



The role of Diaspora in supporting health system in Sudan

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND



The Sudan Doctors Union UK and Ireland Branch was established in the mid 1970's to support Sudanese doctors sent to the UK.

In 2010 it split separate entities the SDU-UK and the SDU-I in the United Kingdom and Ireland respectively.



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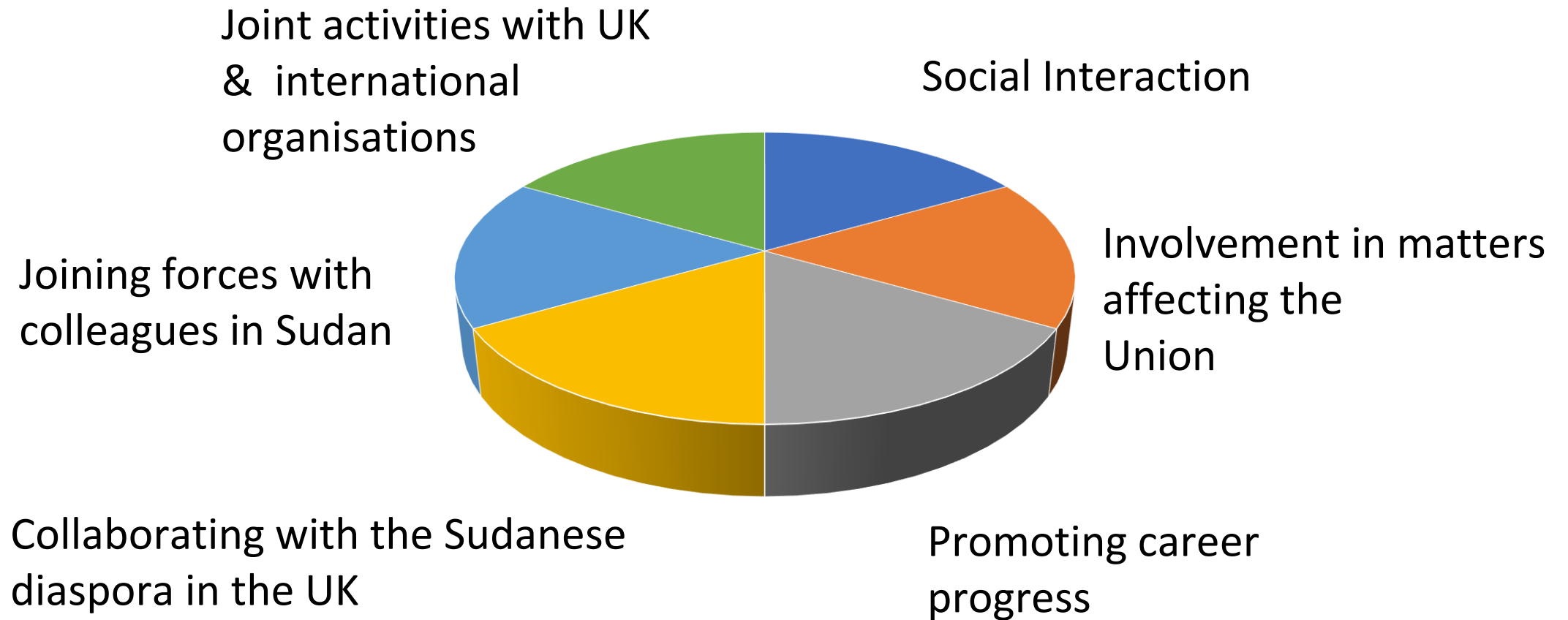
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2010

In 1985 it formed its own general assembly.



SDU-UK ROLES



SDU-UK STRATEGIES



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Medical Relief Missions

Short term projects where medical missions to Sudan where a group of specialists would provide immediate care, surgical interventions and training.

Telemedicine Initiatives

Technology is utilized to provide remote consultations, diagnostic, treatment plan and specialist advice that may be deficient in Sudan.

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Training and Knowledge Transfer

Establishing training workshop either online or in person in areas of modern medical techniques, management of disease and other relevant areas.

Fundraising and Resource Mobilization

Utilize connections to raise funds, collect medical supplies to support the healthcare services in Sudan.

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Collaboration with International Entities

Act as intermediaries between Sudanese health institutions and international organizations, facilitate collaboration findings and other support mechanisms.

Research and Documentation

Conducting research on specific health challenges faced by Sudan to advocate for international awareness and guide evidence-based interventions.

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Mental Health and Trauma Services

Offering remote psychological counselling, trauma therapy, and training local counselors to handle the psychological aftermath of conflict.

Policy Advising

Provide guidance on health policy formulation and implementation drawing from best practices observed in their respective countries.

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Diaspora Association

To form or strengthen associations of Sudanese health professionals abroad by creating platforms, collaboration and networking.

Infrastructure Development

Contribute to the building of healthcare infrastructure from clinics to major hospitals

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Scholarship Programs

Offers scholarships to support various educational programs to enable students and medical professionals to advance their training in Sudan.

