

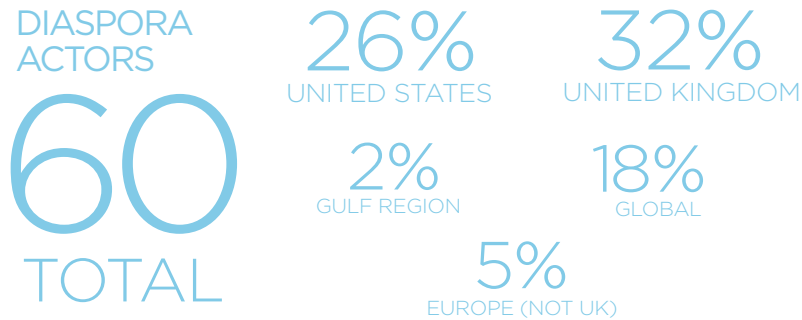
# SUDAN

## July- September 2023

The sudden conflict in Sudan since April 15th has triggered a severe humanitarian crisis, especially in Khartoum and Darfur, and disrupted international aid. Support networks, led by local organizations and diaspora groups, swiftly addressed urgent needs.

With a global diaspora of 4.5 million, the Sudanese diaspora initially supported evacuations, fundraising efforts, advocacy, and are now assisting refugees in neighbouring countries with education and employment programs. Newly formed informal networks enabled rapid responses, and as the conflict persists, diaspora groups are increasingly coordinating and forging partnerships with local organizations to tackle Sudan's ongoing crisis.

### Diaspora Organizations Mapped



**Safe Passages Initiative – Sudan**  
– A diaspora-supported group in Sudan developed the Amen mobile application in the early days of the conflict, which uses crowdsourced data to provide information in real-time on secure transport routes and access to nearby hospitals. The initiative has gained + 400 volunteers and has raised + \$20,000 since April.

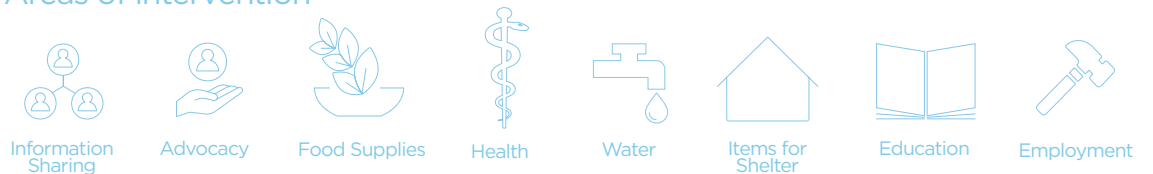
**HomeTax Sudan** – A charity organization led by diaspora in Australia raised + \$97,000 in donations from April-June, spending approx. \$90,000 on delivery of material assistance (food, water, shelter, and medication) inside Sudan. They have collaborated with local partners Hanabneiho and Cairo/Sudan Aid.

**Project ECHO** – A project housed out of the University of Nebraska Medical Center and partnering with local organizations and other DOs, such as the Sudanese American Physicians Association (SAPA), that has provided telemedicine support since the start of the war. Physicians conducted 20-30 telehealth sessions/day and SAPA has raised approx.

**Ensaniya** - Ensaniya's Sudan Crisis Hub was established soon after the outbreak of conflict with the aim of creating a network of diaspora and other actors to improve coordination. It serves as a hub with six thematic task forces to support collaboration among diaspora groups, international actors, government agencies and the private sector.

**Darfur Union UK** - The Darfur Union has coordinated a number of aid delivery efforts such as amassing funds collected by diaspora medical professionals in the US, UK, and the Gulf to deliver to local pharmacies across Darfur. The organization has even supported UN agencies by providing information on safe routes for the delivery of aid from Chad into Darfur.

### Areas of intervention



### Strengths of Diaspora Engagement

- **Logistical Expertise:** With deep understanding and innovative approaches, diaspora networks swiftly address issues like fund transfers and securing supplies, surpassing international organizations.
- **Volunteer Mobilization:** Diaspora networks are agile due to extensive volunteer networks in Sudan. They utilize volunteers for transportation, aid distribution, and cash transfers.

- **Local Connections:** Many diaspora members maintain strong ties and communication channels with locals, enabling a better understanding of ground-level needs and identifying suitable partners for aid initiatives.
- **Technical Advantage:** Sudanese diaspora, with expertise in healthcare, legal services, and political advocacy, are well-equipped to implement vital humanitarian programs.

SUDANESE DIASPORA PLAYED A LARGE ROLE IN SHARING INFORMATION, **RESOURCES, AND MATERIAL AID**

FOCUS ON **HEALTH** DUE TO DIASPORAS PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

**USD 566,000** HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE SUDANESE DIASPORA (\*ONLY PUBLICLY RECORDED FUNDS)

MANY DIASPORA ACTORS MANAGED TO CONDUCT **NEEDS ASSESSMENT** & POST-DISTRIBUTION MONITORING