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In November 2023, SIHA started a joint campaign along with partners, Sustainable Development Response Organization (SUDRO) and Pad Needed Dignity Seeded (PNDS), to raise funds to provide dignity kits with sanitary pads and other key menstrual hygiene items to women and girls in the conflict areas of Sudan. To carry out this work we collaborated with our staff and partners on the ground in Sudan and partners who have been assisting in both increasing awareness and distributing the dignity kits. Thanks to your generous contributions, we have successfully raised \$3,593.94 to date. This funding has enabled us to supply dignity kits to 100 women residing in displacement shelters in Kassala, with plans to extend our support to an additional 400 women across various camps in White Nile, Gadarif, and Northern Sudan within the month.

"It's a constant struggle to find pads every month, we can't even discuss this issue with other people who come and provide support, they forget it, they just provide food." – Madiha, a 37-yearold displaced from Khartoum





Photography by SUDRO

The impact of your generosity is vividly reflected in the lives of the women and girls we've reached so far, and the continued need for dignity kits is evident in their responses.





Photography by the Kassala Gender Equality Network

"As girls, we face significant challenges. The cost of pads is often too high for us to afford, especially when our families have lost their sources of income. As a result, we resort to using pieces of cloth as a substitute. However, this presents its own set of problems. Washing the cloth becomes difficult when we live in crowded school environments with limited privacy, water, and soap." – Nagat, 26-yearold, displaced from Khartoum to El Gezira and then to Kassala.



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Your support is the backbone of our campaign. We extend our deepest gratitude to each one of you.

The journey doesn't end here. We invite you to continue this journey with us. Every donation, share, and word of support brings us closer to our goal. Our immediate goal is to extend our reach to an additional 10,000 women and girls by the end of the year. To achieve this, we'll need to raise an additional \$75,000. We also aim to enhance our support with menstrual hygiene management/awareness within these communities.

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Restoring dignity, one pad at a time





