

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Project progress report (2)

Abuhadia Society for Women and Community Development



1. Project implementers / Organization

Abuhadia Society for Women and Community Development

2. Project title

Improving IDPs livelihoods in Red Sea State

3. Report time frame

Feb 09 – June 09

4. Summary: overall progress of the project

The table below shows the achievement during the period Feb 2009 to June 2009

Activities	Achievement
1/ literacy courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for 4 on going literacy class• Two classes for school dropout in started in Gabeit village (20 men 25 women) and support them.
2/ Pay exam fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pay exam fees for 34 girl in studying in rural women development diploma
3/ Provide schooling needs (uniforms, shoes, book case, and text books)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided uniforms, shoes, book case and text books for 180 poor child graduated from kindergartens ,and registered them in the schools (100 boy and 80 girl)
4/ Conduct 60 community mobilization and organization sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted 5 community organization and mobilization session for 5 location
5/ Business management and marketing training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two business management and marketing training course conducted to orient the women how they managed and marketing their business, 30 women from 5 location attended the training and received skills .
6/ Communication courses for HIV/AIDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two TOT communication courses for HIV/AIDs conducted in Port Sudan and Sinkat.• 25 women and 20 men received skills for HIV/AIDs (20from civil society in Port Sudan and 25 Abu Hadia society staff and society volunteers in Sinkat)• Society staff and volunteers trained in Training Of Trainer achieved 66 sessions for HIV/AIDs awareness in 50 location in four locality and 3000 men and 2000 women received awareness in HIV/AIDs

7/ FGM awareness campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One FGM awareness campaign conducted in three location in Gebiet village and 300 women and men received awareness on FGM
8/ Cement for women centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One women center constructed in Swakin village
9/ Distribution of Milky goats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 families in 2 location in Sinkat and Gebiet received 56 milky goats and kids

Literacy courses (classes):

Support by materials and technical supervision continued for the four literacy courses on going in four settlements total of 247 women are enrolling in these classes , among them 141 are newly registered and 106 have completed the first year course .

Courses are implementing in 2 levels through the **REFLECT** method. The new registered are to start from the beginning and the old ones have been registered as second level.

The Society have hired trained teachers (facilitators) from within their communities , and provided learning materials for them included , chairs , desks , books, pencils erasers, sharpeners black boards, chalks and teaching books , it is worth mentioning that teachers and learners are all Beja speakers and the course in addition to the alphabetical literacy considered as opportunity for Beja women to learn Arabic language the chief communication language in Sudan,

Further the Society have adopted and supported initiative from Gebiet women to open evening eighth basic class for the drop out women (those who have paused their education in the past for different reasons) , 25 women registered and resumed their education as evening sessions by volunteers teachers. The initiative attracted men as well and have open another calss for men with 20 drop out men .

Main output here are

- Implementation of four literacy courses in four different settlements
- 247 women enrolled in these courses
- new classes opened for school drop out for 25 women and 20 men

Pay exam fees for IDPs girls:

The project pays the exam fees for poor student girls and sometimes boys whose families couldn't offer this cost , in this period the society have paid exam and registration fees for 34 girls studying in Rural Women Development Diploma in Red Sea University , faculty of economic and rural Development . it is worth mentioning that all these girls have been offered this opportunity as grants for Abuhadia Society to select girls from the rural community , 34 girls selected by Abuhadia Society branches in Red Sea State to equip them with rural development techniques and accordingly create qualify cadre to serve women issues in the future . this grants are offered to the Society on annual base.

Support to kindergarten in Sinkat

Abuhadia Society have established a kindergarten in Sinkat with 34 girls and 23 boys , there are other kindergartens around in Sinkat towns but not directly supported by Abuhadia Society , the Society volunteers have screened kids belong to poor families amongst these kindergartens

, they found 180 kids (100 boys and 80 girls) and provided incentive support for their transformation to the basic school , this action is to grantee their registration for basic school , which is done and followe4d up by Abuhadia staff and volunteers in Sinkat. The support was provision of basic schooling needs for each of them represented in the following :-

- Provision of school uniforms , shoes, book case and text books for each of them
- 180 poor child graduated from kindergartens ,and registered them in the schools (100 boy and 80 girl

Community mobilization and organization sessions:

Five organization sessions for women committees and women village conferences conducted for the five sites as one session /site/two month , session are facilitated by the project staff and Society volunteers , main topics are . Committee organization issues , records keeping and rules of committee members as well as facilitation of dialogue with women around their opportunities and future plans .

The site are (Dalab) in Gabait area and Kabal, Laiamib, Alzrea, and Hawdad in Sinkat zone.

The main outputs of this activity are

- Reorganization of five women village committees
- New practices and knowledge for women in committee organization issues
- Stimulate critical thinking among women around realities , challenges and opportunities. The discussion of how to address their needs free of confrontation/ conflict with their husbands fathers and brothers , mainly they agree on consulting them in their plans and seek persuasion from them.

Business management training

Two business management and marketing training course conducted to orient the women how they managed and marketing their business, , 30 women from 5 location received training on running and managing small scale business .

