



Through IOM's Rapid Response Fund (RRF) and with thanks to USAID/OFDA, Plan International-Sudan implemented a water, sanitation and hygiene project between March-June 2016, to respond to the urgent needs of families who had been displaced from Jebel Marra, to Tawila IDP Camp in North Darfur.

Kobra is a single parent who lives with a physical disability (impaired mobility). After the death of her two youngest children some years ago during a spate of conflict, she fell extremely ill, resulting in her disability. She has never fully recovered. Two of her children (Zahra 23yrs and Amin 20yrs) are also living with impaired mobility caused by polio, which they contracted when they were just 3 years old, respectively.



Kobra and her children suffer from mobility impairments

Kobra and her remaining 14 children (4 male, 10 female) were displaced from Tokon, a village in Jebel Marra, North Darfur at the beginning of 2016. She told IOM that when they arrived at the IDP camp in Tawilla where they are currently, temporarily settled, they had been separated from their neighbors and original community, and found themselves amongst strangers. This situation was

particularly uncomfortable and embarrassing for them because, as a family with members who live with impaired mobility, the latrines were located too far away. They were forced to resort to undignified sanitation methods.

Further compounding their difficulties was that the water sources were also very far, and the family members had to carry water for long distances and wait many hours to receive enough water to meet their minimum needs. Kobra herself walked these long distances carrying heavy containers of water despite her mobility restrictions. Her son Eissa tells us how exhausted his mother always was, and how he worried for her safety and the safety of his sisters when they travelled these long distances alone.

*“When we first arrived at the camp, we were very inconvenienced by the lack of latrines and distance to the nearest water source, because we have 3 members in our family who suffer from mobility impairments.”*

*I was displaced from Jebel Marra with my family– we were seeking a secure area when we arrived to the camp. Because of our disabled family members, we started looking for a place close to water and sanitation services, but we did not find anywhere suitable. We suffered a lot because of this. Thanks to the RRF and Plan International-Sudan, they considered our situation and constructed a latrine close to us. This was a great relief for us and made a positive change for our dignity. They also brought the water sources only 50 mts away! Now we can easily collect enough water for all our family needs.”- Kobra*

The RRF is a rapid granting mechanism, which focuses on restoring the dignity of the most vulnerable families. Understanding that displacement has a negative impact on a family's coping mechanisms, its fast and streamlined processes allow successful I/NGOs to respond very quickly with life-saving emergency assistance. IOM's RRF project provided over 43,302 newly displaced persons in Tawilla Camp with access to clean water three times a day. Increasing the volume of water as well as the number of water points allowed families to avoid long walking distances and hours of queuing to obtain enough water to meet their minimum daily needs. This RRF grant, which was provided by USAID/OFDA also enabled the recipient INGO, PLAN International -Sudan to construct 188 latrines, distribute almost 19,000 bars of soap as well as 900 hygiene kits consisting of necessary items such as washing soap, buckets and a flashlight/torch.



Beneficiaries receive water from 5 water bladders that provide 228 cubic meters of clean, safe water per day.