

# UN Action's Project in Sudan



**STOP RAPE NOW**  
UN ACTION AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT

Name: Mitigating risks and enhancing the response to GBV, including CRSV, in conflict-affected states in Sudan

Duration: April 2024 to March 2025

## Overview

In April 2023, the violent resurgence of the conflict in Sudan displaced over 6.5 million people, with women and girls facing heightened risks of sexual violence.

UN Action's project responded to this crisis by restoring facilities and improving living conditions for the most affected women and girls. The project focused on addressing immediate protection risks for displaced women and girls, while also enhancing access to sexual and reproductive health services. Key objectives included capacity building and awareness campaigns, especially in Western and Central Darfur.

## Project Outcomes

1. Creation of a **Safe Space for Women and Girls (WGSS)** in Geneina:  
Alongside the rehabilitation of a confidential corner, the Safe Space was created to provide comprehensive health and protection services for survivors of GBV and CRSV. Income generating and vocational training activities have been initiated, too, as a priority by women and girls.
2. Revitalization of the **Multi-Purpose Community Centre** in Zalingei:  
It now serves as a hub for community-based protection network trainings focused on CRSV prevention. The Centre also empowers local groups to organize and lead initiatives that address community needs.
3. **Community Awareness Campaigns** on GBV Risk Mitigation:  
Launched large-scale community awareness campaigns on GBV prevention with vital information on GBV risks and response strategies.
4. Enhancement of **Specialized GBV/CRSV Services**:  
Strengthened life-saving services through the provision of multisectoral support at hospitals in Geneina and Zalingei. This includes training for social workers, counselors, and legal advisors in the clinical management of rape and supporting the overall capacity of healthcare providers.
5. Empowerment and **Training for Protection Mechanisms**:  
Reinforced protection mechanisms for women and girls by delivering targeted training to staff and community-based protection network members (including teachers, midwives, housewives, and adolescents, both men and women) on GBV/CRSV prevention and response strategies.

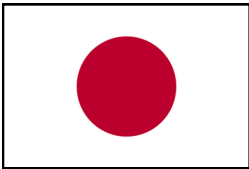


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### Implementors:



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## Numbers

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Awareness campaigns reached a total of **11,948 women, men, and girls**.



Capacity-building activities engaged a total of **91 aid providers and frontline responders**.



WGSSs (Safe Spaces for Women and Girls) have so far served **8,360 women and girls**.



**44 women** received vocational training in small business management and perfume production. Start-up kits and seed funding enabled participants to launch income-generating activities (IGAs).

## SRSG Visit to Port Sudan

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**{13-17 April 2025}**

With the support and presence of **UN Action**, the SRSG-SVC undertook a mission to Port Sudan that resulted in the signing of a **renewed Framework of Cooperation** (FoC) with Sudanese authorities, marking a significant step forward in addressing CRSV.

The updated FoC ([English/Arabic](#)) includes key additions on children born of rape and women's inclusion in peace and justice processes. **Constructive dialogue with high-level officials**, including the Vice President and ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Interior, reflected a shift from previous denial to engagement.

**SRSG Patten also met with UN entities, civil society, and survivors**, highlighting structural challenges such as limited access to services and social stigma. The mission emphasized the need for legislative reform, operational follow-through, and alignment with international standards.

## Stories from the field

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One participant in the vocational training initiative in Zalingei shared how the experience marked a turning point in her life. After enduring a series of traumatic events, she had withdrawn from her community, choosing to remain at home while grappling with emotional distress and mental health challenges. Her selection for the income-generating activity (IGA) training brought a renewed sense of purpose.

**"I felt some improvement, and now I feel that I am doing very well"** she said.

Through the training, she acquired the skills to produce perfumes and, with the support of start-up capital, began purchasing materials and launching her own small business. The opportunity not only enhanced her economic independence but also significantly boosted her self-confidence. Her story reflects the broader impact of survivor-informed programming, empowering women to reclaim agency and strengthen social ties.