Health System Strengthening

Use experience to develop Sudan health systems such as electronic records for safer patients' care.

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Peacebuilding Through Health

Being a unifying theme, collaborative health projects potentially foster unity, trust and promote peacebuilding.

Public Health Campaigns

Guide and Support public health campaigns in pressing issues like infectious disease, maternal & child health and nutrition

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Engage with
Sudanese
Medical Schools

Enhance the curriculum, provide guest lectures and support research endeavors.

Cultural Liaisons

Bridge between international NGOs and foreign medical teams and local community ensuring cultural sensitivities and effective communication

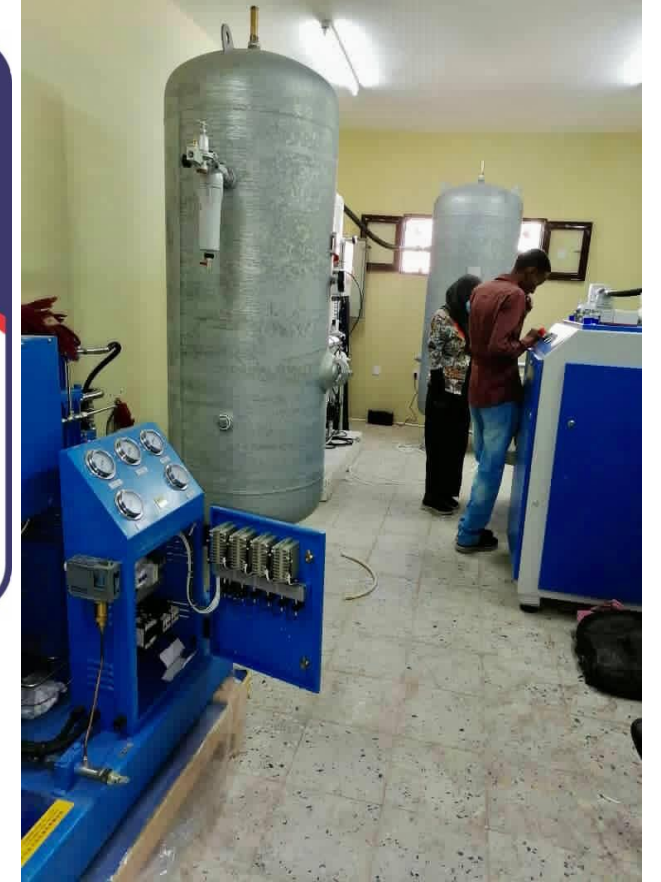
SDU-UK PROJECTS



Nyala Teaching Hospital
Supplies £50,000



Al Gadariff Teaching
Hospital Oxygen
Project £68,000



SDU-UK PROJECTS



- Kabkabiya Hospital medical supplies (\$ 50,000)
- Supporting the Blue Nile region casualties and
- Darfur displaced citizens

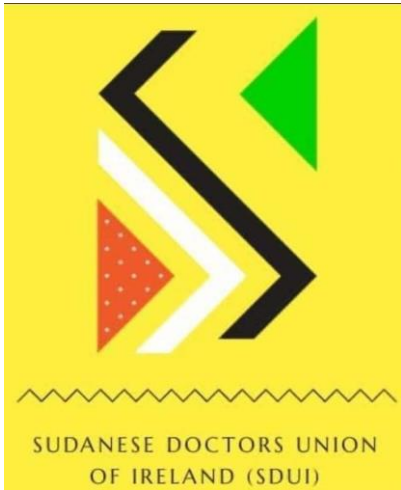


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SDU-UK PROJECTS



SDU-UK Academic PROJECTS



Sudan International Medical Symposium in Khartoum February 2023

2023

THE 15th of April Onwards ..



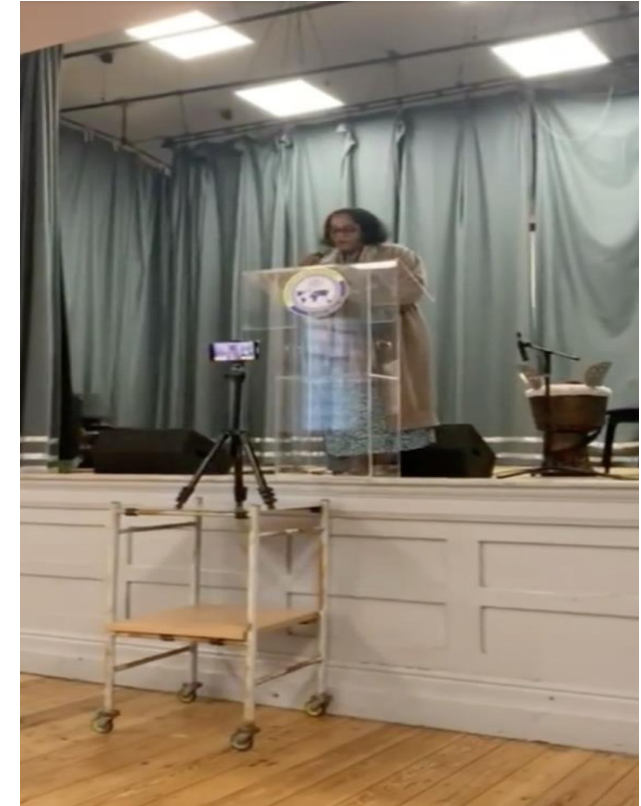
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SDU-UK POST WAR ACTIVITIES



