

## Healthy livestock for thousands of internally displaced households in central Darfur, Sudan.

In Central Darfur, more than 15 years of protracted crisis has forced thousands of people away from their homes. Young Internally Displaced People have had to find new ways to continue their education and to sustain themselves while living in displacement. With support from the European Commission of Humanitarian Office (ECHO), the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is helping to build livelihoods for vulnerable youth and improve their food security.

In 2004, Yusif was forced to flee his village and eventually found safety in Zalingei, the regional Capital in Central Darfur. In the following years, he managed to finish his education and succeeded to join DRC's vocational training scheme in 2018. Through this programme, Yusif received training on livestock and food security and, building on his knowledge, he finally managed to step into the role of Community Animal Health Worker. Along with the training, DRC provided Yusif with a start-up kit, including a treatment kit, medicine and equipment.

Through DRC's programme, Yusif also received funds to maintain healthy livestock through vaccination campaigns and promotion of better hygiene practices and, already now, his work has benefitted around 10,000 households.

**"DRC taught me to be a community animal health worker. I treat donkeys, goats and sheep every day. Thousands of households in the area rely on me."**

Thanks to his work, families are less likely to transmit diseases contracted from livestock. For Yusif himself, the income he gains from households that can afford to pay him, allows him to send his children to school and to buy medicine and other essentials. At the same time, he also provides free assistance to households which cannot afford to pay for his services.

In the coming years, while continuing his work, Yusif aspires to pass on his vocation and train young university graduates to also become Community Animal Health Workers.

**"One day, I want to start my business. I'd like to train recent graduates in veterinary skills so we can support more people."**

