

North Kordofan Sudan

Positive changes are happening in North Kordofan. Learn more about how the rights of children and girls are supported through our shared vision of equality.

Plan International has been a proud partner of communities in North Kordofan since 2000. This region is located in central Sudan, bordered by Darfur and the White Nile River valley.

Since April 2023, political conflict in Sudan has led to widespread food insecurity and severely limited access to healthcare, which has worsened outbreaks of normally-treatable diseases like malaria, cholera and dengue fever. Many families have left their homes due to the conflict.

When families are displaced due to political conflict, many children drop out of school. With your help, we built 10 temporary learning spaces and distributed 500 school supply kits to make education more accessible to at-risk communities in North Kordofan.

“I participated in Plan’s literacy programme with my mother, helping 35 women learn to read and write.”

– Halimaalsadia (13)



This year, 2,788 Sponsored Children received food aid.

Impact in Numbers

1,200

girls now have safe latrines at school

25

students with disabilities received support to graduate

5,498

students in Sudan have new school supplies

Girls Can Do Anything



NAME:

Rogaia

AGE:

6 years old

DREAMS TO BE:

A teacher

“My mum and aunt learned how to do cosmetics and henna. Now my family can buy the things we need.”



Meet Rogaia

Like many girls in Kassala, Rogaia is defying gender inequality on her way to a brighter future.

From lessons in child safety to vocational training workshops, six-year-old Rogaia and her family are developing greater financial security, supporting empowered women and helping a determined young student pursue her dreams.

Gender Norms Keep Girls Down

In Sudan, many girls do not complete their education. Early dropouts often lead to child marriages, in which wives are expected not to work in order to take care of the home. The result is that many women in Sudan lack financial independence, which can increase a woman's vulnerability to instances of abuse.

Research has shown that a child enrolled in pre-school is more likely to graduate from university and earn higher wages. Plan International has been working with families in Rogaia's community to raise awareness about the importance of early childhood education, particularly for girls, as well as the dangers of child marriage and female genital mutilation.

My Mum Is A Role Model

In addition to learning more about the importance of keeping little Rogaia in school, the student's mum and aunt were connected to Plan's vocational training workshops, where they were improved their skills in henna and cosmetics.

Today, Rogaia's mum and aunt are stepping into powerful roles as providers for their families. 'Before, art was their favourite hobby,' Rogaia tells us. 'Now, they're practising their work and helping our family at the same time.'



Rogaia wants to be a teacher when she grows up.

We Work With 4,343 Sponsored Children In North Kordofan

Projects That Support Lasting Change

You Can Count On Me

In North Kordofan, less than 43% of children are enrolled in pre-school.

Though North Kordofan has been spared the worst of the political violence in Sudan, communities in the region continue to face significant issues related to nutrition, education and girls' rights. 40% of young children have stunted growth due to malnutrition, and girls are frequently married off before they turn 18, posing threats to their continued education.

Plan is working with dedicated parents, teachers, school authorities and schools to make early childhood development a priority. While we are constructing temporary classrooms for accessible learning in emergencies, we are also rehabilitating 8 permanent classrooms for pre-school and primary students. 15 girls' education campaigns are underway, which includes fixing up 3 gender-inclusive latrines and installing clean water sources in 2 communities.



Parents meet to discuss child safety and education.

4,500
people discussed girls' rights



Children in a Temporary Learning Space in North Kordofan.



The Temporary Learning Space in Hawa's community is the first school she has ever attended.

Knowledge Is Power

Today, an estimated 6.9 million children in Sudan are not in school due to the ongoing conflict.

And until recently, Sponsored Child Hawa, age 11, was one of them. When Hawa's home community became unsafe, she and her family had to relocate. Like many girls in Sudan, Hawa's education has taken a backseat due to gender inequality. Even before the conflict started, she had never attended a formal school before. Still, this student was determined to learn.

We have been establishing temporary learning spaces in North Kordofan to help children like Hawa continue – or even begin – their educations. Students and teachers alike now have additional school supplies, meals, uniforms and menstrual hygiene supplies. For families in particular situations of need, we have offered Emergency Multi-Purpose Vouchers to help them cover the costs of their children's basic needs.

“Even though my parents said that the school was too far away, I have not given up.”

– Hawa (11) from North Kordofan

You're Supporting a More Equal Future



500 young women in Sudan are building independence through new vocational skills.

Together, we're working to create a more just world.

- Between 2011 and 2021, 41,861 families were displaced in Sudan due to political violence. We will provide food and financial aid to 10,000 households in the region.
- Dropout rates in this part of Sudan can reach as high as 50%. We will distribute school supplies to 4,000 children and teachers at 20 schools to make quality learning more accessible.
- The ongoing upheavals in the country have led to a large-scale increase in violence and trauma. We will train 30 social and healthcare workers to treat and support survivors of abuse.

Message from Plan Staff

"The current situation in Sudan has meant that some Sponsored Children now do not have access to basic services. With the help of community volunteers and our sponsors, we are leading disaster risk management in the region, but there's still quite a lot of work to do."



Mohamed Widaa,
Programme Area
Manager, North
Kordofan

The Plan Effect

Sponsored children are at the centre of everything we do, and they help plan our programmes based on what's important to them. Sponsors' donations are a gateway into a community. This helps build trust and credibility to attract even more funds from new sources. This makes more sustainable programmes possible in sponsorship communities. This powerful synergy is something we call The Plan Effect.

Progress in Numbers

3,653

**new mothers
received medical
care**

10,991

**children were
screened for
malnutrition**

61,663

**pre-schoolers are
ready to start
learning**

150

**teachers received
additional training**