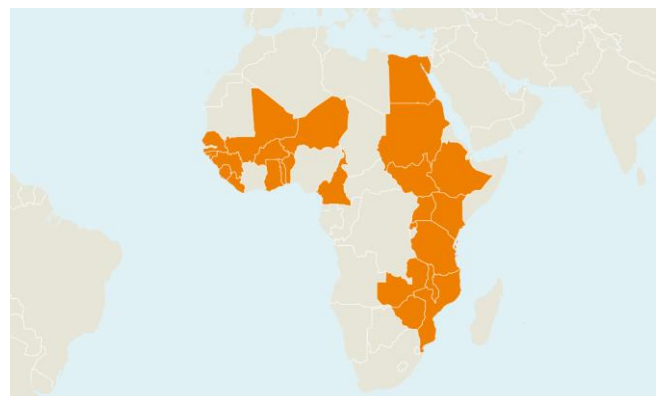


ANNUAL UPDATE

SUDAN

NORTH KORDOFAN



Together with your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in North Kordofan. Learn more about the valuable ways we work with children and communities.

Key projects focused on responding to urgent humanitarian needs for people living in crisis in Sudan. This year, it was a priority to promote education—especially for girls—and help children access safe, gender-inclusive schools. In addition, campaigns helped raise awareness on issues of health and rights.

As a result of these initiatives, youth—and their families—have a more secure future.



481

Students accessed improved classrooms and latrines



8,215

Pupils benefitted from educational materials



10K

Farmers supported with training and mobilisation

“THANKS TO PLAN FOR CARING ABOUT US GIRLS AND GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE OUR EDUCATION.”

Haifa, 16-year-old Sponsored Child





NAME: ZAHRA

AGE: 13 YEARS OLD

**DREAMS TO BE: A
TEACHER**

“I JOINED THE ALP CENTRE. WE HOPE TO EXPAND TO OTHER GIRLS IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, WE HOPE TO CREATE A NETWORK FOR GIRLS.”

Meet Zahra

Like the child you sponsor, Zahra is making steps towards achieving her goals and building a stronger future for herself. Early marriage is common in Zahra’s community, and she left school early in order to marry and live with her husband. Yet, through the Alternative Learning Programme (ALP), Zahra continues her education.

Accessing educational resources

Gender inequality, harmful social norms, and a shortage of educational materials affected Zahra’s education. Because girls and women are expected to manage the housework, there are few chances for them to join social activities or take on professional work, and they have limited power in decision-making.

Zahra was encouraged to register at the ALP centre, established by Plan in 2022. Here, she has access to books and educational materials, and a space to make friends.

The ALP facilitator linked her with the local primary school. In addition, the local health authority facilitator provided her with information about personal hygiene, family planning, and gender equality.

Changing minds, changing futures

Plan conducted informational sessions on early marriage and the consequences—especially when girls drop out of school. By providing information, youth and men also gain awareness. Discussions with Zahra’s husband led to him committing to her education.

Zahra now goes to the ALP centre regularly and joined the village youth club, where she helps raise awareness about early marriage and encourages community members to value girls’ education. She advises girls not to marry early, and to enrol in the alternative education in order to gain more knowledge and skills and prepare for a better future.



Zahra and other girls access educational materials

OUR PROJECTS IN NORTH KORDOFAN ARE HELPING CHILDREN



Through dialogue as well as cooperation with children's groups and local agencies, community members are creating lasting change.

SUPPORTING GOOD HEALTH



This year, it was key to support healthcare and informational initiatives.

In four schools, rehabilitated latrines and hygiene kits benefitted students. Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities were provided to four schools, helping children develop healthy habits and reduce disease and infection. A rehabilitated Early Childhood Development Centre supported the families with the opportunity to help children access their education.

Events and celebrations such as International Day of the Girl, and 16 Days of Activism raised awareness and provided opportunities for dialogue. In seven communities, 15 campaigns promoted girls' education, and the Saleema Initiative advocated for the end to female genital mutilation and early marriage.

EDUCATION FOR ALL



Due to the unstable political and economic situation, Sudan faces a high risk of school closure. The Inclusive Primary Education project was developed to provide access to quality, inclusive education for children, especially Internally Displaced People. The project is in line with international appeals to promote education for children in emergency situations.

In response, 300 teachers were trained on the basic school curriculum. Eight classrooms were constructed for 400 children in two communities. In addition, WASH facilities were provided to four schools. Campaigns raised awareness of child protection and gender-based violence, while advocating for girls' rights to an education—even in unstable times.

“We are very happy that girls in the sponsorship communities are strengthened and empowered. They have been linked to networks to know their rights to protection and to disseminate child protection messages.” - **Ibrahim from North Kordofan**



YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



The best is yet to come—and together we will continue to work for a brighter future for the children in North Kordofan.

- 78% of girls are affected by Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). We will continue public awareness campaigns for youth, families, and communities to address the dangers of this practice.
- 46% of girls are married before age 16. We will build the capacity of civil society organisations on child protection, case management, and advocacy to support an end to early marriage.
- Unemployment and poor farming productivity have a devastating effect in Sudan. We will provide training for youth to facilitate employment opportunities and increase outreach of Village Savings & Loan Associations.

Thank you for your continued support.



“I would like to extend our thanks to sponsors for the generous support that made a positive impact on the lives of children and their families.”

Amir Hussein
Programme Area Manager

THE PLAN EFFECT



Your sponsorship commitment becomes long-term change—providing help for self-help. We involve children at the centre of all projects, bringing effective and sustainable solutions to families and communities. With Plan’s Effect, your commitment helps empower communities to transform their lives and futures.

THE LAST 12 MONTHS



JANUARY

330

Educators trained on modern teaching methods



MARCH

57

Girls participated in the Champions of Change project



AUGUST

50

Communities selected for project intervention



NOVEMBER

2.020

People benefitted from improved health centres

