

As an active member of the WASH Sector, IOM works with the Government of Sudan and WASH partners to address causes and impacts of migration crises and enhance the wellbeing of the people in Sudan by providing safe drinking water, improved sanitation, and awareness of personal and environmental hygiene.

Throughout the month of May, 2015, IOM was able to bring life-saving water supply to approximately 27,000 people and provide improved sanitations for 6,500 people in Gadared, Kassala, Red Sea, Blue Nile, South Kordofan, West Kordofan, and in Abyei.

Japan Ambassador visits IOM project sites in North Darfur

From 24th to 26th of May 2015, Ambassador of Japan to Sudan Mr. Hideki Ito visited IOM projects in ZamZam IDP Camp, North Darfur, which have been funded by the Government of Japan since 2014.

The projects focus on breaking the cycle of aid dependency of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and responding to the urgent humanitarian needs of the newly displaced. Japanese funding has supported projects in the areas of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), livelihoods, and other critical sectors. Safe drinking water has also been a major focus and, during his trip, Ambassador Ito visited a hand pump which was upgraded into a mini water yard by IOM in 2014. The mini water yard serves as a source of potable water for 2,500 IDPs living in the camp.



School children improve communal hygiene in South Kordofan

IOM, in cooperation with Badya Center for Integrated Development Service, worked with 2,800 students at four schools in Bardab and Keiga Timro to conduct hygiene dramas and WASH fairs. Hygiene club members, after their induction training, became not only the promoters of cleanliness and hygiene behaviors at their schools, but also agents of communal sanitation within their families and wider communities. For instance, the members of the Berdab Primary School for Girls began to instruct the users of a hand pump in their community to clean their moldy water containers and convinced the adults to fill up the waste water area. Because of these girls' increased awareness, the community members eventually dug a drainage channel and cleaned up the vicinity. Family members of another hygiene club member commented that amount of flies in and around their house dropped significantly since their son began to encourage his siblings and parents to dispose of their waste properly. Now the children from these schools are sensitizing the wider communities of the risks of open defecation practices.

Hygiene Clubs Brdab School, Elreif Elshargi Locality South Kordofan



Japan Ambassador visits IOM project North Darfur



IOM builds a water point to support state-wide efforts in building peace

between pastoral and sedentary communities, Blue Nile

Pastoralists in Blue Nile State have historically migrated with their cattle in search of grazing land. Over time, with the expansion of mechanized farming, increased livestock densities, as well as unstable rainfall and recurrent drought, competition over scarce land and water resources increasingly triggered conflict. Through the Farmers-Pastoralists Peace Process assisted by a joint project of IOM and UNDP, the highest authorities of farmers and pastoralists in Blue Nile State came together and agreed on a number of measures to peacefully manage their relationship, especially during the seasonal migration.

To consolidate this successful initiative, IOM constructed a water point in Roseires locality. The constructed water point has reduced the pressure on the existing water source in the area and helped divert the cattle migration from the farming areas, contributing to reduction of incidents between farmers and pastoralists.

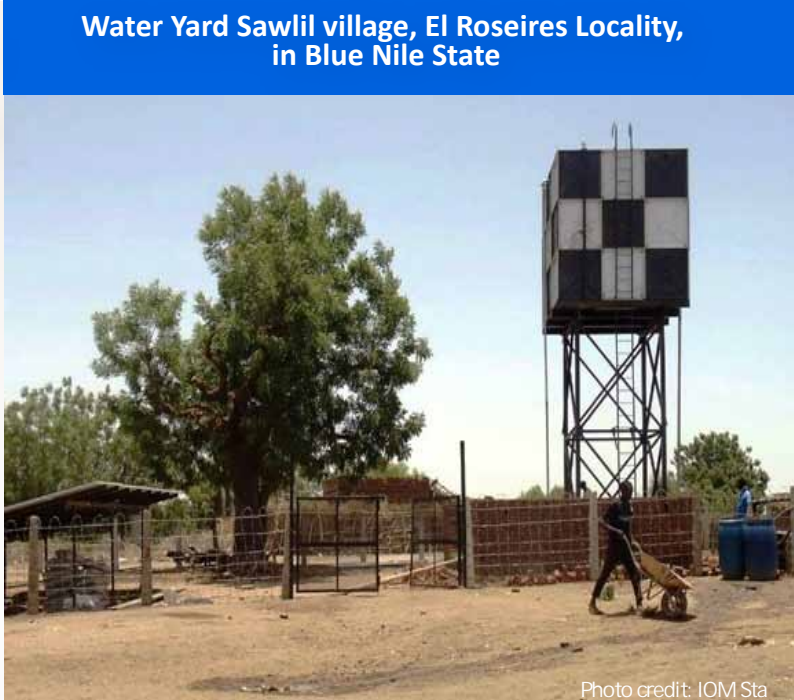


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Water Yard Sawlil village, El Roseires Locality, in Blue Nile State

Other achievements in the month:

- 4,200 IDPs and host communities in Swalil village, Blue Nile, have access to sustainable source of potable water through a newly constructed water yard.
- In Abyei, IOM repaired a water point for Shegei community in north Abyei in partnership with UNISFA, reducing the pressure caused by cattle migration.
- IOM, in partnership with Badya Center, conducted financial management training and hand pump mechanic training for 173 participants from Dilling, Habila, and Abu Jubeiha localities.
- IOM also conducted hygiene awareness campaigns for South Sudanese people displaced in Abu Jubeiha locality, South Kordofan.
- The pre-triggering session for community-led total sanitation (CLTS) were conducted in 6 villages (Rahad Altour, Um Harouf, Hankour Eyal Amin, Osban and Hamouda villages) in North Darfur State at Alliate and Alteswisha localities. The beneficiaries are those benefiting from rehabilitation of 6 water yards (21,000 people).
- ECHO representatives and IOM WASH Specialist conducted a field visit in North Darfur to assess the humanitarian needs and gaps in ongoing response activities in the next coming months. The discussed subjects also covered the management scheme of water fee collection and cost-recovery system in camp and out-of-camp settings.

Distribution of Water Purification Kites in El Sirajia, Abu Jebaha Locality, South Kordofan State



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