CARE International Switzerland - Sudan

PROGRAM OVERVIEW CARE has been operational in Sudan since 1979, represented by CARE USA until 2009 when CARE International Switzerland (CIS) was established. Currently, CARE has operations in six states (East Darfur, South Darfur, South Kordofan, West Kordofan, Kassala and Khartoum Open Areas). With a taskforce of 150 staff (including 6 International staff), CARE programs in Sudan touched the lives of over 1,033,481 people in the financial year ended.

CARE Program Focus

Humanitarian programming
- Enhancing access to life-saving basic services (WASH, health and nutrition)
- Supporting longer term humanitarian needs resulting from protracted displacement through recovery and integrated health, nutrition and WASH with food security and livelihoods
- Testing and scaling-up cash based interventions and encouraging community ownership on WASH and other facilities management

Longer term development programming
- Governance and peacebuilding promoting women’s engagement in leadership positions
- Livelihoods and resilience including women’s economic empowerment
- Capacity enhancement programs supporting CBOs and CSOs

All of CARE’s interventions have a strong focus on Gender Transformative Programming and Protection within the framework of Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus

An Overview of CARE’s Programs

Health
CARE targets the most vulnerable in the health sectors among Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) in camps and rural areas in East Darfur, South Darfur and South Kordofan. Aiming to contribute to reduction of mortality and morbidity among the conflict-affected persons, CARE promotes increased access to life saving integrated primary and reproductive healthcare services such as emergency referral to secondary healthcare and community-based health promotion activities.

Nutrition
CARE contributes to saving lives of acutely malnourished children under 5 years of age and malnourished pregnant and lactating women affected by conflict in East Darfur, South Darfur and Kassala and increasing access of catchment population to quality integrated management of acute malnutrition services that includes prevention, treatment, and outreach services. CARE introduced packages such as Infant, Young, and Child Feeding practices (IYCF) to better manage and prevent malnutrition.

Country Snapshot

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<td>Population</td>
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<td>Life expectancy at birth</td>
<td>64 years</td>
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<td>Adult literacy rate</td>
<td>70.2%</td>
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<td>Access to improved water source</td>
<td>68%</td>
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<td>GDP per capita</td>
<td>USD 2,089</td>
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<td>Infant mortality rate</td>
<td>44 per 1,000 live births</td>
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<td>Maternal mortality rate</td>
<td>311 per 100,000 live births (2015)</td>
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<td>HIV prevalence</td>
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Source: https://www.cia.gov
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion (WASH)
CARE is working in IDP camps and rural areas in East Darfur, South Darfur, South Kordofan, West Kordofan and Kassala focusing more on establishing systems, building community’s capacity and create an enabling environment for sustainable and community owned operation and maintenance. CARE has also been providing critical, life-saving WASH services (water supply infrastructure and other services; sanitation infrastructure and services; and hygiene promotion) to South Sudanese refugees and the host community members in East Darfur, South Kordofan and Khartoum Open Areas. WASH interventions include operation/maintenance of water supply systems, monitoring of water quality, construction/repair of latrines, solid waste collection and disposal, hygiene and health education, vector control and capacity building of local organizations and communities.

Governance and Peacebuilding
CARE is promoting inclusive and accountable governance institutions through Village Development Committees (VDCs), which is the highest community structure representing women, men, the youth from different tribes, pastoralist and farmers groups engaged in different sectors of livelihoods diversification and promotion. All actions are geared towards peacebuilding and promoting mutual co-existence. Interventions include vocational training and business starter, establishing community microcredit system, and improving the delivery capacity and access to agricultural and veterinary support services, training opportunities to farmers and pastoralists groups.

Major Donors
Over the years, CARE’s work in Sudan was supported by many donors. Current CARE’s activities are supported by the generous contributions of Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH), Darfur Community and Stability Fund (DCPSF), European Commission’s Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid department (ECHO), German MoFA, Global Affairs Canada (GAC), Government of the Netherlands, Latter-day Saint Charities (LDS), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SHF), UN Agencies (UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP and WFP) and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Partnerships
A significant amount of CARE’s programs is implemented in partnership with Civil Society Organizations, Community Based structures and 14 local NGOs. CARE also has strong Private Sector engagement program. We’re currently working with DAL Group one of Sudan’s largest privately-owned conglomerate for Mango Value Chains in South Kordofan (supported by Dutch MoFA)

Innovations and None Traditional Partnerships
In order to multiply the impacts and effectiveness of CARE’s programmes, we developed a number of strategic partnerships such as Impact Hub Khartoum, IEC 249 start ups (an NGO that supports agencies with entrepreneurship start up and monitoring progress) and other entities such as Al Sudaniya Women Mentoring and One Mobile Projector per Trainer (OMPT), Wiz-Era, WFP and Sudan Story Lab among others.

We made significant progress in terms of promoting innovations across programme. Specific innovations initiatives:

1. Scaling up of Green Charcoal covering 50,000 women in five States
2. Sudan Civil Society Capacity Strengthening Learning Hubs.
3. Sudan Health Innovation HUB under the leadership with Federal Ministry of Health
4. Engagement of men and boys for behaviour change through nutrition, portable latrine structures for refugee response.
5. Working with Wiz-Era on gamification model for promoting CARE’s Values across staff and hygiene promotion

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