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When displacement uproots everything, dignity must be the first thing restored.

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Dear readers, friends, and partners,

Through every distribution, every verified name on a registration list, every sealed IOM kit placed into waiting hands, ERD Organization continues its work of turning solidarity into something tangible. On **30 March 2026**, in partnership with **IOM**, we completed the first major Non-Food Item (NFI) distribution under the **IOM Rapid Response Fund (RRF)** project in **Al-Abbasiya** — reaching **256 displaced households** across three school shelters in **South Kordofan**. This edition documents how it happened.

FIELD REPORT • 30 MARCH 2026 • AL-ABBASIYA LOCALITY, SOUTH KORDOFAN

NFI Kits Reach 256 Displaced Households in Al-Abbasiya

*Families who fled fighting in **Kadugli** and **Dilling** received Non-Food Item kits on **30 March 2026**, in a distribution spanning **three school shelters** across **Al-Abbasiya**. Every kit carried the same message: you have not been forgotten.*



ERD and IOM staff conduct beneficiary verification at the Al-Abbasiya distribution point, 30 March 2026.

On the morning of **30 March 2026**, **ERD Organization** field teams arrived at the distribution site with the first shipment of Non-Food Item kits funded through the **IOM Rapid Response Fund**. The kits; each bearing the logos of **IOM** and **ERD Organization,** contained essential household items selected to address the immediate survival needs of newly displaced families. Waiting for them were **256** registered beneficiaries, each representing a household assessed, verified, and enrolled through weeks of careful groundwork.

The distribution covered beneficiaries sheltering across **three schools** in and around **Al-Abbasiya**, each of which had absorbed significant numbers of internally displaced people following the escalation of fighting in **Kadugli** and **Dilling** in late **February** and early **March 2026**.

BENEFICIARY SHELTER LOCATIONS

01 Secondary School for Girls

02 Secondary School for Boys

03 Abu Bakar Al-Siddiq School

Each kit was cross-referenced against the beneficiary registration lists before handover, with recipients providing a thumbprint or signature as acknowledgment. The **seven registration sheets** covering all **256 households** form the official distribution record submitted to **IOM**.

Items distributed addressed the most urgent domestic needs of families who arrived with little more than the clothes they were wearing: **blankets**, **sleeping mats**, **household utensils**, and **basic hygiene items,** prioritized through the needs assessment conducted in **January 2026**.

*"**Each kit** was assigned to a verified household. **Each name** on those lists is a family — ensuring no one slips through the register, and no kit goes uncounted."*

256
HOUSEHOLDS REACHED

77%
FEMALE-LED HOUSEHOLDS

1,280+
ESTIMATED INDIVIDUALS

3
SCHOOL SHELTER SITES

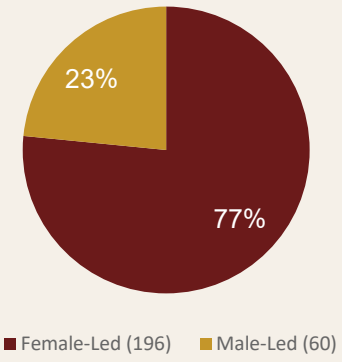
196
WOMEN REGISTERED AS HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD





*Left: **IOM/ERD** Non-Food Item kits at the distribution site. Right: Beneficiaries at the **Al-Abbasiya** distribution point. Each kit assigned to a verified household.*

The gender disaggregation tells a familiar story in displacement response across **Sudan**. Of the **256** household heads registered across **three shelter sites**, **196 were women** and **60 were men,** a **77% female majority**. This reflects the systematic violence that has separated or killed men in affected communities, as well as the registration practice of prioritizing women as primary recipients to ensure items reach children and other dependents within the household.



By the end of the distribution day, all **256** registered households had received their kits. No registered beneficiary was turned away.

The distribution was completed on **30 March 2026**, as planned and within the timeline committed to **IOM**. All **seven registration sheets** were signed, stamped, and submitted as the official record of completion.

RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINDINGS • JANUARY 2026 • AL-ABBASIYA LOCALITY

4,373
IDPS IDENTIFIED IN AL-ABBASIYA

80%
LACK SHELTER & DIGNITY KITS

1,320
INDIVIDUALS TARGETED

The **January 2026** needs assessment across **Al-Abbasiya** identified **4,373 IDPs** sheltering in the area, with **80%** of assessed households lacking adequate shelter materials and essential dignity kits — the evidence base that secured the **IOM Rapid Response Fund** grant that made this distribution possible.

LOGISTICS

From Procurement to Handover

The logistics of the **Al-Abbasiya** distribution required coordination across multiple stages, along roads still affected by the ongoing conflict. Items were procured and transported from surrounding areas and as far as **Kosti** and **Rabak** in **White Nile State**, with **ERD** field teams coordinating with **IOM** throughout and providing regular updates on beneficiary verification numbers, transport timelines, and distribution planning.





*Left: **ERD** field team inspect items on arrival. Right: Logistics crew at the truck before the handover.*



*Supply vehicles loaded with **IOM/ERD** NFI kits, ready for the journey to **Al-Abbasiya**. Logistics coordination was managed between **ERD** field teams and **IOM** throughout the project.*

The physical preparation of the distribution site, laying out kits for direct handover and organizing the verification queue, was managed by **ERD** staff with support from community volunteers. The outdoor distribution point allowed families to move through in an orderly manner, with **ERD**-vested staff guiding the process and ensuring each of the **256** registered beneficiaries received their allocation.



