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With every passing month, our commitment to Sudan's future grows stronger.

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Dear readers, friends, and partners,

By shining a light on these verified incidents of civilian harm, we continue to demand accountability, mobilize life-saving aid, and fight for a future where the people of Sudan can finally know peace.

As we compile the updates for February's **ERD Organization** newsletter, we want to first acknowledge the immense emotional toll this crisis continues to take on all of us.

February has brought agonizing challenges to our communities – from the heartbreaking displacement following the recent drone strikes in **Kurmuk, Blue Nile State,** to the unrelenting violence across **Kordofan** and **Darfur** – and it is never easy to confront these realities day after day.

Yet, your unwavering commitment to bearing witness, speaking the truth, and standing by our people in their darkest hours is profoundly valued. The reports that follow are difficult to read, but they are essential.

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AU Peace & Security Council Engagement

ADDIS ABABA • 9–12 FEBRUARY 2026



ERD Organization, as part of a joint advocacy delegation, participated in high-level sideline meetings alongside the **African Union Peace and Security Council** sessions. These strategic engagements aimed to amplify Sudanese civil society voices and contribute to peacebuilding and humanitarian dialogue.

Key meetings included:

- Quintet representatives **(AU, IGAD, UN, EU, League of Arab States)**
- **British Embassy** to Sudan
- **Embassy of Canada** to Sudan
- **Embassy of Norway**
- **Embassy of Ireland**

KEY ADVOCACY THEMES

Inclusive Peace

The delegation stressed that sustainable peace requires moving beyond symbolic representation toward concrete decision-making roles for women from conflict-affected, indigenous, and marginalized communities.

Humanitarian Access

ERD Organization highlighted dire humanitarian conditions in Sudan, including large-scale displacement, shrinking humanitarian space, protection risks, and the collapse of essential services.

Sustained Advocacy

ERD Organization called for strengthened diplomatic engagement, coordinated international support, and sustained advocacy to protect civilians, ensure humanitarian access, and promote inclusive political dialogue.









New Partnership with IOM



264

HOUSEHOLDS REACHED

1,320

INDIVIDUALS SERVED

Through the **Rapid Response Fund (RRF)** – funded by **USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance** – **ERD** is launching an immediate intervention to support families displaced by recent conflict in the **Al-Abbasiya locality.**

ERD will procure and distribute **Non-Food Item (NFI) Kits** to **264** of the most vulnerable households, focusing on women, children, and the elderly. Field teams are already conducting beneficiary verification with local authorities to ensure resources reach those who need them most.

We extend our sincere thanks to IOM for trusting ERD to deliver this vital assistance. Together, we are restoring dignity and hope to our community.

NRC Partnership to Support IDPs in South Kordofan State

MARCH 1 – APRIL 30, 2026



We are pleased to announce a new partnership between the **Environment and Rural Women's Development Organization (ERD)** and the **Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)** to support vulnerable households and internally displaced persons **(IDPs)** in **South Kordofan State.**

Through this partnership, **ERD** will support the implementation of cash assistance interventions, enabling crisis-affected families to meet their most urgent needs with dignity while strengthening community resilience and local recovery efforts.

This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to delivering people-centred humanitarian assistance and improving protection outcomes for conflict-affected communities.

50 Food Baskets Distributed in West Kordofan

15 FEBRUARY 2026 • AL-MUJLAD



Together with the **Norwegian People's Aid (NPA),** the **ERD Organization field team** successfully delivered **50 food baskets** to **50 IDP households,** ultimately reaching **150 beneficiaries.** The people of **Al-Mujlad** and **ERD Organization** are grateful for the funding that made it possible.

73%

FEMALE-LED HOUSEHOLDS

27%

MALE-LED HOUSEHOLDS





CRISIS REPORT

Blue Nile State: A New Front Opens

Throughout **February 2026,** the **RSF,** operating with the **SPLM-N faction** led by **Joseph Touka,** opened a new front in the **Blue Nile region.** They launched intense drone strikes targeting civilian infrastructure in the **Kurmuk governorate.**

Strikes hit residential neighborhoods, a local grain mill, the **Kurmuk power station,** and a girls' primary school in **Geissan.** By late **February,** SAF evacuated hundreds from **Kurmuk to Al-Damazin,** 150km over rough terrain.

1,900
DISPLACED TO AL-DAMAZIN

1,500
TRAPPED IN KURMUK

300
CRITICAL HEALTH CONDITION

Displaced families arriving in **Al-Damazin** face a severe lack of food, healthcare, and basic shelter, forcing many to build makeshift huts from local materials just to survive.





Situation Report

FEBRUARY 2026



A drone downed by SAF in El-Obeid, Jan 30, 2026

~600 civilians killed or injured by drone strikes and blockades since the start of 2026

Kordofan Region

Both **North** and **South Kordofan** became central flashpoints in **February.** The **UN** verified a severe escalation in drone strikes and blockades by both the **SAF** and **RSF.** The **RSF** heavily intensified its siege on **El-Obeid,** prompting international warnings of mass atrocities. In **South Kordofan,** the **SAF** engaged in heavy ground operations to break **RSF** sieges on **Kadugli** and **Dilling,** with civilian populations caught in devastating crossfire.

Darfur Region

On **Feb 24,** the **RSF** struck and torched a village, continuing forced displacement campaigns. On **Feb 11,** an **RSF** strike hit a mosque, killing two children. Both the **RSF** and **SAF** continued to deliberately obstruct humanitarian access. The **Integrated Food Security Phase Classification** confirmed famine-level malnutrition spreading among civilians in **North Darfur.**

Situation Report: Central Sudan

FEBRUARY 2026 TIMELINE

FEB 5	Famine-level malnutrition officially confirmed spreading in North Darfur
FEB 7	Drone strike in a populated area killed dozens of civilians
FEB 11	RSF strike hit a local mosque, killing two children
FEB 16	Strike on a busy market left nearly thirty people dead
FEB 20	RSF targeted a WFP aid convoy, attacking remaining lifelines
FEB 24	RSF struck and torched a village in Darfur

The indiscriminate bombardment of civilian infrastructure by both parties caused massive casualties throughout February. The **UN** confirmed that both the **SAF** and **RSF** are routinely deploying explosive weapons into residential zones with total disregard for human life.

Both parties continue to deliberately obstruct humanitarian access, weaponizing aid as a tool of war. The **RSF** carried out a targeted strike against a **World Food Programme (WFP)** aid convoy, directly attacking the few remaining lifelines for food-insecure civilian populations.

> *With connecting roads contested and drone strikes affecting aid convoys, these regions remain impossible for humanitarian assistance to reach those who need it most.*

International Response

While we are deeply grateful for the incredible compassion and support we've seen so far, we must be honest about the stark reality on the ground.

Our teams are witnessing communities pushed to the absolute brink. Families are still lacking secure shelter, local clinics are running dangerously low on life-saving supplies, and vulnerable children are facing profound uncertainty.

The initial wave of relief provided a critical lifeline, but the sheer scale of this crisis has far outpaced the resources currently available. The window to prevent further tragedy is closing.

The need is monumental, but so is the power of our collective action.

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With deepest gratitude,

The ERD Organization Team