The training done by local consultant in simple and workable manner , mainly it focused on organizing and resetting of business ideas and practices experienced by participant women, in relaxed dialogue and facilitation way the main outputs of the training are

- 30 women acquire business management skills
- Simple records for profit and lose
- Loans records
- Market surveys / follow up mechanism
- Consumer led approach for business

FGM awareness campaigns

One FGM awareness campaigns have been achieved , integrated team consist of religious, social , and health specialist , facilitate community internal dialogue to create change adopters from within the community , of course the process is long but this project came as continuation for previous interventions by Abuhadia Society and other social actors in the State.

The campaign covered different category of community , women and men, girls and boys , youth and leaders .

As the campaign is meant for the wide community it covered all Sinkat and Gebiet towns , in and outside the target area , total of 200 women and 150 men attended the sessions in different age categories .

The covered areas are Ongab, Meekhary, Moaskar , and Hai Elsalam in Gebiet .

The sessions were done in women centers , schools, youth centers and Khalwas (Koran schools)

The main outputs are

- More than 400 persons attended awareness sessions and knew the harms of FGM practice
- Communities have the opportunity to gather specifically to debate around this forgotten issue and listen to each other (supporters and opponents of the practice) and this will lead for continuous debate within each community .
- Opponents of the practice backed up within their communities to speak louder in elimination methods about this practice .

Communication training for HIV/AIDS

Two training conducted on HIV/AIDS communication for 45 persons, although the information are unclear about the occurrence of the and the precise figures about the infected people in Red Sea State , but the awareness level of the community is dominated by misconceptions about the disease and how to treat infected persons . these communication TOT meant to create local cadre (volunteers) to communicate with their communities on HIV/AIDS , either formally through planned and organized sessions or informally within their chatting and work and gatherings.

Abuhadia volunteers have organized I groups sessions on HIV/AIDS awareness as ongoing activity , up to now they have covered about fifty communities in Sinkat locality focusing on definition of the disease , prevention means and transmission of the disease and how to deal with infected people .

Main outputs are

- Two TOT communication courses for HIV/AIDs conducted in Port Sudan and Sinkat.
- 25 women and 20 men received skills on HIV / AIDS communication methods (20 from civil society in Port Sudan and 25 Abu Hadia society staff and volunteers attended these courses)
- Society staff and volunteers trained in Training Of Trainer achieved 66 sessions for HIV/AIDs awareness in 50 location in four locality and 3000 men and 2000 women received awareness in HIV/AIDs

- Construction of women center in Swakin

The Society have constructed women center in Swakin , with concrete materials , the building include construction of one room 5 X4 meter, surrounded with veranda and yarded by block . also there is VIP latrine . the women center have built in drought affected IDP groups related to the target of this project , (moved from around Sinkat area to Swakin) . the center have been finalized and women in the area started introductory activities through Abuhadia volunteers branch there.

- Distribution of milky goats for poor families in (Dalab , and Hudad)

Second round of milky goats distribution achieved , 18 families in Gebiet (Dalab) and Hudad , total of 56 goats, each have received three milky goats , the women committee in each site have screened the final list of beneficiary with facilitation from Abuhadia field staff, beneficiary

women are required to pay back three month old goat (female) for each goat they have received to the committee , committee will redistribute it to the other needy families in the village, they decided to purchase the goats from their local market to avoid unfamiliar species , and reserve for diseases . in addition seven families have brought 14 three months kids in Sinkat and Gebiet , the committees there have redistributed them to other needy families . the main outputs are :-

- 18 families received milky goats , three goats per family , and five families received 14 kids
- Children secured milk in their diet
- Some of them sell the milk and buy their needs
- Women committee work appreciated by men .(a leader in Kubal reported that he started to believe that women can lead community affairs if they found the chance)

5. Activity plan: each component of the activity plan should be evaluated in relation to expected results and outputs, what has been achieved, reasons for under/over achievement, corrective actions taken

Result one related to access of clean drinking water , so far nothing have been achieved here up to this period , identification of well around Gebiet is under process , the well technician visited the site and put some comments related to preparatory work , the work still not started to complete the technical requirement for the well . as for the water points it was difficult to start working on it before the summer rains because Sinkat water network fed from water reservoir (Taway reservoir) , all this period it was under levelled . this month rain expected and accordingly there is possibility to work on water points .

Result two focused on Access 250 IDP women for literacy and 200 at risk girls in Sinkat and Gebiet to resume their education smoothly throughout one educational year,

- In this the literacy classes have started and supported with materials, books, chairs, desks and full time teacher / animator . women learn Arabic speaking , writing and reading bases.

Previous year literacy graduates joined the class as upper level , this will restore some of them to the formal education as they could apply to sit on the primary final class (8th) exam if they , then they can continue in formal education . our animator will provide the full support for these women another two years and support them to sit on that exam.

