

SUDAN



The people of Sudan have suffered generations of civil conflict since independence. The current conflict in the Darfur region—one of the world's most lethal humanitarian crises—has displaced 1.9 million and killed more than 200,000. Families have lost homes, are cut off from access to health care and food, and risk their lives conducting daily chores. South Sudanese suffered Africa's longest war—21 years. The 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement ended the conflict, which forcibly scattered more than 4 million from their homes.

In Darfur, RI provides relief and development support to women, children, and families struggling to survive each day with dignity. In the south, RI is helping southerners return to their villages to rebuild their homes, livelihoods, and their communities from the ground up.

Sample Programs

Emergency Relief, North Darfur

To counteract the debilitating effects of violence and displacement, RI distributes essential relief commodities that help more than 50,000 of the most vulnerable to live daily life with health and dignity. The RI team provides food rations and monitoring for malnourished children and life-saving non-food products, such as soap, clean birthing kits, mosquito nets, plastic sheeting for shelter—goods that provide essential barriers to communicable diseases.

Ensuring Access to Health Care, North Darfur

RI has constructed and trained local medical staff to run 2 primary care clinics and rural outreach. RI also provides facility rehabilitation and support to 8 village-run health facilities in North Darfur. RI's primary health care services and training programs meet immediate curative and preventive health needs for conflict-affected residents and ensure health systems are locally-sustainable for peacetime. RI's North Darfur Health Programs serve more than 112,000, with an emphasis on safe motherhood and care for children under 5.

Improving Food Security, North Darfur

RI is committed to helping communities stabilize food resources and maintain livestock health. RI's rural animal treatment centers provide primary healthcare vet services to more than 3,000 animals per week. RI's Agricultural Extensionist program is the first of its kind in Darfur. Implemented with partnership from the Sudan Ministry of Agriculture and the UN Food and Agriculture Program, RI has trained 60 Extensionists (50 % women) to deliver community-level education and run demonstration farms in 14 rural villages.

Rebuilding for Peaceful Return in Upper Nile, South Sudan

Twenty-one years of war rendered the South Sudan landscape barren of the most basic elements required for village life and individual well-being: there are no homes, no safe water resources, no sanitation systems or trash collection, no clinics, and no schools. Through collaboration with community committees and local government, RI is providing shelter, water, sanitation, and health services to returning residents who have made the arduous journey home from refugee camps.

Women's Development & Protection, Sudan

RI's protection programs give Sudanese women and girls support to mitigate the effects of war and sexual violence through activities that serve to empower them with increased economic and leadership status—improving their health and reducing their risk for poverty and physical harm.



A female Agricultural Extensionist demonstrates a treadle pump for irrigation.



Women train to build/use brick fuel-efficient stoves that improve the environment and reduce the risk of attack associated with travel for firewood.



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