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They Survived Genocide. Now They Are Rebuilding Their Lives.

October 26, 2026 • Jabrowna, Omdurman, Sudan

A day of remembrance and renewed commitment

October 26, 2026, marks one year since the fall of El Fasher, North Darfur, following a prolonged siege, famine, and ground and drone attacks. Darfur Women Network (DWN) remembers civilians, community leaders, and humanitarian volunteers who lost their lives, including two DWN volunteers who were serving displaced communities in Zamzam and the farming areas around El Fasher. On this painful anniversary, we renew our commitment to survivors who are rebuilding their lives.

35 women begin a new recovery journey

Throughout October, DWN's community-led team worked with 35 displaced women in Jabrowna, Omdurman: 30 survivors from El Fasher and five women displaced from the Nuba Mountains. Many support children and other dependents through cleaning homes, hand-washing and ironing clothes, and cooking. Some earn less than US$1 for washing and ironing 12 garments. Insecure earnings often leave families struggling to afford even one meal a day. Women also reported mistreatment, insults, and sexual harassment in domestic work.

Listening, agreement, and first-stage assistance

The women organized through their own community leader. DWN's team arranged meetings, explained the disaster response and recovery approach, interviewed participants, and reviewed program conditions with them. According to the field team's update, the women signed agreements and received a combined initial package: emergency food assistance and the first 50% of their approved livelihood investment. This is a first-stage intervention, not a claim that the businesses have already become profitable.

What happens next

DWN's team will follow up with visits, mentoring, observation, and assessment of each participant's business progress. Participants meeting the agreed conditions will receive the remaining 50% of their approved business support to help strengthen or expand their activities. The objective is to reduce dependence on irregular, poorly paid work and build more reliable income and family stability.

One survivor's journey

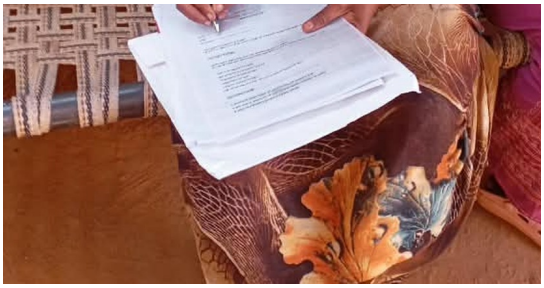
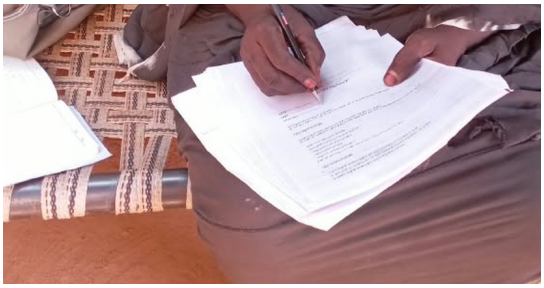
One participant described fleeing El Fasher with ten children in her care: six of her own and four children of her deceased sister. She described losing close family members, struggling to afford transport, and being threatened while escaping. Her story reflects the profound losses and dangers many participants have endured. To protect her and the children, identifying details and the full testimony are not included in this public update.

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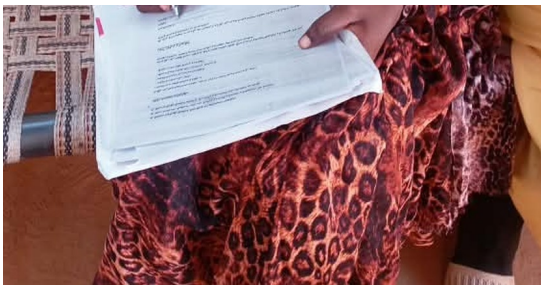
We thank GlobalGiving, donors, and partners for standing with displaced survivors from Zamzam and El Fasher through El Daba and Omdurman. Emergency food helps families meet today's needs; livelihood investment offers a path toward tomorrow. They survived genocide, hunger, and repeated displacement. They deserve the opportunity to recover with dignity, security, and hope.

Field photographs | October 25, 2026

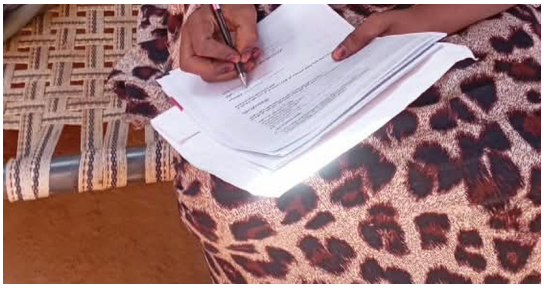
The images below are privacy-protected crops of the field photographs, focused on paperwork and hands. Faces, names, and readable agreement details have been excluded.

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