Disseminating the message through media outlets



SDU-UK AT THE 76TH WHA



Dr Ahmed Abbas represented the SDU-UK at the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva and discussed the devastating effect of the the war on the Sudanese Healthcare System.

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Solidarity



- **JOINT Statements** with Sudan Doctors Abroad group asking for immediate ceasefire and raising concern about rapidly escalating humanitarian crisis
- **SDU-UK** Sudan Doctors Union of the UK
- **SUDAQ** Sudanese Doctors Association in Qatar
- **SAMPA** Sudanese Australia and New Zealand Medical Professionals
- **SDUI** Sudanese Doctors Union of Ireland
- **SDU-Canada** Sudan Doctors Union – Canada
- **SAPA** Sudanese American Physicians Association

Solidarity

- Eight Sudanese and international health and human rights organizations condemn the continued attacks on hospitals and health care in Sudan amid the escalating conflict in the country.



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Sudan's Warring Factions Must End
Attacks on Hospitals, Protect Civilians:
Joint Statement

April 26, 2023 | Attacks on Health Care, Sudan

SDU-UK JOINT STATEMENT



A Statement was made by the following organizations condemning the seizing of doctors in Sudan.

SDU-UK Sudan Doctors Union of the UK

SUDAQ Sudanese Doctors Association in Qatar

SAMPA Sudanese Australia and New Zealand Medical Professionals

SDUI Sudanese Doctors Union of Ireland

SDU-Canada Sudan Doctors Union – Canada

SAPA Sudanese American Physicians Association

Solidarity

Sudan Solidarity Conference 2023

- Stop the generals' war machines
- Safe passage for refugees
- Solidarity with the struggle for democracy



SCAN ME

Saturday 30 September, 11-4.30pm

Hamilton House, 4 Mabledon Pl, London
WC1H 9BB and on Zoom



- Join trade unionists and activists from Sudan and Britain for this anti-war event.

POST WAR ACTIVITIES



Fundraising campaigns

فُتح باب التبرعات العاجلة

تسبب الصراع العسكري في السودان بزيادة سريعة في أعداد الضحايا، مع الحاجة إلى تقديم رعاية طبية عاجلة وتخفيف معاناة المتضررين. نناشدك التبرع لدعم هذه الجهود وتقديم المساعدة الحيوية للمحتاجين.



أو علي الحساب البنكي
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POST WAR PROJECTS



The SDU-UK has funded a medical mission to support the clinic at Ashkit border (eastern) crossing by providing medications and medical supplies (May 23)



POST WAR PROJECTS



Provision of medical supplies and consumables to Wadi Halfa Hospital to cover the needs of the local diagnostic laboratory for a period of two months.



POST WAR PROJECTS



Collaborated with the SDU-I to support Al Obeid Hospital with medical supplies



POST WAR PROJECTS



Pictures of supplies sent to Argeen Land Port (northern Sudan)



POST WAR PROJECTS



More healthcare centers in collaboration with the SDU-I for Atbara city



POST WAR PROJECTS



Al Salha Health Centre at Southern Omdurman



POST WAR PROJECTS



Healthcare center for the displaced in Adré, Chad



POST WAR PROJECTS



Supplying both the Nyala
Hospital A&E Department
(Southern Darfur)

and Um Dom (East of the Nile)
local emergency room with
drugs and medical supplies.



POST WAR PROJECTS



Raising awareness regarding the war atrocities

URGENT

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ADAPTING TO THE WAR



- Forming sub-committee within the SDU-UK to allocate tasks.
- Choose smaller, effective and realistic projects such as supporting healthcare centers and capacity building for local hospitals.
- Utilize strategies that are practical and efficient e.g., Telemedicine, distance learning for students and doctors.

ADAPTING TO THE WAR



- Collaboration and exchanging ideas with other bodies and international organizations.
- Supporting the provision of services for civilians that are now refugees and displaced.

SDU-UK CHALLENGES



1. The absence of safe passages and humanitarian corridors since the war erupted.
2. No exact figures about the scale of the health catastrophe, the number displaced citizens and the extent of infrastructure destruction.

SDU-UK CHALLENGES



3. The plight of those suffering in silence such as rape victims, chronic illnesses.
4. Reports of emerging outbreaks of infectious diseases and natural disasters e.g., floods.

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES ..



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