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As the year renews, so does our mission.

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Dear readers, friends, and partners,

As we step into a new year marked by both significant challenges and inspiring community resilience, we are especially grateful to have you standing with us. Your continued interest, partnership, and solidarity make our work possible.

Whether you have supported our mission for years or are just getting to know ERD, this newsletter is written for you. It is our way of bringing you closer to the heart of what we do and the communities we serve. From delivering critical, life-saving food assistance in West Kordofan to championing the voices, leadership, and empowerment of rural women, our teams on the ground are working tirelessly every day to transform solidarity into meaningful action.

ERD Organization and Norwegian People's Aid Signed a New Partnership to Address Food Insecurity in West Kordofan

We are proud to announce the official signing of a strategic partnership agreement between the **Environment and Rural Women's Development Organization (ERD)** and **Norwegian People's Aid (NPA).**

This collaboration marks a wonderful step forward in delivering life-saving humanitarian assistance to communities facing unprecedented challenges in the area of **Al-Mujlad, West Kordofan.**



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ERD Conducts Rapid Needs Assessment in Darfur

Between **January 26th** and **30th, 2026, ERD** conducted a rapid community-level assessment in **Korma, Saraf Umra,** and **Tawila** in **North Darfur** to evaluate the health and psychosocial conditions of **IDPs** and vulnerable host communities. The findings reveal a critical deterioration of living conditions, indicating a severe humanitarian health crisis.

81%

Said health & psychosocial services are unavailable

56%

Rated their general health as “poor”

63%

Face high rates of Malaria

37%

Report Cholera outbreaks

100%

Of areas confirmed acute malnutrition

88%

Say safe delivery & maternal care unavailable

For the few services that do exist, communities are severely restricted by the distance to **facilities (50%)** and the cost of **services (38%).** The trauma of displacement, poverty, and ongoing insecurity has led to **100% of communities** reporting visible signs of severe psychological distress.

Immediate, coordinated multi-sectoral intervention is required. **ERD** recommends the urgent deployment of mobile health clinics, the scaling up of emergency disease response and therapeutic feeding programs, and the expansion of community-based **MHPSS** programs.



ERD Conducts Rapid Needs Assessment in Kordofan



4,373	80%	1,320
IDPs identified	Lack shelter & dignity kits	Individuals to receive NFI kits

In **January 2026, ERD** field teams conducted a comprehensive **Rapid Needs Assessment** in the **Al-Abbasiya** locality of **South Kordofan** to evaluate living conditions and resource gaps following a sudden, massive surge of **Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)** into the area, a crisis driven directly by escalating fighting in nearby **Kadugli** and **Dilling.**

To accurately capture the realities on the ground, our teams worked directly with the affected population to survey their most pressing needs. Through this direct engagement, we identified a total of **4,373 IDPs** currently sheltering in the area. The findings were stark: an overwhelming **80%** of the assessed households were found to lack adequate shelter and essential dignity kits.

Highlighting these severe shortages allowed **ERD** to successfully advocate for and secure a **Rapid Response Fund (RRF)** project. We are now mobilizing on the ground to distribute **Non-Food Item (NFI) kits** to **264** of the most vulnerable households, ensuring that **1,320** individuals receive the critical supplies they desperately need to survive.

West Kordofan, The Forgotten State in Sudan

West Kordofan has become Sudan's forgotten state because its daily struggles are mostly invisible to the outside world. Severe damage to communication networks means that local tragedies rarely make it into the international news.

On the **13th of February 2026, Babanusa** was just starting to wake up again. People who'd been forced out were coming back, trying to rebuild their lives. Then, out of nowhere, a massive explosion tore through the city - a brutal reminder that war doesn't let go so easily. Suddenly, what should've been a simple food delivery turned into a nightmare.

The Incident: Everything Changed in a Second

Three trucks packed with food rolled toward **Ghubaysh.** The crew stopped in **Babanusa** for breakfast, nothing out of the ordinary. As the trucks pulled in, a young volunteer jumped out to help guide to parking. Then it happened. The heavy load pressed down on a single spot, and a landmine exploded under the tires.

The blast threw the young man thirty meters through the air. The truck split in two like it was made of paper. The volunteer lost a limb on the spot.

Thousands of hidden mines make daily life a deadly gamble. Every returning family is risking everything, every single step. This isn't just a problem for **Babanusa,** it's a moral test for the whole world. International groups and civil society need to step in now, bring in the right tools, and help clear the way. Until that happens, this "silent killer" keeps everyone hostage.

~ERD Field team



International Response

As we wrap up **January's** newsletter, we want to say a huge thank you. Every food basket delivered and every community supported is because of people like you who believe in our work.

Right now, the need in our communities is growing much faster than the resources we have. With rising prices and tough conditions on the ground, we are facing a gap in our funding. Simply put, our current funds are not stretching far enough to reach everyone who comes to us for help.

That is why we are asking for your support today. If you are able, please consider making a donation.

Together, we can make sure no one is left behind.

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With deepest gratitude,

The ERD Organization Team

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