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AutRC project area:
Kordofan, Unity State

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	Sudan	Austria
Area in km ²	2,505,805	83,871
Population (millions)	40,4	8.3
Rural population in %	57	33
UNDP Human Development Index	150	14
Society		
Languages	Arabic (70%), English in the south of the country plus over 140 tribal languages	German Regional languages: Slovenian, Croatian
Religions	65% Muslim, 25% Animist, 10% Christian	73.6% Catholic, 4.7% Protestant, 4.2% Muslim, 2.2% Orthodox, 0.1% Jew, 12% without religious denomination
Health		
Life expectancy	57,9	79,9
Doctors per 10,000 inhabitants	3	37
Infant mortality per 1,000 babies	82,4	4
Child malnutrition (< 5 years) in %	38.4	0
Adults with HIV/AIDS in %	14	0.2
Access to safe drinking water in %	57	100
Access to sanitary facilities in %	34	100
Education		
Literacy rates in %	61,1	~ 100
Economy		
Main export products	Oil and petroleum products, cotton, sesame, cattle, peanuts, gum arabic, sugar	Machines, automotive industry, paper, metal, iron, chemicals, textiles
GNP/capita/year in USD	2,086	37370
% of the population living on < 1,25 USD/day	no data	0
Unemployment in %	18,7	3.9
Inflation in %	14.3	3.2

Sources: UNDP United Nations Development Report 2009, German Federal Foreign Office, www.cia.gov, www.who.int



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Except for an interlude of peace lasting 11 years (1972-83), Sudan, Africa's largest country, was in a state of civil war since independence from Great Britain in 1956 until the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in 2005. The 2nd civil war (1983-2005) claimed an estimated two million lives and caused the displacement of another four million. If a return to violence is to be prevented after the referendum which is forecast to result in secession of the south, crucial issues (sharing of assets and liabilities, dividing oil and Nile water resources, citizenship rights,...) have to be resolved.

The Austrian Red Cross (AutRC) has been working in various projects in Sudan since 2004 and is thus contributing to reach the Millennium Development Goals 1, 4, 5 and 7 (improvement of extreme poverty, health and clean water).



Drinking water, hygiene, vegetable gardens

South Kordofan State is covering an area of about 130.000 sq km and has a population of 2 million persons, out of which 10% are nomads and 14,1% returnees. Area climate changed rapidly during the few last years due to subsequent droughts leading to increased vulnerability of communities. The AutRC, together with the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) addresses growing vulnerability by distributing seeds and agricultural tools to 2,000 households,

promoting the creation of vegetable gardens through the provision of expertise as well as the construction of 21 wells / mini water yards which are either equipped with hand pumps or solar powered systems.

Further activities involve hygiene education and training of water committees regarding the maintenance of wells (incl. fencing) - an approach which contributes to the improvement of general health conditions in the project area. All these initiatives strengthen the socio-economic reintegration of returnees, promoting thus stability and peace in a war-ravaged region.

Project duration 2007-2011

Cost € 1,624,000

This project is co-financed by the European Union



Disaster Preparedness

Against a background of recurrent disasters the AutRC defined disaster preparedness as focus of its involvement in Sudan. Through an ECHO funded WatSan DP in 2009, AutRC had prepositioned "Water and Sanitation Disaster Response Kits" in four branches of the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS).

Those kits are designed to provide a minimum of 15 litres of potable water per person per day for 2000, 5000, or 10,000 persons, respectively comprise material for water quality tests.

In order to effectively put this equipment in use in disasters, the ongoing project focuses on trainings for SRCS staff and volunteers, the definition of procedures for deployment, regular contingency planning, needs assessment and strengthening of coordination with the WASH cluster.

This project reaches out to a target population of 17,180 persons.

Project duration 2010-2011

Cost € 508,000

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Humanitarian Aid

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