World Vision's initiatives in Sudan have helped to strengthen communities and serve more than 1.5 million people in South Darfur, Blue Nile, and Khartoum states through emergency support and rehabilitation approaches. Our approach focuses on food security and livelihoods, food assistance, water and sanitation, health and nutrition, care for children, gender development, education, as well as agriculture and natural resources management. The South Darfur programme is World Vision Sudan’s largest focus accounting for 80 percent of the total annual budget.

**PRIORITY ISSUES**

**HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

World Vision works to improve the health of pregnant and lactating women and their infants, reduce child mortality and malnutrition, and enable household-level management of childhood illnesses. We promote maternal and child healthcare practices at the household and institutional levels, and provide nutritional support at the community level.

**WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE**

We bring safe drinking water to communities, promote the use of latrines for improved sanitation and raise awareness among communities regarding good personal hygiene practices.

**FAST FACTS**

- **Stunting:** 38.2% (Multi Indicator Cluster Survey 2014)
- **Under -5 mortality rate:** 68 per 1,000 live births (Multi Indicator Cluster Survey 2014)
- **Use of improved drinking water sources:** 50% (WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme 2012)
**CHILD CARE**

World Vision works to ensure children live in an environment where they are cared for and loved. Our programmes aim to prevent and respond to abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence against children and youth, ensuring they are nurtured and live in a safe environment. We provide child-friendly spaces in camps where children play and participate in storytelling, dancing and learning activities. Child rights awareness campaigns are another way we help communities build a safe environment for children.

**EDUCATION**

World Vision’s education interventions are geared towards helping boys and girls attain reading, writing and numeracy skills and complete basic education. To improve access to quality education for all children, World Vision promotes child-friendly learning by enhancing learning environments through improving infrastructure in schools. We support training of teachers in emergency education and provide psychosocial support to children. We also train parent-teacher associations to enhance the whole education support system. We believe through supporting the government to strengthen its national education capacity contributes to creating a more positive educational experience.

**IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF COMMUNITIES**

Through partnering with the government and other organisations, World Vision Sudan helps families and their communities engage in sustainable agricultural production in South Darfur and Blue Nile states. We also address natural resource management issues such as desertification, land degradation, loss of biological diversity and deforestation.

**FAST FACTS**

- Life expectancy: 60.2 (Sudan Human Development Report 2012)
- GDP per capita: USD 1276 (Human Development Report 2012)

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World Vision rehabilitates pre-schools in Khartoum State ©World Vision

A Child listens closely to a lesson at a Child Friendly Space in Dereig IDP camp ©World Vision