

WADI HOWAR INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT
Organizational Profile

Introduction

Wadi Howar International Relief and Development is a leading national non-governmental and non-profit organization dedicated to supporting individuals and communities whose lives and livelihoods have been severely affected by conflict, disaster, and chronic poverty. Founded in 2017, WHIRD is rooted in the principles of humanitarian assistance, development cooperation, and human dignity. Our core mission is to support vulnerable populations in surviving, recovering, and building resilience through a comprehensive, inclusive, and sustainable approach.

Vision

A peaceful, resilient, and self-reliant Sudan where all individuals and communities affected by crises thrive in dignity and prosperity.

Mission

To provide timely, integrated, and community-centered humanitarian and development assistance that improves the lives, dignity, and resilience of people affected by conflict and disasters, through sustainable interventions in food security, health, WASH, education, protection, and climate adaptation.

Strategic Objectives

- Strengthen community resilience and livelihoods through multi-sectoral development.
- Enhance access to quality WASH, health, nutrition, and education services.
- Promote gender equality, protection, and the empowerment of women and youth.
- Support climate-smart agriculture and environmental conservation.
- Advocate for durable solutions for conflict-affected and displaced populations.

Core Values



Operating Principles

Multi-sector, Multi-Stakeholder, Multi-donor programming; Nexus Approach; Do No Harm; Conflict Sensitivity; Empowerment of Women and Youth; Gender Equity/Sensitivity; Sustainability; Community Centered Approach; Impact Oriented; and Innovation.

Over time, WHIRD 's commitment has grown beyond our initial focus on livelihood. We pursue holistic development cooperation and humanitarian aid, and in response to the many challenges we face, we advocate for a wide range of issues that positively impact the lives of the rural population.

Thematic Focus Areas

1. Food Security, Livelihoods & Nutrition

WHIRD empowers communities to establish sustainable food systems and livelihood strategies through agricultural input support, small ruminant restocking, vocational & income generation training, and community-based nutrition interventions.

2. Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

WHIRD constructs and rehabilitates water points, promotes hygiene education, and supports community-led total sanitation (CLTS) to ensure access to safe water and improved sanitation for rural and crisis-affected communities.

3. Health & Nutrition

We collaborate with health authorities to support primary health care facilities, supply medical equipment, train health workers, and conduct outreach programs to address malnutrition and prevent disease outbreaks.

4. Protection (GBV & Child Protection)

WHIRD implements prevention and response activities for gender-based violence, protection of vulnerable groups (women, children, persons with disabilities), psychosocial support, and awareness-raising initiatives.

5. Climate Change & Environmental Protection

WHIRD promotes adaptive agricultural practices, land restoration, natural resource management, and environmental awareness to combat desertification and enhance resilience to climate shocks.

6. Education & Youth Empowerment

We work with local authorities and partners to support formal and non-formal education, construct learning spaces, and equip youth with life skills, leadership development, and peace-building tools.

VII. Strategic Partnerships & Key Achievements (2025–2030) As we are not currently working with UN agencies, we are now planning to establish new strategic partnerships to enhance our impact. Below is an overview of our planned collaborations with UN agencies for 2025–2030:

- **World Food Programme (WFP):** We plan to partner on Food Assistance for Assets (FFA), Protection and Support for Nutrition (PSN), Nutrition, Post-Harvest Losses (PHL), in-kind and Cash-Based Transfer (CBT) distribution, milling vouchers, and resilience-building initiatives in Central Darfur.
- **UNICEF:** We intend to collaborate on integrated WASH and education programs in Central Darfur and White Nile States.
- **UNHCR:** We aim to work together on protection, environmental rehabilitation, education infrastructure, and support for people with special needs.
- **UNDP:** We plan to support youth peace-building, livelihoods, restocking, and microfinance training through volunteer networks.
- **FAO:** We seek to partner on agriculture and livelihoods support.

Our goal for 2025–2030 is to forge these new strategic partnerships to drive impactful, sustainable development in our target regions.

(INGs) CRS, IMC, TGH, SI, DRC, MCs, IC, and NRC

Cross-sectoral programming on FSL, WASH, health and nutrition, protection, DRR, infrastructure development, and women's empowerment in West and Central Darfur.

Geographic Coverage

Capacities

States of Sudan



Head Office: Fisher, Indiana, United States

Field Offices:

- North Darfur (AlFasher and Tina)
- Al Gadarif State
- Kassala State
- Al-Gazira State
- Khartoum State

Human Resources & Expertise

WHIRD possesses expertise and human capacity in several key sectors, including:

- Peacebuilding
- Protection
- Education in Emergency (EiE)
- Finance
- Livelihoods
- Health and Nutrition
- Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL)

Specialized Engagement

- Targeted programs for vulnerable groups: host communities, refugees, and IDPs.
- Child, youth, and adolescent participation in projects such as SLS, ALP, Life Skills, child protection in initiatives, innovation platforms, and vocational skills development.
- Strong collaboration with government line ministries and relevant stakeholders to ensure harmonized efforts and policy support.

Strategies

- Utilizing a comprehensive, multisectoral approach to ensure coordinated efforts across sectors, with an emphasis on vulnerable populations, children, youth, and adolescents.

- Leveraging the Household Livelihood Security Model to create synergy among programs and address specific needs of vulnerable groups. Engaging actively with international organizations and government agencies to foster innovation, policy alignment, and scaled impact.
- Promoting the core organizational values
Respect, Integrity, Commitment, Excellence, and Trustfulness in all activities, ensuring inclusivity of marginalized and youth populations.
- Fostering community participation and promoting local ownership to ensure the relevance and sustainability of interventions, especially for vulnerable groups.
- Combining short-term emergency responses with long-term development initiatives to build resilient and inclusive communities.