- 180 kindergarten kids supported with school basic needs (uniforms, case books, text books , shoes and registration in schools

- The second section in this result is support poor girls in the school by providing them the basic educational needs , exam fees, school uniforms and books . about 50 poor girls have received exam fees and this have make them feel secured

- 34 girls supported in diploma studying in rural women development

- 25 women and 20 women school drop out supported to resume their education in Gebiet

Overall impact achievement in this result is very high and target number has been fulfilled . access of women, girls , kids and even men to education achieved .

Result three is related to Improve awareness and practices for community organizational , practical living skills as well as HIV/AIDS and FGM harms. targeting 500 IDP women in Sinkat locality .

Set of trainings have been achieved to serve this result as following

- Community awareness sessions resulted of reorganization of women village committees in five site and improvement in their performance so far 20 sessions achieved .
- Three leadership and organization training for women leaders , this was concentrated dose to improve their leadership and organization skills .
- FGM campaigns in Sinkat Gebiet and Summat covered more than 1100 persons , facilitate critical self assessment and self criticism debate
- Paravets training for 35 women in five villages

So far good number of community women and men engaged in debates and discussions about the harms and risks of the FGM practice , in simple and easy language , and from different prospective (Religious, health and Social prospective) new skills acquired by women leaders in leadership and organization and this have increased the confident of women in their capacity for challenging and change . also new skills of animals diagnose and treatment acquired for women .

- HIV/AIDS communication TOT training and grassroots basic awareness sessions
- Business management training for 30 women in five sites
- Construction of one women centre in Swakin for drought affected IDPS families .

Also the achievement is very high in this result , all training has been fulfilled and finished , still some regular organization and mobilization sessions left for this period , other wise the result have been met.

Result four include Creation of self-employment opportunities for 250 IDP women through different income activities.

In this result retailing activity have been implemented in three villages for 34 women and part of the milky goats distributed. the immediate impact of these activities is , additional income gained by women , this income returned back to the family , some improved their houses , others pay it for their children education especially for girls , the broader impact is women getting in touch with market , create business partnerships and profit and loses calculation , this will create saving and investment in the near future .

As for the milky goats it has been distributed for families who are buying milk for their children , after the milky goats received they have saved 45000 SDG per month . this money have been utilized for other practical needs in housing , medicine and new micro businesses.

, the second round of milky goats distributed in this period for 18 families .

Thus total of 34 families benefitted from retailing shops , 50 from milky goats , total of families benefitted from self employment activities are 84 , estimated as 420 persons , at least 60%of them are women according to Red Sea State average , this means 252 women benefitted from this section .

6. Planned activities for the following quarter

Year 1	Activity	Location (city)	Implementing body
			<i>(example)</i>
Month	Establishment of one water points	Sinkat area	Contractor & water corporation
	- Contacting of water department in Sinkat locality		
	- Community meeting		
	- line digging		
	- Building of location		
	- Purchasing of material and transportation		
	- Implementation of work		
	Rehabilitation of well	Gebiet	Contractor & water corporation
	- Community meeting		
	- Preparation of ladders		
	- Purchasing of material		
	- Implementation of work		
	education support	Sinkat and Gebiet	Education department
	- Schools visits		
	- Identify poor students through school management		
	- Purchasing of school needs		
	- Provide school needs		
	Volunteers training	Port Sudan	Hired consultants
	- contact of facilitator		
	- preparation of contract		
	- purchasing of training materials		
	- implementation of training		
	Conduct 15 community mobilization and organization sessions	Dalab, Layamieb, Zerayeeya, Kwabal, and Hudad	Abuhadia Staff
	- Community orientation meetings	15 sessions	
	distribution of milky goats	Hudad	Staff
	- Community meeting		
	- Selection of group		
	- Purchasing of goats		
	- Transportation		
	- Distribution of milk goats		
	- Follow up repayment of kids		

7. Administrative and logistical changes or constraints

There are no big distractive problems and challenges , there is some delay in the implementation of the project , as we are now in eleventh month , and the implementation / delivery of the budget is around 65%, this refer to the seasonality of some activities, processes of others and delays in the transfer due to distance between our operational area (East) and Khartoum .

The beneficiary and the officials in Sinkat locality have very highly appreciated the support provided by SDF , and would hope to consolidate this kind of relation between the two friend nations.

8. Any other information that could be useful

As we mentioned in our previous report that some of the contingency money is to be utilized in women political participation and education , in addition we need to allocate part of it to cover two months salary for the project staff after the extension .

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ANNEX III

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Template

Monthly financial report

Period: from July 2008 to 31/01/2009

Amount received to date (Euro 25000 – SDG 80000) from the SDF: *in € and in SD*

1. Summary

Budget line	Planned amount in SD 1st year	Amount remaining (from last report)	Expenses in SD	Amount remaining in SD	% spent 1st year
1- Salaries	60133	27443	54590	5543	90.78
2- Materials	33855	33855	5942	27913	17.55
3- Equipment	17640	15615	10675	6965	60.52
4 - Transport	7398	3174.6	6660	738	90.02
	67732	36841.5		17794.2	73.73
6- Overhead	14000	10857.9	13923.3	76.7	99.2
Contingency line 10%	14000	14000	0	14000	0
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