

Sudan



SHIFTING FROM DIRECT NUTRITION SERVICE PROVISION BY CONCERN SUDAN TO GOVERNMENT LEAD DELIVERY THROUGH EMPOWERMENT

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With support from **Irish Aid**, Concern Worldwide has installed 13 hand washing stations in 13 Health Facilities in West Darfur

Concern Worldwide West Darfur Programme Area



Concern Sudan is implementing a Health and Nutrition programme with Ministry of Health in 4 localities in West Darfur: El Geneina, Kerenik, Jebel Moon and Kulbus, supported by Irish Aid & UNICEF

Background Information - Sudan

- Sudan, officially the Republic of the Sudan, is a country in **North-East Africa**.
- It is bordered by Egypt to the north, Libya to the northwest, Chad to the west, the Central African Republic to the southwest, South Sudan to the south, Ethiopia to the southeast, Eritrea to the east, and the Red Sea to the northeast.
- Sudan 2020 population is estimated at **44 million people** at mid year according to UN data.
- In 2018, *life expectancy at birth for women in Sudan was about 67 years, while life expectancy at birth for men was about 63 years on average.*

From Direct Nutrition Service provision by Concern Sudan to Government lead Delivery through Empowerment

The Issues

- Concern has been providing *direct* nutrition services for management of malnutrition in Sudan since 2004.
- The nutrition programme in West Darfur and across the country *was not fully integrated* as part of the Ministry of Health (MoH) Primary Health Care package mainly provided by humanitarian partners.
- Implementation was hampered by lack of qualified and trained staffs and *lack of ownership* of the government for nutrition services more focusing on health service delivery.

Concern Nutrition staff observing basic protection & taking MUAC at a Concern Nutrition facility in West Darfur in 2020



Description of the Response

- Concern Sudan team has been working closely with West Darfur MoH *to ensure nutrition is incorporated as part of the primary health care package* led and owned by MoH.
- Consultative meetings between Concern and MoH have ensured a transition plan to handover nutrition services to the MoH staffs in health facilities. MoH at state level has demonstrated commitment by nominating staffs to provide *all essential nutrition services for treatment of malnutrition*.
- Concern has supported support capacity development and organised training for selected staffs on community management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) through the support of **Irish Aid** and **UNICEF**.
- Now **all 29 health facilities** are providing integrated health and nutrition services by MoH and the Concern Sudan team is *providing technical support* to maintain service quality in line with MoH and Sphere standards.

Attending to a CMAM patient/child & Implementing COVID-19 related education in West Darfur in 2020



Lessons Learnt & Next Steps

Lessons Learnt

- By providing supportive supervision, on the job training and provision of essential supplies, *quality standards* can be maintained.
- Since January 2022 up to August a total of 8772 children with acute malnutrition have been treated through service provision of MoH staffs.

Next Steps

- Concern Sudan team will take the approach and lessons learned to *advocate* and *scale up integrated health and nutrition service delivery* in South and West Kordofan states where Concern Sudan is operational and focus greater attention on the quality of service delivery.

Thank You / Shukran - شكراً for your attention

Any Questions?