

Ginghamsburg Church Child Protection Project Update

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. The program targeted school age and pre-school age children, children with special needs, and young adults who had dropped out of school.

The insecurity in South Darfur, adversely affected UMCOR's designed plans of activities to assist the beneficiaries in the region as UMCOR had to withdraw from Adilla area. Yet, education activities continued in South El Deain as the area remained relatively peaceful. UMCOR also played a major role in coordinating with other agencies in Ed Deain town to formulate a re-entry strategy into Adilla location which was getting calmer but with no clear security updates from the region.

Program Achievements

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

- 120 children were assessed and identified for support which includes clothing, NFI materials and school learning requirements.
- The program is working closely with UMCOR's agriculture sector to distribute in the next quarter hand grain milling machines to the beneficiary's families.

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

- The improved schools structures and the supply of education materials have led to a high demand for education.
- The current enrolment of 5,553 students has surpassed the yearly target of 1,200 students.
- The cumulative enrollment for the five years has also increased to 11,000 children
- For the construction of the new classrooms, three have reached the roofing stage
- Rehabilitation of one permanent classroom has begun.
- 11 schools in El Daein were given supplies. Schools in Adilla were not accessed due to insecurity.

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

- 98 adolescents were enrolled and trained for life skills training surpassing the 50 adolescents targeted.
- 50 ladies in Adilla town successfully graduated in the month of March 2007. This graduation was attended by the commissioner and community leaders of Adilla town.
- The remaining 48 trainees in Ed Deain town have completed the training and will graduate in the next reporting period.
- The training was in sewing, knitting and food processing for girls and carpentry and masonry for boys.

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

- 75 children were enrolled as opposed to the targeted 300 children for the first year.
- The lower figure is a result of inaccessibility to some locations in North Adilla area which were insecure.
- Out of 75 children, 50 are from South Adilla and all managed to do their final examination in the month of February 2007.
- 50 children were in Ed Deain but 25 left the program as a result of moving to other locations with their parents.