



YOUTH VOLUNTEERS REBUILDING DARFUR

Scaling up innovative approaches for youth employment and environmental sustainability at the local level

Darfur

In cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Finance “Darfur Development Programme”, UNDP, UNV, ILO and Sudanese Universities, this project provides an approach to fill the enormous **business and financial skills capacity gap** among youth and women in Darfur, while at the same time **contributing to the employment of skilled graduates**. It promotes self-employment, small business expansion and market participation for **women and youth**.

The programme is **training and equipping young graduates** to work as trainers and business brokers in communities of vulnerable groups. Additional youth volunteers will serve **45 communities**, providing training in natural resource management, **environmentally sustainable** income generation and green business opportunities for women and youth.



“I’m part of this project because I want to help and develop small projects in my community. Besides, I think we need to defend the environment at the same time. But before any economic development, we need to focus on the peace process. It’s crucial.”

Najwa Adam



“We need to solve many problems in Darfur, and one of the most important is the environment. We need to stop the desertification process that is threatening Darfur and this project is giving us skills. Actually, the conflict in Darfur is over resources and focusing more on environment issues is also a way to find stability and stop the problems between tribes.”

Abdala Adam Abdala



“We are learning how to solve problems and how to apply this knowledge to our communities. In IDP camp, most of us are farmers but we don’t have land currently. We need to find new economic opportunities and this project gives us some tools. Brick production is one of the main options, but people in camps can’t afford to have their own business and they are just laborers. We need micro-finance projects to let us start being entrepreneurs.”

Alajeeb Abdulgabi

The ROK-UNDP MDG Trust Fund has contributed \$17.85 million towards nine country projects and two global projects that seek to improve livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable.

Objectives:



1 Improve the environment for sustainable peace in Sudan through increased respect for rights and human security.

2 Reduce poverty and increase equitable economic growth.

Our Progress:



120 youth volunteers
12 senior

120 youth and 12 senior volunteers trained and deployed in their communities



Volunteers equipped with **150 Laptops, cell phones, solar chargers, internet connections**



"I wish to get new information that will let me build peace and development in my community. We need more education, financial programs for beekeepers and protection plans for farmers. But without peace, there won't be development, and this project is giving us some tools to make it possible. I am sure we'll make changes in our communities after all."

Neimat Abdulajabar Abdala

For more information:
www.undp.org/rofund

Photo credits: UN Photo/Albert Gonzalez Farran