*Beneficiaries move through the outdoor distribution point in **Al-Abbasiya**. **IOM**-branded containers carry the household kits.*

By end of **30 March 2026**, all **256** registered households across **Secondary School for Girls**, **Secondary School for Boys**, and **Abu Bakar Al-Siddiq School** had received their kits. The distribution was completed on schedule within the **IOM RRF** project timeline.

CONTEXT

Why Al-Abbasiya: The Displacement Crisis in South Kordofan

Al-Abbasiya is a locality in **South Kordofan** that, by early **2026**, had absorbed thousands of internally displaced people fleeing the intensifying ground war between the **Sudan Armed Forces (SAF)** and the **Rapid Support Forces (RSF)** in **Kadugli** and **Dilling**. For most of **2025** and into **2026**, those two towns became among the most dangerous urban environments in **Sudan**, with residential areas, civilian infrastructure, and displacement sites repeatedly documented as sites of explosive weapon use, resulting in mass casualties and large-scale displacement.

Al-Abbasiya, further from the frontlines, became a first point of relative safety. But the locality itself had limited infrastructure to absorb the influx. **Schools** were converted into shelters. Host families stretched beyond their means. Food, water, and basic household supplies were unavailable or unaffordable for people who had fled with nothing.

ERD Organization had been monitoring the situation through its community networks throughout the period. In **January 2026**, **ERD** conducted a comprehensive **Rapid Needs Assessment** across **Al-Abbasiya**, identifying **4,373 IDPs** and finding that **80%** of displaced households lacked adequate shelter materials and essential dignity kits. That evidence base became the foundation for the successful application to **IOM**'s **Rapid Response Fund**.

The **256** households reached on **30 March** represent the first delivery under a project targeting **264 households** in total — ensuring that **1,320 individuals** receive the critical supplies needed to survive while the conflict that displaced them continues with no clear end in sight.

IOM RAPID RESPONSE FUND PARTNERSHIP

The Project Behind the Distribution

The **Al-Abbasiya** NFI distribution is implemented under a grant from **IOM**'s **Rapid Response Fund (RRF)**, funded by the **United States Department of State**. **ERD Organization** was selected as implementing partner on the basis of its established community presence in **South Kordofan** and the quality of the **January 2026** needs assessment evidence it produced.

The project runs from **February** through **April 2026**, targeting **264** of the most vulnerable displaced households in **Al-Abbasiya** locality. **ERD** takes full responsibility for beneficiary identification, registration, procurement, logistics, distribution, and post-distribution monitoring.

264
TOTAL TARGET HOUSEHOLDS (RRF PROJECT)

1,320
ESTIMATED INDIVIDUALS REACHED BY PROJECT END

ERD Organization thanks **IOM** for the trust placed in a Sudanese national NGO to deliver this intervention directly, under difficult operational conditions, in an area where international presence remains limited. The distribution of **30 March 2026** is proof that localized humanitarian response, properly resourced and accountable, works.

LOOKING AHEAD

The remaining registered households under the **IOM RRF** project will receive their kits before the end of **April 2026**. **ERD Organization** continues to monitor conditions in **Al-Abbasiya** and across **South Kordofan**, maintaining its community networks and building the evidence base that will support future interventions. If you are in a position to support **ERD**'s work, every contribution translates directly into field presence, community reach, and dignity restored.

The scale of need has not diminished.
Our commitment has not either.

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

The Need Is Outpacing the Response.

For every family that receives a kit, dozens more are still waiting. For every village ERD can reach, entire districts remain beyond the reach of any humanitarian organization.

While we are deeply grateful for the support that made the **Al-Abbasiya** distribution possible, we must be direct about what is still happening across **Sudan**. The humanitarian response has not kept pace with the crisis. The numbers below reflect the situation **ERD** field teams are documenting on the ground.

14M	4,373	80%	~6
PEOPLE DISPLACED ACROSS SUDAN	IDPS IN AL-ABBASIYA ALONE	HOUSEHOLDS STILL LACKING DIGNITY KITS	IDPS REACHED FOR EVERY 100 IN NEED

The South Kordofan crisis alone has driven over **4,373 IDPs** into **Al-Abbasiya** locality, a single community absorbing the overflow of a war that has now displaced **over 14 million people** across **Sudan**. Famine-level malnutrition is spreading in **North Darfur**. Access to health services has collapsed across **Kordofan** and **Blue Nile**. And the organizations on the ground with the trust, the networks, and the field presence to reach people, organizations like **ERD** are running out of resources to keep going.

WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MAKES POSSIBLE

One NFI Kit

Covers a displaced family's basic shelter, hygiene, and household needs for months.

Field Assessment

Reaches a new community, documents needs, and builds the evidence for the next response.

Community Staff

Keeps ERD's field teams operating in areas where no other organization is present.

Advocacy Trip

Places Sudanese civil society voices in front of the international bodies that control funding.

We are asking for your support today.

The current funds are not stretching far enough to reach everyone who comes to **ERD** for help. With rising operational costs and growing numbers of displaced people, the gap between what we can do and what is needed grows every month. If you are able to contribute, whether through direct funding, institutional partnership, or advocacy, please act now. Every contribution reaches the field within weeks. Together, we can make sure no one is left behind.

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Our teams are on the ground. Families are waiting. ERD Organization remains committed to reaching every displaced household it can.

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With deepest gratitude,

The ERD Organization Team

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