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EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

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Program Status Report**

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Introduction

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) continued to provide child protection and development services to children impacted by the war in Al Daein and Adilla localities, South Darfur. Specifically, the program targeted school age and pre-school age children, children with special needs, and young adults who had dropped out of school. Through provision of increased access to education opportunities, UMCOR ensured that children were safe and secure from exploitation, abuse, discrimination and dispossession. In addition, UMCOR continued to provide life skills training and support to vulnerable groups, activities that promoted the future wellbeing of the child and his/her ability to function effectively in the community.

The program was able to access most of the field sites and monitor its activities after the prolonged suspension of activities in some villages due to insecurity. UMCOR shall continue to commit itself in supporting the vulnerable children, families with parents suffering from chronic ailments, female headed households (FHHs), and the disabled who are unable to work or earn income and especially those without extended family support.

Security Situation

A semblance of calmness prevailed in Al daein and Adilla localities this reporting period despite the increase in vehicle hijackings that continued within Ed Daein town and areas around North Al Deain. Inter-tribal fighting continued in Northern areas of Al Daein until the beginning of June when fighting reduced probably because many people moved to their farms and were kept busy preparing for the planting season. The international agencies based in Ed Daein town executed a second high profile

mission to the Haskanita locality. The mission's aim was to access and determine means for reopening the Haskanita area for humanitarian activities. The signing of the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) in Abuja in May 2006 between the main SLA factions and the GoS which was aimed at bringing peace in the region has not achieved the desired outcome of fusing hostilities as rebel factions continued to operate as independent units.

Program Performance during the reporting period

Strategic objective #1: Provide humanitarian support to meet special needs of 2,000 most vulnerable children and their families

Expected Results:

Annually, about 400 children receiving special attention, their needs monitored and met.

UMCOR conducted a needs-assessment in the current reporting quarter and identified 290 children with special needs that were admitted to the program. The support includes provision of clothing, blankets, NFI materials and education materials. These materials are to be procured in the next quarter. The identified children are tabulated in the table below

Table1: Achievement against annual targets for Objective #1

Project Activity	Planned 5yr target	Annual target	Achievement		
			2006 Achievement	April – June 07 Achievement	Cumulative achievement to-date
Children receiving special attention	2,000	400	270	420	270

Strategic Objective #2: provide basic education opportunities to 6,000 children over a period of five years.

Expected results:

1,200 children are able to attend school per annum in a safe environment

This component of the program is in its 2nd year of the stabilization phase. This phase, scheduled to give way to the expansion phase next year, focuses on stabilizing schooling in the project area by ensuring that temporary schools are constructed, some permanent schools are rehabilitated, school feeding is reinitiated, training volunteer teachers and paying incentives to them in IDP camps and SLA areas are established, and learning materials from UNICEF are distributed.

The 2007 intake in the UMCOR supported schools stood at 5,553, bringing to 11,000 (>200%) the total cumulative intake since 2006. The increased number of enrolment was attributed to high demand for education as a result of improvement of school structures and expected supply of education materials to pupils.

i) School Feeding: UMCOR submitted a proposal to WFP for a pilot school feeding program in 12 schools. If approved, the feeding will benefit 4,100 children, and is intended to encourage pupil retention. The initiative was a pilot project that would be replicated in the remaining basic schools not targeted in the current proposal.

ii) *Infrastructure and Supplies*: UMCOR put in place preparatory plans to construct permanent classes at Adilla mixed school in Adilla town, Jadelsid girls, Abujabra girls, and Abumatriq girls. Construction was set to commence in the next reporting period. UMCOR also continued with the construction of 4 permanent classes at Abumatariq boys and Abujabra boys. The constructions reached the roofing stage and were scheduled for completion in the next quarter.

There were delays in starting the construction of temporary classrooms and rehabilitation of permanent classrooms this reporting period due to unavailability of construction materials at Ed Daein level. However, all preparatory activities took place and materials were expected by the month of July – when construction and rehabilitation work will commence.

UMCOR distributed education materials to 11 schools in Al Daein, comprising exercise books, pens, pencils, and school bags. Schools in Adilla locality will be accessed when security allows in the next quarter.

