



FROM CRISIS TO DEVELOPMENT
HUMANITARIAN AID FOR SUSTAINABLE HEALTH



SUDAN

PRESENTATION OF THE COMITÉ D'AIDE MÉDICALE

The Comité d'Aide Médicale (CAM) was established in 1990 and is a non-profit humanitarian organization whose mandate is to provide medical and related programs to communities affected by conflict, natural disasters and other humanitarian crises. In addition to France, CAM is currently present in Angola, Sri Lanka, the Central African Republic, Sudan and Chad, developing programs in partnership with local authorities and communities and prioritizing the strengthening of local community capacity. CAM's expertise and activities are structured around four main program areas :

Primary Health Care :

- Provision of direct health care via mobile and fixed clinics
- Reproductive, maternal and child health, nutrition, vaccination programs
- Rehabilitation & construction of health facilities
- Training and capacity building of local health personnel and local health authorities.
- Provision of essential drugs

Environnemental Health :

- Water and sanitation activities including construction and maintenance of wells and latrines
- Medical waste management activities including the construction of purpose-built, locally adapted incinerators, training and capacity building of health workers and local craftsmen

Community Health :

- Health education, sensitization and hygiene promotion activities and surveying of local knowledge, attitudes & practices
- Community capacity building in relation to health promotion
- Individual support to assure health care access to underprivileged and marginalized populations
- Training and capacity building of health workers to respond to at risk or marginalized populations

Psychosocial Health :

- Individual and family support for those traumatized by loss and grief as a result of conflicts or natural disasters
- Recreational, cultural and educational activities which aim at rebuilding community cohesion within post-crisis settings
- Construction of community centers and other civic infrastructure
- Emergency and crisis accommodation programs for at risk populations

CONTEXT

Since 2005, CAM's programs in West Darfur have sought to improve the health of isolated and vulnerable communities through the provision of health care services to the rural population affected by the ongoing conflict. In this perspective, an integrated program has been developed combining several activities to benefit all sections of the population affected by the conflict, including local host communities, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), nomads and refugees from Chad.

CAM's integrated program includes provision of primary health care through the support and supervision of 6 fixed clinics and through mobile clinics, as well as community health components and water and sanitation activities.

This is CAM's largest mission, with approximately 122,000 beneficiaries.



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ACTIVITIES IN SUDAN

Primary Health Care

With financing from the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) and the United Nations Common Humanitarian Fund for Sudan (CHF) - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), CAM supports five health care centers and operates one mobile clinic, which visits 2 isolated, rural communities each week. In addition, CAM operates the only women and children's health clinic in Darfur, which is located in a large internally displaced persons (IDP) camp in El Geneina.

Since 2005, CAM has helped to improve the standard of health care services offered to the target population through :

- Improving the accessibility and quality of primary health care through mobile and fixed health clinics, and providing the community with essential medicines, medical supplies and equipment
- Providing support, training and supervision of local medical staff employed by local health authorities
- Improving public awareness on preventable diseases through health and hygiene promotion, family planning and HIV/AIDS education.

Community Health

In addition, CAM carries out a program co-funded by the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs' (Centre de Crise) for a community health education program to operate alongside our existing Women and Children's Health Clinic in Ryad. This program reinforces our community health activities with the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) living in Ryad, and the host communities in the surrounding areas of the camp, thus strengthening the collaboration between preventative and curative health services.

Environmental Health

CAM complements its primary and community health care work through environmental health activities focused on improving access to safe, clean water for target populations and increasing standards of hygiene and sanitation. Thanks to funding from the United Nations Common Humanitarian Fund for Sudan (CHF) - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO), CAM has built wells and latrines for its health centers and local schools. This has reduced the prevalence of water-borne diseases, particularly during the rainy season. This construction work is reinforced through health promotion sessions on the importance of personal and community hygiene.



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