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PROJECT: Engendering the Peace Process in Darfur, Sudan

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DONORS: DFID, Government of Norway

PARTNERS: AU, AWDF, GIMAC, Realizing Rights, UNECA

DESCRIPTION

The project is divided into two phases: the first phase was from January- July 2008. It was funded by DFID – UK Department for International Development for an amount of 356 169 £. The second phase started in July 2008 for 2 years and a half. It is funded by DFID together with Norway. The budget is £ 1.864.342, 00.

The Sudanese Women's Forum is part of this larger project that aims to engender the peace process in Darfur by building the capacity of Sudanese women to mobilize various actors and engage in advocacy activities, to consolidate the peace agenda on Darfur through a consultative process and to facilitate the participation of the Sudanese women in peace negotiations.

The main purpose of the project is to support the Sudanese Women's Forum on Darfur (SWOFOD) to implement the Sudanese Women's Plan of Action for the timeframe of the project (two-years). The specific objectives are to mainstream gender at the negotiation for peace table by bringing Sudanese women on board; strengthen the consensus among Sudanese women for a common agenda for peace; provide the space for Sudanese women to articulate this common agenda and the strategies needed to implement it; prepare women for the inclusion of their agenda to the peace table and build support for this agenda among the wider Africa and international communities.

RESULTS

After two days of discussions in the first African Women's Consultations on Darfur in January 2008, the Sudanese women agreed on a Declaration on Darfur, a Plan of Action for Peace and a set of recommendations. An Interim Steering Committee was established to coordinate the process, including representatives from West, North, South Darfur, southern Sudan, Khartoum, the Diaspora and from the Gender is My Agenda Campaign Network. It was also decided to establish a Sudanese Women Forum on Darfur.

The Second African Women's Consultative Forum on Darfur (SWOFOD) adopted a Constitution of the Forum, elected their Governing Board and produced a 2nd Declaration on Darfur for advocacy. A Plan of Action that includes capacity building, especially for women from the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camps and advocacy towards peace in Darfur were additional outcomes of the Forum.

ACTIVITIES RELATED

Following a fact-finding mission to Eastern Chad in September 2007, the first activity of the programme consisted of a mission to Sudan to map women's organizations and initiatives. The goal of the fact-finding mission was to collect first-hand testimonies of the situation in Chad and Sudan, as well as of the suffering and impact the conflict has had on the population, particularly on women and children. The second activity was the first African Women's Consultation on Darfur that took place from 24-25 January 2008 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The aim of the Consultation was to share peace-building experiences between African and Sudanese women so that African women would take ownership of the conflict in Sudan. The objective of this discussion was to eventually lead to the development of a Women's Plan of Action for Peace and an advocacy strategy to support it. The third activity was the 2nd meeting of SWOFOD that took place from 5-7 January 2009 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (for aim and objectives, see the paragraph under description).