



Photo of people from the community working to prevent the water from reaching their homes, Aug 2021

Multi-Sector Post-flood Response in Khartoum State



Flood Response Activities

In 2020, Sudan experienced major floods in 17 of the country's 18 states. These floods affected a large number of people and residents along the banks of the Nile. A general lack of preparedness was observed, making these floods dramatic for the affected populations. With more than 100 deaths and thousands of displaced people, the impact of this disaster extended not only to the health and welfare, but also to the economic and security aspects of the affected people. In order to prevent such disasters in 2021 in the Khartoum region, DRC, with funding from USAID/BHA provided early support to affected communities using an integrated approach to address the needs of severely flooded households and their communities. This is a 12 month programme aims to address the immediate needs of flood affected communities of Soba West (Hai Sabrin), Tryat al Hasanab, Jebel Aulia town, Wadkhidir, Wad Ramli and Tamaniat in Khartoum, through targeted multi-sector assistance in the sectors of DRR, protection, shelter, and market recovery.

The first activity in the flood response plan was constructing levees for the communities living on the river banks to prevent the water from reaching and destroying their homes. To provide further support; DRC employed youth from the same communities using cash for work modality



Photo of severe floods in Jabal Aulia, Sudan Sep 8th 2020

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Omar, a 35-year-old engineer and resident of the Jebel Aulia area, worked with DRC experts from the beginning of the project to supervise the work on the site. He was very happy to be part of the effort. According to him, DRC's quick response to build the dykes prevented losses and major damages observed in previous years. In addition, Omar is currently unemployed and the financial assistance from Cash for Work was an additional and unexpected benefit. According to Omar, unlike last year there was early preparations, and many site visits from DRC's experts. Furthermore, and because DRC's expert advised on the right materials to use the barrier withstood the water. Thus no homes were destroyed by the floods and the damage that they are currently facing was due to the heavy.



Photo of DRC supervising the levees construction in Jabal Aulia Aug 2021

“I was going to stay home and build the water barrier anyways, but by working with DRC I got income out of it to support my six kids”.

Omar, Jabal Aulia resident



Photo showing the levees after the water subsided Oct, 2021

Awad, although is not a current resident of Jabal Aulia, his parents are presently living there. Being an active member of the community with the aim to protect his family home along with his neighbors, Awad stated that the level of effort and quality material used for the levees will save his community a lot of work next year, as it is considered a solid foundation to face the possible floods the coming year.

“Next year we won’t need a lot of money and effort; we will just add more dirt to the sand bags DRC used”

Awad, Jabal Aulia resident

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