragile power-sharing agreement between civilian leaders and the military. However, tensions between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) have resulted in a civil war, displacing nearly 6 million people and leaving over half of the population in need of humanitarian assistance. Amid the conflict, Christians face heightened persecution, exacerbating the urgent need for aid. This project aims to address immediate humanitarian needs while serving as a testament to God's love and mercy in these challenging times.

Target Group

The project targets marginalized Christian families in Sudan affected by the ongoing conflict. This includes families led by women, those with children, the elderly, and people with chronic illnesses, who face increased risks of neglect. The selection of recipients is guided by the principles of impartiality and focuses on those most in need, regardless of religious affiliation. The project aims to reach about 1,920 individuals, providing support through local evangelical church networks.

Project Outline

Objective

To deliver essential food, medical, and educational assistance to 350 Christian families over three months, ensuring they can endure the conflict while maintaining faith and hope.

Activities

1. **Food Distribution:** Supplying 350 families with sufficient food for three months to meet nutritional needs.
2. **Medical Support:** Distributing medical supplies and offering basic healthcare services, prioritizing children and the elderly.
3. **Educational Aid:** Providing school supplies and covering fees to help children continue their education despite the crisis.

Needs Assessment

The selected families were identified through an August 2024 needs assessment conducted with local church leaders. Criteria included displacement, vulnerability (women-led households, children, elderly), lack of other support, and historical marginalization.

Locations

The project will operate across various regions:

- **Khartoum State:** Areas including Mayo, Alsalama, Omdurman, and Ombada
- **Eastern State:** Including Port Sudan and Kassla
- **Northern State:** Covering areas such as Damier, Dongla, and Shandi

Implementation

The AEA and SEA will oversee the project, utilizing their local connections to ensure the effective distribution of aid. Their approach combines material support with spiritual care to foster resilience.

4. RISK ANALYSIS & MITIGATION MEASURES

Risks	Probability (1-5)	Impact (1-5)	Mitigation measure
Security Risks: Increased violence and conflict in targeted regions might harm staff and impede humanitarian distribution.	3	5	<p>Identify secure sites for assistance distribution.</p> <p>Collaborate with local security agencies to ensure safe transit.</p> <p>Implement stringent security standards and conduct frequent risk assessments.</p>
Logistics Challenges: Difficulty in aid delivery due to destroyed infrastructure and continuous war	3	3	<p>Partner with local groups to improve navigation in affected regions.</p> <p>Use adaptable transportation techniques (for example smaller vehicles).</p> <p>Make backup preparations for other routes and modes of distribution.</p>
Community Acceptance: Local populations may resist or refuse to cooperate owing to distrust or cultural differences.	2	3	<p>Engage with community leaders and stakeholders to foster trust.</p> <p>Conduct cultural sensitivity training for all field staff.</p> <p>Ensure open communication regarding the project's objectives and advantages.</p>
Political Interference: Government or local authorities may interfere with assistance delivery, favouring some groups or impeding progress.	3	4	<p>Maintain open lines of contact with government officials and local leaders.</p> <p>Secure the appropriate permits and agreements in advance.</p>

5. SUMMARY BUDGET

Items	Amounts in US Dollars
Food Kits for 350 families	17,500.00
Medical Supplies	3,500.00
Educational Support	2,500.00
Logistics and Distribution	2,500.00
Monitoring and Reporting	1,500.00
Management staff AEA	2,750.00
Total Costs	<u>30,250.00</u>

6. PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

We have asked the EA to gather and provide photos and visuals from the ground, including images of the affected families, the conditions in the areas of intervention, and the distribution efforts.



East Sudan: IDP camp where mainly Christian families call home.



Emerging structures in towns due to severe economic realities.



Make-shift housing most families live in.



Rafat Samir (left), General Secretary of the Sudan Evangelical Alliance meets with local alliance leaders in Sudan.