

Japan International Cooperation Agency in Sudan



The Project for Improvement of Medical Services in Remote Areas of Sharg Al-Neel Locality, Khartoum State



Project Theme:

Basic Human Needs (Health)

Counterpart:

State Ministriy of Health in Khartoum

Duration:

Oct. 2014 to Sep. 2017

Target Area:

Sharg Al-Neel Locality, Khartoum State

Project Summary:

The role of NGOs has become more important both in Japan and developing countries. In this matter, the JICA Partnership Program (hereinafter referred to as "JPP") was introduced in 2002 to meet diverse needs of developing countries by utilizing the knowledge and experience of various partners such as NGOs in Japan. In addition, this scheme targets on strengthening the collaboration between communities of both developing countries and Japan.

The Sharg Al-Neel Locality in Khartoum State has faces the difficulty of access to health services. To overcome this difficulty, a Japanese NGO Rocinantes which has the experience of working with JICA in Gedaref state proposed a new project through the JPP. This project conducts the following activities; 1) to execute mobile clinic activity with the Khartoum State Ministry of Health, 2) to train mobile clinic medical staffs such as medical assistants, nutrition assistants, vaccinators etc., 3) to improve residents' awareness regarding health matters, and 4) to utilize existing health facilities.

Expected Impact:

The basic primary health services in target area are improved (beneficiaries; 21,172 residents including 4,612 of the women at reproductive age and 3,837 infants). Through this project, residents' satisfaction regarding the health service will be increased from 35% up to 75%.

Comment:

"This mobile clinic project is a great model in Sudan. There is little health facility on target area and many citizens are waiting for the mobile clinic, which is supported by JICA and Rocinantes. It is indeed contributing to improving the health situation in the target area."

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