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Table 2: Achievement against 2007 targets for Objective # 2

Project Activity	Planned 5yr target	2006 Achievement	2007 target	April-June target	Cumulative achievement to-date
Establish/train Parent-Teacher Council (PTC) in IDP schools	25	30	7	0	30
Establish network and partnership with WFP, UNICEF and Dept of Education (DoE)	3	2	1	1	3 - Partnerships established with the DoE, UNICEF, and WFP
Construction of permanent classrooms (2 classrooms/block)	31	4	4	0	4
Construction of temporary classrooms	60	57	7	0	57
Rehabilitation of permanent classrooms	95	16	16	0	16
Training of Volunteer IDP teachers	-	194	0	0	194
School coverage (with kits, teacher training, etc)	30	50	30	1	51
Provision of education materials to pupils	6,000	4,500	1,200	Not yet started	4,500

iii) *Improve the capacity of IDP teachers*

No trainings were scheduled for this reporting period. The training of 200 teachers that was scheduled to take place this reporting period was overtaken by events since the training was done by the MoE through a UNICEF funding. It appeared that there was no proper coordination because the 194 teachers trained by UMCOR in 2006 were also included in this training, duplicating efforts. Hence, UMCOR suspended the trainings until a proper structure is developed for further trainings.

Strategic Objective # 3: provide 250 children between the ages of 15 and 18 with life-skills by end of program.

Expected Results:

50 young adults per year will gain skills in shoe making, blacksmithing, carpentry and joinery along with other training skills. Additional courses will be provided to female participants in baking, food preservation/drying, stove-making, oil pressing, soap making and tailoring.

The first graduation of 48 trainees took place in May. UMCOR enrolled new trainees for the 2007 training. A total of 50 youth girls were enrolled in Adilla during the reporting period. The girls shall train in embroidery, tailoring and food technology. In the coming quarter, UMCOR will enroll more trainees in Khor Omer and Ed Daein youth centers for the same training. Plans were underway to introduce electrical wiring for boys' training. 50 girls were admitted for Adult education classes at the Adilla youth training center.

Table3: Achievement against annual targets for Objective #3.

Project Activity	Planned 5yr target	2006 Achievement	Planned 2007 target	April-June target	Cumulative achievement to-date
Establish skills training centers	2	3	0	0	3
Enroll youth for life skills training	250	98	150	50	148

The tables below show the breakdown of the youth training centers:

Table3 a - Ed Daein youth center for boys

Activity	Enrolment 2006	Graduated	Enrolment 2007	Cumulative # of students enrolled to-date
Carpentry	26	11	30	56
Shoe making	Not yet started	0	0	0
Building (masonry)	24	22	20	44
Electric installations	Not yet started	0	0	0
Total	50	33	50	100

Table3 b - Khor Omer and Adilla skills center for girls

Activity	Enrolment 2006	Graduated	Enrolment 2007	Cumulative # of students enrolled to-date
Sewing/knitting	100	65	100	200
Food processing	100	65	100	200
Adult literacy classes	100	65	100	200
Total	100	65	100	200

The same group of girls attends the sewing/knitting, food processing and adult literacy classes

Strategic Objective # 4: Protect and promote child identity and creativity

Expected Results:

Within the first year, about 300 children in existing 3 pre-schools will be supported. In subsequent years, 400 children will benefit from pre-school activities. All schools are able to participate in competitions related to cultural events.

UMCOR continued to implement activities that protect children from abuse and harmful practices and promote peaceful co-existence of all Darfurians. Adilla youth center admitted 50 pre-school children in the month of April 07 for pre school learning.

Table 4: Achievement against 2007 annual targets for Objective #4

Project Activity	Planned 5yr target	2006 Achievement	2007 target	April-June Achievement	Cumulative achievement to-date
Establish/support kindergarten (pre-schools)	6	2	2	0	2
Enroll children in kindergarten (pre-schools)	700	150	100	50	200

Table4 a - Enrollment breakdown

Kindergarten (pre-school)	Enrolment 2006	Graduated to Pr. school	Enrolment 2007	Cumulative achievement to-date
Adilla	50	50	100	150
Khor Omer	50	35	50	85
Jad ElSid	50	0	0	0 *not yet started
Total	150	85	150	235

Plans for the next quarter

- Stabilize school feeding program in 12 selected basic schools
- Institute structured activities for identified vulnerable children
- Provide tools to the graduating skill trainees for 48 in Eddeain center (Not done in the current quarter as planned due to difficulties in getting tool kits for graduating students)
- Continue with construction and rehabilitation works at the target schools