

PRESSEMITTEILUNG

Save the Children committed to protecting children in Sudan

24. April 2023 – Save the Children committed on Monday to staying in Sudan to help children and their families and vowed to resume some suspended programmes as soon as possible to get life-saving supplies to those in need.

The child rights organisation said it had moved some international staff to a safe location and could not comment further for security reasons. It is also confirming the whereabouts of the rest of the organisation's staff in Sudan to ensure their safety. Save the Children employs about 500 people in Sudan.

Arshad Malik, Country Director of Save the Children Sudan, said:

"There has never been a more important time to affirm our dedication to Sudan and we are committed to stay and deliver. Children's lives are at risk as supplies of food and water dry up and the health system plunged into chaos. Save the Children Sudan will not abandon its work, staff or the communities we have served since 1983.

"Before the current escalation of violence and mass displacement, Sudan was already going through its worst ever humanitarian emergency due to years of conflict, climate-induced natural disasters, disease outbreaks, and economic crisis. Now we're seeing more children than ever going hungry. About 12% of the country's 22 million children are going without enough food daily.

"We have suspended some of our programmes in Sudan due to concerns about safety of our staff, children and our operations but some continue and we will resume our work as soon as it is safe to do so. In order to resume our activities, we urge the warring parties to agree to a ceasefire, protect humanitarian access and uphold international humanitarian law. Sudan's children deserve a future free violence and a home protected from conflict."

Save the Children has worked in Sudan since 1983 to provide humanitarian relief to people affected by the drought in western Sudan. Since then, Save the Children has continued programming for children and families affected by conflict, displacement, extreme poverty, hunger and a lack of basic services. Many of the children and families we serve are among the most vulnerable and hardest to reach. In 2022, Save the Children directly reached 2.1 million people, with 1.5 million of them children, with programming focused on child protection, access to quality education, health and nutrition support and responding to emergencies.

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Über Save the Children

Im Nachkriegsjahr 1919 gründete die britische Sozialreformerin und Kinderrechtlerin Eglantyne Jebb Save the Children, um Kinder in Deutschland und Österreich vor dem Hungertod zu retten. Heute ist die inzwischen größte unabhängige Kinderrechtsorganisation der Welt in rund 120 Ländern tätig. Save the Children setzt sich ein für Kinder in Kriegen, Konflikten und Katastrophen. Für eine Welt, die die Rechte der Kinder achtet, in der alle Kinder gesund und sicher leben sowie frei und selbstbestimmt aufwachsen und lernen können – seit über 100 Jahren.