



Photo 1: DRC team distribution winter seeds in Central Darfur in hard to reach areas with the help of donkeys

Multisector emergency assistance to crisis affected IDP, refugee, and host communities in Sudan

Joint Efforts to Provide Lifesaving Activities

Danish Refugee Council (DRC) in partnership with International Medical Corps (IMC) are running a multi-sector support under a project funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) to meet the humanitarian needs of crisis affected populations across Central Darfur, South Darfur, South Kordofan and Gedaref states. The population is receiving integrated multi-sector humanitarian assistance through protection, site management support, food security, emergency shelter and NFIs, health, and nutrition.

In Darfur, DRC and IMC coordinate to ensure access to communities in remote locations. Among other things, DRC has established a network of community volunteers throughout the Jabal Mara region of Central Darfur. These volunteers have been trained by DRC on key protection threats to life and dignity, as well as how to sensitize their communities to these threats and identify and support those at risk. In addition, by November 30, 2021, 500 households in 4 locations of Nertiti locality were distributed with 5 types of seeds: water melon, Jew mallow, water cress, radish and onion for a total of 3,409 individuals (picture 1). In coordination, IMC

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provides essential primary health care, nutrition and community-based WASH assistance. Health system support activities include infrastructure rehabilitation, WASH, community mobilization, drug supply, capacity building and data management. IMC also helps address nutritional needs through services such as community-based management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) and promotion of young child feeding. Through the collaboration between DRC and IMC, people in need have access to essential support from the project as shown in the following examples.

Mohammed, a DRC trained community volunteer, noticed the difficulties of Salma, a pregnant returnee woman from his village. Salma had already suffered a miscarriage, and her pregnancy had taken a toll on her health, leaving her too weak to care for her young children. Mohammed helped Salma understand her right to receive medical support and helped her get to the IMC clinic in Bar Ari, Kerunga East. There, IMC treated Salma and helped her feel better during her pregnancy so that she could resume a normal life, caring for and supporting her children. Thanks to the collaboration of DRC and IMC, she gave birth to a healthy baby boy and was soon able to contribute to her family's life again.



Photo 2 Amna and one of her children sit together at the International Medical Corps clinic in Keiga Jiro.

In South Kordofan, Amna Maki, a 23-year-old mother, was aware of the program's efforts. However, because her family is healthy, she never needed to visit the IMC-run health centres. But one night, her youngest child, who is one-year-old, felt sick and had a diarrhea and fever. Although she lives in South Kordofan, she made the long trip to Keiga Jiro to get to the IMC clinic. The team helped Amna and gave her son the necessary medication.

“Three days later, after giving him the treatment provided by International Medical Corps, my son completely recovered. I’m grateful for the International Medical Corps staff at the health facility and throughout Sudan. And my thanks to the people who told me about the International Medical Corps clinic.”

Amna, 23-year-old mother from South Kordofan

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