

## Progress Report for Church of Ohio May/June 2006

### **1.0 Child protection and Development**

#### **1.1 Achievement**

The Child Protection activities progressed well, with rehabilitation of a youth skills center in Ed Deain for boys and a girls' training center in Khor Omer camp being completed. UMCOR has entered into formal partnership with UNICEF to compliment this program's activities. In May, UNICEF provided learning materials in the form of text books and other school materials, including girls' uniforms. Plans are underway to provide frames for the construction of temporary classrooms.

#### **Life skills**

Focus was put on life skills development as schools were in recess and not much activity could take place in the formal education sector.

At the youth skills centers, boys (50) will take carpentry, shoe making and training in construction while girls (50) will focus on food processing and home economics, especially sewing. The girls' center has an annex for kindergarten that will take 50 children. Skills centers will be extended to rebel areas in Al Mazroub and Abu Karinka.

In May, life skills training for youth started in the youth centre in Ed-Daein.

#### **Education**

The outcome of discussions with UNICEF about possible collaboration was positive and UNICEF provided girls' uniforms and various learning materials for 11,400 pupils.

In addition, UMCOR obtained a container of 5,172 school kits and 4,650 medical kits. These items will greatly compliment the program activities. 500 of the school kits and 50 of the health kits will be donated to IDP schools in Khartoum.

Construction of two classrooms in El Ferdous was started and local materials (bricks, sand etc) for construction of two classrooms in Adilla and Al Gora were received at the sites. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of June 2006.

#### **1.2 Plan for the next 2 months**

- i) After school recess (March-June), distribute school materials to 11,500 children
- ii) Start school rehabilitations
- iii) Finalize plans for UNICEF's temporary school in-kind support worth \$70,000.00 in form of metal frames.
- iv) Conduct teachers' training for another group of 20 untrained teachers

## **2.0 Agriculture**

### **2.1 Achievements**

a) UMCOR Identified additional locations for the agriculture program especially in rebel-held territories.

b) Secured seeds and tools for 3,000 farmers from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) at a value of approximately \$105,000.00. The tools included donkey ploughs.

c) Secured a pasture development project from FAO for the rebel territories valued at \$40,000 in cash and \$ 14,000 in-kind for pasture seeds. This project will cover 4,500 hectares of land. Trained pasture committees and seed broadcasters

During this period, farmers' main activities concentrated on ground nut shelling and farm clearance, as the rainy season was due to start. The field plans were formulated according to the prevailing weather conditions.

FAO seeds & tools, to compliment the Church of Ohio 2005 Agriculture project were received and transported from Nyala by train. The items included the following:

- 30 MTs of improved ground nuts (sodary)
- 1,500 donkey ploughs.
- 9 MTs of improved sorghum seeds (Tabat).
- 1,500 packets of okra seeds.
- 3,000 packets of water melon seeds (crimson)
- 3,000 weeders.
- 3,000 hoes.

\*\*\*780 packets of okra seeds will be received in June and added to the above quantities.

UMCOR's hand tools 2005 balance was added to the FAO tools and included:

- Mucmuc 1,090 pieces.
- Rakes 1,060 pcs.
- Axes 1,288 pcs

The seeds and tools were dispatched to the locations in May. UMCOR will target the following beneficiaries; host community and Dinka IDPs in Ed-daein & Adilla localities; the 2005 beneficiaries who will receive the refunded UMCOR ground nuts in addition to FAO tools and other seeds except groundnuts.

UMCOR collected 2005 seeds from about 1,350 farmers: 80 % from the host community and 4 % from the IDPs. UMCOR re-distributed the groundnuts that were repaid from the 2005 distribution. They were re-distributed within the community in the same areas as last year in order to maximize the benefit.

Ration per HHs for different items were:

- 1 sack of 20 kilos groundnut
- 3kilos of sorghum
- 1 bucket of 50gms water melon
- ½ bucket of okra, one plough for 2HHs.

**Table1. Distribution table for FAO seeds (3,000 HHs), and UMCOR groundnuts for 1,263 HHs.**

Area	IDPs					Host Community				
	H.H.	FAO g.nut	sorgh	okra	w.mel.	H.H.	FAO g.nut	Sorgh	Okra	w.melon
Kediek	0	0	0	0	0	130	1300	390	13000	6500
Al Reyadh	0	0	0	0	0	200	2000	600	20000	10000
Ferdous	0	0	0	0	0	200	2000	600	20000	10000
A/Matarig	0	0	0	0	0	200	2000	600	20000	10000
A/Jabra	60	600	180	6000	3000	300	3000	900	30000	15000
Al Sigate	170	1700	510	17000	8500	0	0	0	0	0
A/Karinka	80	800	240	8000	4000	200	2000	600	20000	10000
Al Mazrob	80	800	240	8000	4000	400	4000	1200	40000	20000
Jadelssed	80	800	240	8000	4000	400	4000	1200	40000	20000
Adila cam	0	0	0	0	0	200	2000	600	20000	10000
Al Gora	0	0	0	0	0	150	1500	450	15000	7500
Sharif	0	0	0	0	0	150	1500	450	15000	7500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>4700</b>	<b>1410</b>	<b>47000</b>	<b>23500</b>	<b>2530</b>	<b>25300</b>	<b>7590</b>	<b>253000</b>	<b>126500</b>

*NB: Quantities are in kgs  
HH means Households*

## **2.2 Plan for the next 2 months**

- i) Distribute seeds and tools to 4,350 farmers. Majority are host community
- ii) Broadcast pasture seeds over 4,500 hectares of land around boreholes in Al Mazroub, Jad Elsid and Abu Karinka.
- iii) Monitor farmer's activities
- iv) Finalize plans with WFP to distribute Food for Agriculture to protect the distributed seeds from being consumed during the 'hunger' period.