

Progress Report for Child protection and Development Program: July/August 2006

The Child Protection activities have progressed well in the past 2 months, with rehabilitation of the youth skills center in Ed Deain for boys and a girls' training center in Khor Omer camp being completed.

A. Security Situation in Darfur

The success of the signed Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) continues to be uncertain with the emergence of a third rebel faction from the original SLA of Mini Minawi and Abdel Wahed. The general security situation in Darfur is fluid, from the reports being released by different Agencies, the AU and the UN bodies. However, the most affected areas are northern Darfur and a number of areas in the western part. Areas where UMCOR programs are, Al Daein and Adilla localities in South Darfur, have had no occurrences that would imply an increased security threat although tension was rife with the deployment of additional security forces. There has been increased numbers of demonstrations against the possibility of a UN mission in Darfur in some parts of Darfur and in Khartoum. Field movements in the coming weeks will largely depend on the unfolding security situation as we monitor events in the SLA and Government controlled areas where UMCOR programs are located.

B. Program Activities

1. Life skills

Life skills Activities for education in Al Daein town and Khor Omer centers progressed well. On the downside though, the heavy rains in August affected the learning process because the center yard was over flooded by rain water.

The construction of two skills training centers in Ed daein and Khor Omer were completed and the centers are running smoothly. An additional 28 apprentices joined the training program. There was minimal drop out or absentees reported from the youth centers, attributed to the introduction of one meal (breakfast) at the training center which served as an incentive. The home economics was linked to adult education to enable the trainees learn how to read and write.

Table 1: Number of pupils at Training centers

Location	Type of skills	Gender		
		Boys	Girls	Total
Khor Omer Home Economics	Home economic	0	50	50
Ed Daein Youth Center	Building	19	0	19
Ed Daien Youth Center	Carpentry	21	0	21
Khor Omer	Pre-school education	20	30	50
Total trainees/pupils		60	80	140

Table 2: Number of teachers and trainers at the centers

Name of the Training Center	Gender of Trainers	
	Male	Female
Khor Omer Home Economics	0	1
Ed Daein Youth Center - Carpentry	1	0
Ed Daien Youth Center - Building	1	0
Khor Omer Kindergarden	0	2
Khor Omer Adult education	2	0
Total number of trainers	4	3

2. Education

The construction of six classrooms and rehabilitation of twenty classrooms started in July in Al Daein and Adilla localities reached roofing and painting stage by end of August. Some of the classes in Abukarinka and Al-Mazroub are near completion, with the rest scheduled for completion by September.

Preparation for the September training of 65 volunteer teachers at Al-Mazroub was completed. Six trainers have been contracted to facilitate the 10 day course. 50 additional volunteer teachers at Jad Al Sid are on schedule to be trained after the Al Mazroub training, to reach a total of 115 volunteer teachers in SLA area.

The design of 34 temporary classrooms was obtained from UNICEF, and construction of the same already started.

Learning materials donated by UNICEF were distributed to 10,589 pupils in 30 schools. The materials included text books, exercise books, pens and pencils, geometry equipment, mats, bags, sports materials, school uniforms for girls and black boards. An additional consignment of educational materials from UNICEF was negotiated for north Ed Deain town schools under SLA that will cover a total of 5,000 pupils.

In addition, UMCOR's In-Kind donation of 4,520 education and 4,581 health kits were distributed to IDP children and select host community schools. An additional 500 of the school kits and 50 of the health kits were donated to IDP schools in Khartoum.