

Humanitarian Impact Report: Forced Closure of SUDO Operations in RSF-Controlled Areas in Darfur

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Executive Summary

The Sudan Social Development Organization (SUDO) was compelled to close all its operational offices in Darfur, within areas controlled by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in December 2025. This closure was mandated by the RSF, which denied SUDO operational access based on accusations that the organization was actively reporting on RSF violations. This report outlines the severe humanitarian and economic impacts resulting from this forced suspension of activities.

Operational Context and Closure

SUDO has historically provided critical humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations across Sudan. After the eruption of war, SUDO continued its operations in all Sudan including Darfur. The decision to suspend operations, in areas controlled by RSF in Darfur, was not taken lightly but was an unavoidable measure to ensure the safety and security of our personnel. The RSF's denial of access and the accompanying accusations created an untenable security environment, leaving SUDO with no choice but to close its offices to protect its staff from potential retaliation.

Humanitarian Impact on Civilian Populations

The forced closure of SUDO's offices has had an immediate and devastating impact on the communities that rely on our services. The suspension of activities has effectively severed access to essential, life-saving support for a massive segment of the population.

Key Impact Metrics:

- * **Affected Population:** Over 500,000 individuals have been directly denied access to essential services.
- * **Health Services Disrupted:** Critical primary healthcare, maternal support, and emergency medical assistance programs have been halted, leaving vulnerable populations without medical care.

* **Nutrition Programs Suspended:** Therapeutic feeding programs and nutritional support for malnourished children and pregnant/lactating women have ceased, exacerbating the risk of severe malnutrition and related mortality.

* **Protection Services Halted:** Essential protection monitoring, psychosocial support, and interventions for vulnerable groups, including women and children, are no longer available in these areas.

Economic and Livelihood Impact

Beyond the direct humanitarian consequences, the closure has also resulted in significant economic hardship for the local workforce employed by SUDO.

* **Staff Displacement:** Over one hundred dedicated staff members and volunteers have lost their employment and primary source of income.

* **Economic Ripple Effect:** The loss of these salaries further strains the local economy, affecting the extended families and dependents of the former SUDO employees who relied on this income for their survival.

Conclusion and Future Outlook

The forced suspension of SUDO's operations in RSF-controlled areas, represents a significant blow to the humanitarian response in Darfur. The denial of services to over half a million people in critical need of health, nutrition, and protection assistance is a profound tragedy.

SUDO remains steadfast in its commitment to our people. We are continuously monitoring the security and political landscape. We stand prepared to immediately resume our humanitarian mission and serve our communities should the operational conditions improve and safe access be guaranteed.