



Zenab for Women in Development

Annual Report (2014)

Zenab for Women Development (ZWD) is a Sudanese women's rights organization founded in 2000 to empower women through education. Based in Khartoum and has regional office in Gedaref State and has Focal Points at Northern, Gazera, S.Darfur Kassala & Red Sea States, ZWD has Special Consultative Status with the ECOSOC of the United Nations since 2005. Zenab was named after a pioneer woman educator (Mrs. Zenab Mohamad Nour) who dedicated herself for girls education in Eastern-Sudan since 1941, to empower women through education.

Zenab in partnership and in collaboration with national and international donors, has been able to implement the following projects /activities during the year 2014, implemented projects and activities were of high relevance and were implemented with high level of efficiency and effectiveness, implemented projects tackled and improve the situations of Zenab Organization 's target groups in different aspects and support large sector of vulnerable women, girls and youth to improve their situations, uplifting them from poverty, illiteracy and raise their awareness.

Project: Empowerment of Rural Women for Alleviation of poverty in Gadarif State, period: 19/11/2013-18/11/2014, funded by the EU (European Union).

Target Groups:

- Five hundred (500) rural women farmers from 5 villages in Al Gadref State, different localities. The targeted women will be small scale farmers, with average family members of 4-7 persons, who farm for long time to sustain their family needs.
- One hundred (100) community leaders representing grass root and informal administrative structure in the targeted villages.
- Two hundred and fifty (250) Youth groups of (females and males) who are actively involved in social, cultural and agricultural activities in the targeted locations.

One Hundred (100) Local authorities, Department of Agricultural Extension- Ministry of Agriculture Gadaref State and Ministry of Forest- Gadaref State.

Results:

- Provision of agricultural inputs (improved seeds, hand tools) for 500 women farmers and farmers societies.
- Establishing farmers' community cooperative trading centre and equip it with processing machines, equipments, to improve women farmers' income through processing and marketing of farmers products.

- Provision of better Agricultural techniques services, raise women farmers' knowledge on new agricultural practices and conservation agriculture. New agricultural techniques have been adopted by small- scale holders such as adopting crops rotation, diversification of crops, water harvest techniques.
- Conduct organizational management trading workshops to raise women farmers aware and knowledge to manage cooperative societies.
- Preparation and execution of awareness raising sessions on women rights, environment, in the targeted locations.
- Establishment of a central Nursery to enhance environment protection.
- Support women farmers in Agricultural operations (preparations of land, cleaning and leveling).

Activity : Support families in area affected by flood during 2013 - in Kirrayab –Sharg Aneil Locality in Khartoum State:

Jan-Feb.2014

Funded by Sudanese Expats (Zenab launch the initiative to provide shelters for families whose houses totally or partially collapsed due to heavy floods swept the area which is half an hour travel from center of Khartoum.)

Achievements:

Construction of 20 rooms in Kirrayab area in Sharg An-neil Locality for the most needy affected families.

Provision of blankets and clothes for families in affected area.

Project: Strengthening Access to Justice and Confidence Building in Gadarif State: improve the lives of women in prisons:

Period: Jun. 2014– Feb.2015 : Funded by UNDP Rule of Law/Finnish Embassy in Cairo.

Key achievements:

- Install/fix water supply net in women prisons in 3 States (Gadarif- Kasala and Red Sea State).
- Provision of food assistance to prisoners.
- Conduct vocational trainings for women prisoners.
- Provide prisons with medical and psychological services.
- Provide prisoners with legal aid services.
- Improve prisons environment: rehabilitations works.: toilets :wards.

Project : support Gadarif Women Cooperative Centre:

Period : **9 months April- Dec.2014.**

Funded by SWISS Development Agency (SDC).

Achievements:

- Conduct organizational management training sessions, to enhance the institutional capacities of women in targeted areas ,awareness raising sessions were implemented to upgrade women farmers' management skills and broaden their understanding on managing cooperative societies.
- Provision of better Agricultural techniques services, awareness raising training sessions were implemented in five selected villages organized to inform and learn farmers about new agricultural techniques and method of conservation agriculture.
- Equipping the community cooperative trading centre with small process machines such as grinder , chopper and squeezer to convert women farmers' agricultural products into consumable food items; and install electric line power to operate the machines and equipments fixed in the co-operative centre.

Unicef funded project : Nutrition project:

Period: Sept. 2014 to Feb. 2015.

Achievements:

- sensitization of communities in two localities in Gedarif State on child nutrition.
- Training of 10 staff from the two localities Basunda and Guresha was conducted at the Minister of Health in Gadaref city for two days , five people from each locality including the two focal points (MOH ,Nutrition officers) ,two program officers one from each locality Representing Zenab for women development organization(ZWD)
- Conduct continuous joint supervision with MoH and provide technical support to all areas of operation.
- Conduct community out-reach training for 200 volunteers and regular bi-monthly refresher trainings in coordination with EPI, IMCI and WASH
- Train 200 mothers & 100 midwives on IYCF, integrated micronutrient supplementation and MUAC screening
- Formation of 20 breastfeeding support groups followed by delivering 300 orientation sessions on IYCF, integrated micronutrient supplementation and MUAC screening to P/L mothers

Project: Empowering women farmers in AL-Gadaref State - East Sudan to alleviate poverty.

Funded by :OFID.

Period: Jun.2014-Jun.2015:

- Provision of farmers with inputs to increase women farmers' production of their staple food and some cash crops to increase their income, to alleviate poverty and reduce hunger and mal nutrition of children.
- Enhance women farmers 'knowledge on new agricultural methods: introduce new cash crops such as sunflowers, cotton, adopt crops rotation, prepare land in a way to conserve rain water.- Fertilizer use and better way of cleaning parasite weeds like puda which infect the sorghum in large areas .
- Build famers capacities their capacity to have functioning cooperatives ,learn ways to cope with climate change, environment conservation, reforestation, this also through

establishing the women capacity building, leadership and environmental education Center.

Project: Fighting HIV/AIDS among MRP:

Funded by UNFPA

Achievements: