

The partnership with the Ginghamburg Church of Tipp City, Ohio enabled UMCOR to reach the war-affected internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host communities of South Darfur in Sudan. The Ginghamburg supported programs in agriculture and child protection has enabled UMCOR to have a positive impact by addressing the vulnerable populations' basic needs.

As is reflected on the attached progress report, even though the agriculture program did not receive funding for FY 2006, the 2005 program activities attracted other donors who have contributed cash and in-kind to assist the old and new beneficiaries. Additionally, the groundnut seeds repaid by farmers from the 2005 harvest have enabled the same farmers and an additional number to have ready seeds for this season. In total, 3,000 families (12,000 individuals) benefited from this year's seeds. The 2005 surplus of agricultural tools also benefited more farmers in this year's land preparation and planting season.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) supported the agriculture program by contributing \$47,000 in cash and \$95,000 worth of in-kind support.

The Child Protection/Education program started on a positive note despite the delay in implementation. UNICEF is contributing additional in-kinds to the program. Additionally, the government is supporting the training of additional teachers in the program areas.

Given the prevailing conditions in which IDPs find themselves, the program has had a positive impact on their lives. The host community, heavily impacted by the effects of the conflict and having to share the scarce resources with the IDPs are equally benefiting through increased access to seeds/tools and education for their children.

UMCOR, through support of the Ginghamburg church, enjoys enormous support from the community and the local government administration. Ginghamburg's funding is proving to the people of Darfur that support can be provided by/to any groups irrespective of regional, social, or religious circumstances. UMCOR's programs, implemented through qualified and dedicated field staff, are highly rated among the most solid programs in Aldaein locality.

This is made possible by the professional and focused leadership of Sashi Chanda and his National counterparts in the field, with support provided from Khartoum head office.